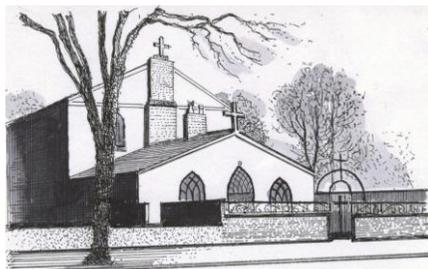


# *Our Lady*

## *Help of Christians*



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**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER 22ND APRIL 2018**  
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### **MASSES THIS WEEKEND**

|           |         |                        |
|-----------|---------|------------------------|
| Saturday  | 6.30pm  | John Coughlin          |
| Sunday    | 9.00am  | People of the Parish   |
|           | 10.30am | Thomas Denis Ruane     |
| Monday    | 7.30pm  | Luke Ryan              |
| Tuesday   | 7.00pm  | Mikey McCrystal        |
| Wednesday | 9.00am  | Special Intention (BA) |
| Thursday  | 9.00am  | Terry Follin           |
| Friday    | 9.00am  | Holy Souls             |

### **MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

|          |         |                          |
|----------|---------|--------------------------|
| Saturday | 6.30pm  | Tom McEllin              |
| Sunday   | 9.00am  | People of the Parish     |
|          | 10.30am | Kathleen & William Bacon |

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| Novena      | No novena this week                  |
| Confessions | No confessions until further notice  |
| Meditation  | Monday after Mass & Saturday 10.15am |

**Counters team next Sunday - Team C**  
**Hilary & Stephen Shacklady, Peggy Jordan Marie Wilson**

### **PORTICO FUNDRAISERS**

Portico Fundraisers 2018 Spring plant sale will be held this year on the weekend of 12/13th May. The order forms are with the newsletter this weekend. Orders will be collected next weekend 28/29th April. We will be selling the excellent plants at last year's(2017)prices. Your support helps us donate much needed aid to Intercare Medical Aid to Africa, and our 2018 parish nominated charities.

### **POPE FRANCIS**

The next step in answering Emanuele's question, he said, would be to think about what God is like and, especially, what kind of heart God has. "What do you think? A father's heart. God has a dad's heart. And with a dad who was not a believer, but who baptized his children and gave them that bravura, do you think God would be able to leave him far from himself?" "Does God abandon his children?" the pope asked. "Does God abandon his children when they are good?" The children shouted, "No." "There, Emanuele, that is the answer," the pope told the boy. "God surely was proud of your father, because it is easier as a believer to baptize your children than to baptize them when you are not a believer. Surely this pleased God very much. Pope Francis encouraged Emanuele to "talk to your dad; pray to your dad." Earlier, a young girl named Carlotta also asked the pope a delicate question: "When we are baptized, we become children of God. People who aren't baptized, are they not children of God?" "What does your heart tell you?" the pope asked Carlotta. She said, they are, too. The nonbaptized, members of other religions, those who worship idols, "even the mafiosi," who terrorize the neighborhood around the parish, are children of God, though "they prefer to behave like children of the devil," he said "God created everyone, loves everyone and put in everyone's heart a conscience so they would recognize what is good and distinguish it from what is bad," the pope said. The difference, he said, is that "when you were baptized, the Holy Spirit entered into that conscience and reinforced your belonging to God and, in that sense, you became more of a daughter of God because you're a child of God like everyone, but with the strength of the Holy Spirit." "Right, and I'll explain," the pope told her. "We are all children of God. Everyone. Everyone."