

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN

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Happy and Healthy year 2021 to you and loved ones.

Fr. Alphonse Sekongo, SMA, PP.

CHURCH LEADERS CALL FOR UNIFIED POLITICAL RESPONSE TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AND COMMUNITY TENSIONS.

In their letter '**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God**' Church Leaders echo the appeal from local Church and community leaders for political leaders to treat Northern Ireland's fragile peace with care. They also emphasise the importance of the three strands of the Good Friday Agreement and the consequent responsibility to respect all identities and foster good relations within Northern Ireland, on the island of Ireland and between the UK and Ireland. The Church Leaders call on the Northern Ireland Executive to make a joint approach to the UK Government and the European Union in relation to the challenges posed by the Northern Ireland/Ireland Protocol; and, express their support for the PSNI and underline the importance of ensuring that any concerns about policing are addressed in a way that supports and strengthens democratic institutions and processes.

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*Third Sunday of Easter Year B - Look at my Hands and Feet, it is I. (Lk 24:39)
Psalter -Week 3 18th April 2021.*

Mass Times - Webcam only

Weekdays: 10am only.

Saturday: 10am & 7pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 10am & 12 noon

Mass Saturday 17th April

7.00pm Vigil: Michael Lyons R.I.P.

Masses Sunday 18th April

10.00am Marion Daly R.I.P. **Rem**

12 noon Fr. Brendan Dunning R.I.P.
1st Anniversary.

Remembrance / Anniversaries

Eoin Deasy / Michael Lyons

Gerard Terry / Humphrey Hogan

Jim Rodgers Birthday Remembrance

Betty Rodgers Birthday Remembrance

Marion Daly Remembrance

Fr. Brendan Dunning 1st Anniversary

Maida Purcell

May they rest in peace.

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This weekend's bulletin is sponsored in memory of **Eoin Deasy R.I.P.** whose 7th Anniversary occurs this time.

POPE AT AUDIENCE: CHURCH IS THE HOUSE AND SCHOOL OF PRAYER.

In his Catechesis at Wednesday's **General Audience**, Pope Francis explained how the Church is a great school of prayer. As children, he said, we learn our first prayers on the laps of grandparents and parents, who also give their advice inspired by the Gospel. Later, the experience of faith and prayer is deepened through encounters with other witnesses and teachers of prayer, such as in the life of a parish and every Christian community which is marked by liturgical and community prayer.

"Everything in the Church," the Pope continued, **"originates in prayer and everything grows thanks to prayer."** He pointed out that certain groups while carrying out reforms and changes in the Church, put great effort in terms of organization and the media but prayer is sometimes missing. "Prayer," the Pope said, "is what opens the door to the Holy Spirit, which is what inspires us to go forward." He continued, "Changes in the Church without prayer are not Church changes, they are group changes."