

***St Bernadette & St John Bosco***  
***Newsletter***  
***6th Sunday of Easter— 17th. May 2020***

***Mass Times***

*Sunday—11.00am*

*NO MASS ON MONDAY*

*Tuesday—Friday—9.30am*

*Saturday—11.00am*

***To access go to [www.catholicerskine.website](http://www.catholicerskine.website) and click on “Daily Mass”***

***Kid’s Church***

*Sunday 11.30am*

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***Evening Prayer***

*Come along and join in the Evening Prayer of the Church [Vespers]*

*Sunday—Saturday at 5.30pm*

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***The Rosary***

*Monday—Saturday 12.00 noon.*

***To access go to [www.catholicerskine.webite](http://www.catholicerskine.webite) and click on “Rosary”***

***Community Circle of Prayer***

*Friday 7.00pm*

*Come along and join others praying for individual needs*

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***The Gift***

*Life in the Spirit*

*Tuesday 7.00pm*

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## **Funeral Masses**

**Robert Anderson:** *A Funeral Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Robert Anderson on **Tuesday 19th. May** in St. Bernadette's at 9.30 am. Robert's remains will be brought into the church for this Mass. No family members will be in attendance at this Mass which will be streamed live on YouTube and Facebook.*

**Sally Donlan:** *A Funeral Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Sally Donlan [sister of Ann Ramsay] on **Thursday 21st May** in St. Bernadette's, at 9.30 am. No family members will be in attendance at the Mass which will be streamed live on YouTube and Facebook. Fr Oliver Freeney will conduct the Funeral Rites at the graveside.*

**Maureen Stirling:** *A Funeral Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Maureen Stirling on **Friday 22nd May** in St. Bernadette's, at 9.30 am. No family members will be in attendance at the Mass which will be streamed live on YouTube and Facebook.*

## **Responsorial Psalm Responses:**

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<i>Cry out with joy, all the earth</i>
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<i>You stretch out your hand and save us, Lord.</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<i>Your glory fills all heaven and earth.</i>
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<i>God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blasts.</i>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<i>God is king of all the earth.</i>
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<i>God is king of all the earth.</i>

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*My Jesus, I believe that you are  
truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things  
and desire to possess You within my soul.  
Since I am unable at this moment  
to receive You sacramentally, come at least  
spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as being there already,  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
**AMEN.***





## *A Brief Guide to using Zoom Meetings.*

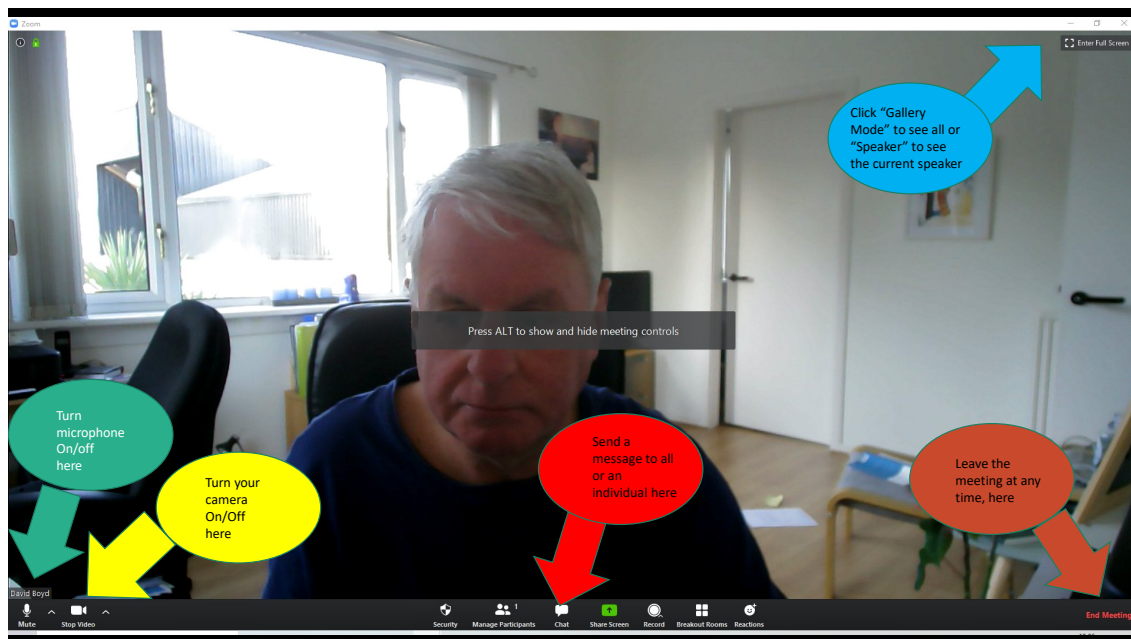
If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, here are some tips you'll find helpful:

Take some time to download Zoom before the meeting.

The link to all meetings can be found on the website: [www.catholicskine.website](http://www.catholicskine.website).

When you follow the link it will prompt you to download Zoom if you don't already have it

- Check your audio settings - Zoom will lead you through this as you set up
- Check the attached slide for what your screen will look like and what the different functions are.



