

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
*Also Mother's Day*

*In*  
*The Month of St Joseph*

21-22 March 2020



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**From your priest Fr Ben:** *I continue to offer Holy Mass (in private) daily for the parish. You are part of the celebration. Please join with me in prayer, as you pray from your homes. The Church is open as normal for you to visit at any time. Let us pray for each other and be good to each other at this time.*

**Sunday Sermon from Fr Ben**

**I believe:** this is what the blind man says to Jesus. I believe that you have been sent by God. I believe that you have given me sight.

**I believe:** There has never been a time, where those sweet words, have been so badly needed. This is the second Sunday on which we cannot gather, due to the current covid-19 crisis. Instead we must attend Holy Mass in our hearts and truly believe while observing social distance.

**I believe,** myself, that all Catholic people, have a spiritual first aid box, that can be used at times like these. In that box you will find things like **The Sign of the Cross, The Holy Water, The Our Father, The Hail Mary**

And now we add something new to the spiritual first aid box, Bishop Fintan's gift to us: **The prayer for spiritual communion** which we now say

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

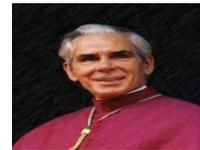
*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Please come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you now, as if you were already there And I unite myself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

*Amen*

The Pharisees and the others in the gospel, tried to prove the blind man wrong finding every loophole possible to quash his healing. They did not want him to have the sight that Jesus had given him. We as Catholics must now look at the sight that Jesus has given us, in that spiritual first aid box, so that in the midst of the current crisis, he can give us a way of seeing, seeing him giving us sight to cope at this difficult time: just like he gave it to the blind man.

***We believe that Jesus can do this. Like the blind man, I believe !!***

**Lent with Fulton Sheen**



**Seeing ourselves as we truly are**

Along with silence, there must go a sense of the presence of God. This means begging the divine light to illuminate our hearts to see them not as we think we are, or as others think we are, but as we really are in the sight of God.

**RTE will be professionally  
broadcasting Holy Mass on  
weekdays at 10.30 am  
on the TV station  
RTE NEWS NOW**

**Easter Dues**

Easter Dues Envelopes (*the offering for the upkeep of the priest of the parish*) are available at the doors of the church. Please take one and return it to the safe at the back wall of the Church.

If someone you know can't come to the church, please bring one to them. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**A BLESSING FOR MOTHERS**  
*(Who were, who are and who will be)*  
**On Mother's day**



***Our tribute to all Mothers on display in the Church***

O God,  
Our every blessing comes from you,  
And you welcome the simple prayers  
Of those who bless your name.  
Grant that all mothers  
*who were, who are, and who will be,*  
may be filled with your goodness.  
Give them today, the joyful assurance that you  
are always near to protect them and those who  
are dear to them.

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*