

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel



the **deep end**
This Sunday's Gospel

ALL YOU NEED IS
LOVE

'Love? Above all things I believe in love. Love is like oxygen. Love is a many-splendoured thing. Love lifts us up where we belong. All you need is love.' In an attempt to express the depth of his love, the character Christian from the film Moulin Rouge pulls together the lyrics of some of the most famous love songs of recent decades. Since time began, poetry, prose, and song have attempted to put into words the great mystery that is love. 'At the touch of love, everyone becomes a poet,' the philosopher Plato put it.

Today's Gospel offers one of the most eloquent passages on love in the Gospels. It reveals the vision of Jesus for his followers and explains how we should treat one another. We are to love each other with the same love Jesus showed during his time on earth, that great and generous love that culminated in his 'laying down his life for his friends'. It is in the way we love one another, the way we understand and forgive and support one another, that we experience the life and love of Jesus.

There are more than 20 references to love in today's readings. In the second reading we hear that 'everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God'. That love that God showed by sending his Son for us, is the same generous, wholehearted, self-sacrificing love we are called to show others - all others. God does not have favourites. 'We find it so hard to accept the revelation that it is God's delight to be worshipped in the way we touch and look at each other, in the way we listen and talk to each other, in the way we forgive and promise to start all over again.' (Daniel O'Leary)



Monday 10th. March Our Church reopens for Public Worship.

Check out the details from last year over the page

Calling all stewards who supported the seating planning to join us again.

We will be needing new Stewards, so please call the parish office 01 2351416

ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2021

Ecumenical Bible Week 2021 is an exciting and successful venture which is now in its eight year and will run from

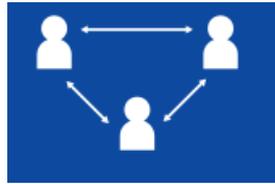
**Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to
Trinity Sunday (30th May) 2021.**

Ecumenical Bible Week (EBW) is led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions ranging from the Evangelical Alliance to Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and support from the National Bible Society and Scripture Union

The overall theme this year is "Unlocking Faith Today: Responding to New Realities".

This year EBW will have an opening and

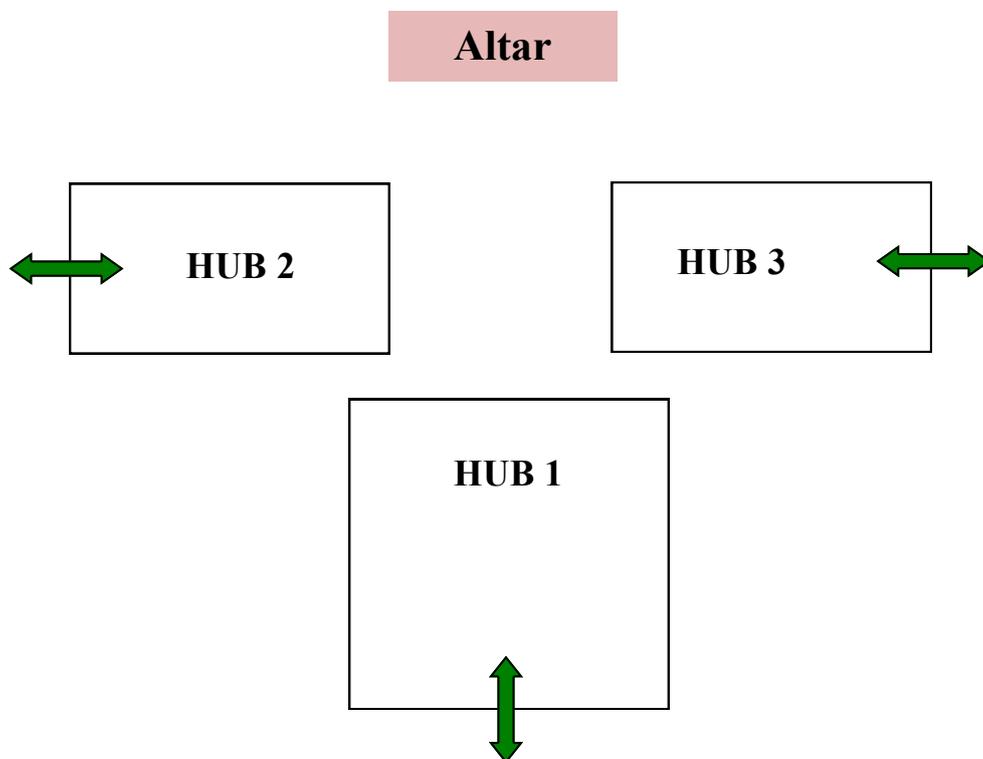
WELCOME BACK!



Four Months and more since we assembled for Daily and Sunday Mass

Now we can overview our safe planning from last year and look forward to the months ahead

The plan below marks out the three HUBS in the Church



- ◆ Please enter  and leave a HUB by the same door
- ◆ Please do not  cross **into or out** of a HUB during Mass
- ◆ Face coverings are encouraged in the Church