### ***Why not join us in prayer***

*We are aware that some of our parishioners are not able to join us in prayer on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter or any social media platform. We would like to invite you to join us in prayer from the comfort of your own home.*

*Some parishioners are meeting for prayer every day— Mass at 9.30am; the Rosary at 12.00pm; Evening Prayer of the Church 5.30pm. It would be a power houses of prayer if you were to join us spiritually in prayer are these times.*





**To our Young People**  
**Preparing for First Holy Communion**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Dear Boys and Girls,

I want write to you to assure you of my prayers for you at this time when you were to celebrate your First Holy Communion Day. I feel very close to you in my thoughts and in my heart.

I can remember the Day of my First Holy Communion Day in Saint Gregory's Church, Maryhill, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1972. It was a lovely, sunny day when we processed into the full church, boys in our school uniforms and girls in their lovely white dresses. In school we had practiced for weeks it seemed and I will never forget the first touch and taste of Jesus on my tongue in the Sacred Host, or our prayers after Holy Communion which our parish nun, Sister Gregory, led so devoutly. Then there was our Holy Communion Breakfast in the Parish Hall; sausage rolls and sandwiches, cake, crisps and juice. Then the official photos and back home for another party. It was Scottish Cup Final Day and, for a treat dad took me to my first ever football match with my brothers at Hampden Park where we watched Celtic beat poor Hibs 6-1.

Thinking of my First Holy Communion Day makes me sad to think of what you will miss during this terrible Pandemic. All of us has had to suffer in lots of different ways but I have a special sorrow in my heart for you, your families and teachers, who have missed out on this Day, so precious to the Church on earth and to Jesus and Our Father in Heaven.

I promise you we will not let you miss out for long. I will make sure you and your families, parishes and schools have your First Holy Communion Day as soon as possible. More than that, we will make sure your First Holy Communion is the most special and precious we have celebrated for years.

The Readings for Sunday Mass today mention a group in the early Church who were sad because they felt they had been overlooked. But the bishop and priests kept on praying to Jesus for them and soon the Holy Spirit and the people found good people to take care of them and everything worked out well.

To miss out of your Holy Communion Day when you get lots of presents is a big sacrifice. But you can give offer this up to Jesus. Say to Him, 'Jesus I am sad that I am missing out on my First Holy Communion Day. But I know you had to give up Your whole life to come to me in Holy Communion and I offer up my sadness as an act of love to You. Jesus will be so happy with this gift that He will make sure your First Holy Communion will be extra special. when it comes.

In the Gospel Jesus tells us we will always find our Way in Him. So, do not be worried about this Pandemic, or afraid you will miss out. Jesus will make sure you have everything you need and desire to the full, and you will do great things in and for Him.

I am praying to Our Lady for you. She wrote a lovely song called the *Magnificat* where She sang of the great things God Our Father had done. And the greatest thing was how He took care of His little ones, fed them with good food and raised them up. Her prayers will make sure God takes care of you, feeds you with Holy Communion and raises you up to be good disciples who live happy lives and take your place in Heaven and the Heavenly Banquet forever when the course of your life has run.

God bless and keep you safe and full of hope and joy.

*John Keenan*

Bishop John

*The early Christians prayed in the church of the home. Once more, in troubled times when public worship has to be restricted, we are called to pray in “the domestic church”, always aware of the promise of Jesus, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them.” (Matthew 18:20).*

### ***A Prayer in this challenging time***

*Lord Jesus Christ, our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times. Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people. Drive out our infirmities of soul and body; free us from all disease and especially from this pestilence.*

*We place in your gentle Heart the elderly, the frail, people with disability, children, young people and families, our indigenous peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolated. As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care.*

*In your mercy deal also with the causes of our pitiful condition, that in curing our lack of faith and spiritual weakness, you may also remedy our bodily ills.*

*We place our trust in you, the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.*





**Please pray for the repose of the souls who have died this week:** Ryan Macdonald; Sally Donlan; Robert Anderson; Maureen Stirling and those who have died from the Coronavirus

**Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur around this time:**

**Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick:** especially all those people suffering from the Coronavirus and those who care for them.

For deaths, anniversaries and for those people who are ill and in need of our prayers please submit names by email to: [thenewsletter99@gmail.com](mailto:thenewsletter99@gmail.com) We pray especially for an end to the coronavirus.

### **Parish Income from 4th—10th. May 2020**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>St. John Bosco</b>	<b>£155</b>	<b>St. Bernadette</b>	<b>£449</b>
<b>Donation</b>		<b>£399</b>		<b>£20</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>£554</b>		<b>£469</b>

I know that many of you have financial uncertainty and hardship just know. I would ask if you can, please continue to support the work of your parish. The best way to do this just now is to set up a Standing Order.

Our Bank details are:

**St. John Bosco's RC Church.** Sort Code: 80-13-53. Account Number 00842637  
**St. Bernadette's RC Church.** Sort Code: 80-13-53. Account number 00842063

**Thank you for your financial support to our Mission.**

So that we can continue to connect with each other during this crisis we encourage parishioners to use our Facebook pages, Website and Twitter.



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Articles or Prayer requests for inclusion in this Newsletter should be emailed to:

[thenewsletter99@gmail.com](mailto:thenewsletter99@gmail.com) by **Thursday Lunchtime** each week. Items will be included where space permits.

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