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**All Masses are currently  
suspended**

**COLLECTIONS:** Thank you for  
your generous support at this  
time.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
Sunday 22nd March 2020

The suspension of all public Masses in our diocese because of COVID-19 Coronavirus, will cause disruption and disappointment to many parishioners.

Fr Padraig will continue to offer Mass in private each day for your intentions and for the protection of all the families in our community.

The three churches in the parish will remain open for people to pray privately in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

We ask God's blessing on all who are ill, worried or anxious at this time.



**ACT OF CONSECRATION OF IRELAND TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR  
PROTECTION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS**  
*Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, 25<sup>th</sup> March*

*The Act begins with the recitation of **The Angelus***

**The Apostles Creed**

**The First Joyful Mystery of the Rosary: The Annunciation of the Lord**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Health of the Sick, at this time of great challenge to our country from the coronavirus, we consecrate to Jesus through your Immaculate Heart: ourselves, our family, the members of our parish and Diocese, and the people of Ireland. O Mary, Queen of Ireland, when you appeared at Knock, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress, and brought them comfort in a time of sorrow. Be with us now as a sign of salvation and hope, as we entrust ourselves to your loving care.



We renew the promises of our Baptism and Confirmation and ask your intercession that we may be always faithful to Christ and to His Church.

Bring under your mantle of protection all those who are suffering because of the coronavirus, and those who care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

O Loving Mother,  
at the foot of the Cross, with steadfast faith,  
your Immaculate Heart was pierced by grief at the suffering of your Son.  
You know what we need during these difficult days.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us -  
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,  
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.  
O Blessed Mother, Our Life, our Sweetness and Our Hope,  
we wish that this Consecration be for the glory of God and that it lead us safely to Jesus your Son.

A Naomh-Mhuire, a Mháthair Dé, guigh orainn na peacaigh, anois agus ar uair ár mbáis. Amen.

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