

Welcome to St. Joseph's Church Terenure - 5th Sunday of Easter 2nd May 2021

Email: stjosephsterenure@gmail.com Ph. 4921755 - Parish Sec., Deirdre Naughton Office Hrs., 10am to 1pm (Mon., Tue, Thur., Fri.),

Very Rev. Philip Bradley, Adm., Ph. 4905520 Webcam via Parish Website www.stjosephsterenure.com

Masses Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri., 10am, Sunday: vigil 6pm & 10.00am and 11.30am Confession: By appointment 5.30-6pm on Saturday in Adoration Room

The More things change...

After the publication of the Mother and Baby Homes report, we all found ourselves saying that the use of **SHAME** was very unhelpful. The mothers were first let down by the father of the Child, then by their families and by the Church. **Tolerance** was in very short supply! There was an atmosphere of fear and the 'little people' were ignored. Thank God, my own experience of Religion was one of a loving God and not a vengeful one.

A colleague did a thesis on Shame and Guilt. Now when you look them up in the dictionary (or Google them) the terms seem to be interchangeable. However, my colleague says that we feel guilty by ourselves, we feel shame in front of others! It's an interesting distinction. But I also remember a particular politician suggest that if some private hospitals didn't sign up for Public use during the 3rd wave of Covid we should 'name and shame' them! Another, now Ex-Minister wanted ZERO tolerance in relation to drink driving. I'm with him when it comes to outlawing drink driving. But, I'm unhappy with the phrase Zero Tolerance.

We also heard stories of adopted people wanting to know about their birth parents. Some wanted health information, others to know the circumstances of their adoption. I think, I noticed less interest in finding the Birth fathers?!

We've just passed legislation to ensure that both people of a Couple (Same or Opposite sex) will be able to be

recognised as Parents on birth certs, when they've used a surrogate or Donor. There was an article in the Irish Times July 2017 about the scope of views in relation to children born by Sperm/egg Donors. Some want the Donor to be recognised, others say very strongly, that the 'new' family should be the only family. Apparently Diblings are Donor siblings, where the couple use the same Donor several times so that the Children are Biological siblings.

I find myself asking about the Adopted (forced or otherwise) looking for health information and wonder will a group of people emerge in 20 yrs. looking for their Birth/Donor father or mother?

I read in the Irish Catholic paper last week that we may not be allowed to teach in our Catholic Schools that Gender isn't completely fluid. Oh Dear, more intolerance!

Fr Philip Adm (...the More they stay the same.)

Mass in St. Joseph's Church Terenure - Live Mass is available through the Website under the heading **LIVE MASS**. Mass times are as follows, Mon., Tue., Thur., & Fri., at 10am, vigil 6pm & Sunday 10.00 & 11.30am Live Mass is can be viewed on <https://www.stjosephsterenure.com/live-mass/> or <https://www.churchservices.tv/terenure>

NO Mass in St. Joseph's Church Monday 3rd May (Bank Holiday)

The Church is open for Private Prayer from **Monday - Saturday between**

11am and 5pm. Sundays from 1pm to 5pm.

Confession can be arranged by appointment only usually 5.30pm - 6pm on a Saturday evening. Please contact the Fr. Philip/Parish Office.



St. Joseph Prayer Cards available in the Church. Please take one.

Thank you to those who have already returned their **Easter Dues**. Due envelopes may be placed in the white safe inside the door of the church or posted through the letter box on the Sacristy /Parish Office door.

YCD CONNECTED - BRINGING YOUNG PEOPLE TOGETHER

The Young Church Dublin invite you to join our connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) We meet online **every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm** for some time of fellow, reflection on Scripture and prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. For more information, please email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

FAITHFEST - POWERED BY THE SPIRIT

Calling all teenagers! Join us for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats and prayer. Faithfest will take place **21 May from 6:30 - 8:30 online**. You can register online using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZRLPXhUvSP>

Registration closes on the 13th May at 5pm. Email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, Come to me Lord, come at least spiritually into my heart, and unite my soul completely to You. Never let me be separated from You. Amen.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE - Professional staff are available to answer queries & give advice & reassurance where necessary. Support line 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling **0818 222 024**.

AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now & throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills & information - & help people who are in distress to know & feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie