



Reaching Out

The Parish Pastoral Council is keen to initiate a system whereby housebound or lonely parishioners can receive a friendly phone call on a regular basis. To set this up we need two things:

1. We need to build a list of the names and phone numbers of the housebound or lonely people in the parish. So, if you know of people near you who might benefit from an occasional friend phone call, please give their names and phone numbers to Teresa in the Parish Office.
2. We need volunteer parishioners who'd be willing to phone one or two (or more) such people fairly regularly. If you would be willing to do this please also let Teresa know.

Thank you from the Parish Pastoral Council

ACCORD



The **ANNUAL COLLECTION** of **ACCORD Dublin**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of **13 & 14 February 2021**. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection.

Parishioners can donate in the following ways:

Online at www.accorddublin.ie where you will find a DONATE button.

By post to Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.

By bank transfer to ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG, