

Good Afternoon St John's Newsletter



The leaders of Ireland's larger Churches, together with other denominations and Christian organisations, issued a call to pray, which will take place on Palm Sunday, 5th April from 3pm-4pm.

As Christians, we believe that prayer sustains our life as followers of Christ. In the midst of this global pandemic, we turn to Jesus in our time of need. As Church leaders, we join together in calling all our people to pray. As we begin the journey through Holy Week towards Good Friday and Easter, we invite all Christians from across the whole Church to join in prayer on Palm Sunday, 5 April, from 3pm to 4pm – remembering that we should only gather to pray within our own households, in line with government advice.

“Though we cannot meet as the gathered Church, we will end the hour united in prayer, asking for the Lord's healing touch on our land and all its people.

Palm Sunday

Unfortunately the distribution of Palms is not permissible this year. Here is a lovely suggestion from The Missionaries of the Holy Spirit who posted this on their Facebook page:

What if everyone on Sunday April 5 in the morning, puts a branch on the door of their house or in the their window to celebrate Palm Sunday? It could be any green branch you can get. This would help, despite the social distancing, to be connected as we

enter into the Holiest of Weeks.

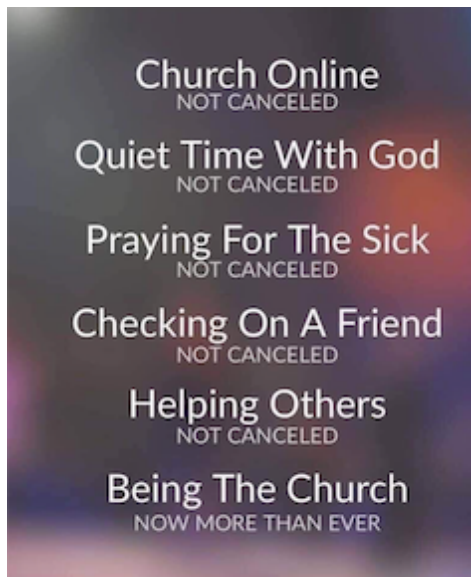
We may be physically isolated, but not separated. We are united as the body of Christ.

We are the Church.



St John's Facebook Live Broadcasts

[stjohnsfallroad](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsfallroad)



9am Thought for the Day
 12 Noon The Angelus followed by Mass
 3pm Good Afternoon St John's
 6pm The Angelus
 9pm Compline (Night Prayer of the Church)

Mass for Palm Sunday
 Vigil Mass Saturday 6pm
 Sunday 12 noon

Good Morning West Belfast provides a telephone support service for the elderly and the vulnerable.

028 90245943 (ext 7)
 Open 7 days a week
 9am-5pm
 Out of Hours
 07808252100
 5pm-11am

St James Swifts FC

Check out the St James Swifts Facebook page for other local activities.

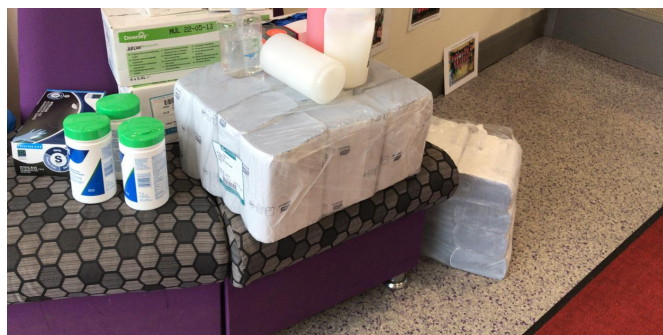
<https://www.facebook.com/stjamesswiftsfootballclub/>



Why are people putting rainbow pictures on their windows?

Quite simply, people have been putting the colourful pictures on their windows to cheer up passers-by. The rainbows aim to make people smile while they're walking by, and also offer a message of hope. The rainbow above was drawn by Conor on the window in the church porch. It would be lovely to see the rainbows in windows of homes in the parish. Why not email us pictures of any you see about to [stjohnsfallroad.com](https://www.stjohnsfallroad.com) or take a picture of your children's rainbow pictures up in your own home and send them to us? **We even have some Easter Eggs to giveaway!**

St Kevin's School donate supplies to RVH



In response to a call out from the RVH to local schools for supplies, St. Kevin's Primary School responded by donating gloves, aprons, wipes, sanitiser, barrier cream, hand wash and paper towels. The school is one of the few schools in West Belfast remaining open to look after children of key workers. A huge **Thank You** to Ms Keegan and the staff for the great job they are doing. The children sent the message below to all in our Parish and School communities **Stay Safe**



