

Easter Sunday 12th April 2020

Chomsky's parrot calls for sovereignty for all the people.

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Easter Sunday is the day Christians come together in faith to celebrate the risen Lord. But this year our churches are empty and we are at home. One thing is for sure, we all want to stay alive and we want others too to stay alive. It's vitally important we adhere to the medical advice that is being given to us by State agencies. In the deluge of phone calls, emails and WhatsApping I came across a talk by the American philosopher and commentator on social affairs, Noam Chomsky on YouTube.

He argues that the world has been highjacked by neoliberals who are beholden to the markets, large corporations and financiers. He says there are many civilisational crisis ahead of us but that Covid-19 might bring people to ask what kind of a world we want.

Chomsky believes the world is in need of a complete change of our current economic system. He is concerned about the world's nuclear stockpile and the looming environmental catastrophe. Chomsky argues that the future lies in democracy and that governments can never be beholden to the markets. Governments are exclusively answerable to the people. The interviewer asks Chomsky if there is a parrot in the room. Chomsky smiles in the affirmative and tells him that his parrot says: 'Sovereignty to all the people'.

The link to the Chomsky talk is:
<https://youtu.be/t-N3In2rLI4>

In these unprecedented days keep yourself busy, be engaged. There's so much to do. A young girl in my class one day said to another student: 'The only people who bore us are ourselves'. I thought they were wise words.

There's loads to do. We need to get to it. And keep an eye out for those who are vulnerable and more fragile than the rest of us.
Easter greetings to all.

Easter Competition for younger parishioners

The closing date has been extended to
Holy Saturday at 12 noon,
And the winners will be announced in next
Sunday's newsletter

New Parish Webcam

As the Government and health authorities have mandated a 'stay at home' policy, Mass will be celebrated in Three Patrons via our new webcam.

This is available, if you:

Go to Google

Key in mcnmedia

Click on Dublin

Click on photo of Three Patrons, Rathgar.

The following is the schedule for
Liturgies for Holy Week and Easter :

Holy Thursday 8.00pm

Holy Saturday 8.00pm

Easter Sunday 12 noon

Easter Monday 11am

Wednesday 15th April 11.00am

Friday 17th April 11.00am

Liturgies on the **Beechwood Avenue webcam** are as follows:

Holy Thursday 6.00pm

Good Friday 3.00pm

Easter Sunday 10.00am

Tuesday 14th April 11.00am

Thursday 16th April 11.00am

Daily Adoration is cancelled until further notice, but the Church will remain open from 10.00am – 6.00pm for personal prayer and visitation.

Coronavirus Prayers

God of healing, we pray especially for all who sustain us in these days: for medical professionals, for hospital chaplains, for staff in our shops, for those who keep our streets and places of work clean, and for our political leaders. We are in this together and together we entrust all these people to your special care.

God of love, we know that nothing matters more than the people in our lives. We ask your blessing on those we love. Give us your compassion, your patient love, that we may reach out to all who need our help, especially the most vulnerable.

Trócaire Boxes This time of year, Trócaire would usually receive tens of thousands of boxes but that will not be possible this year, at a time when the developing world needs our help the most. If you can, please donate online or over the phone. Please do hold onto your boxes until further notice and we will be in contact about how to return them when it will be safe for people to do so. Donations can be made online at <https://www.trocaire.org/donate/make-a-donation>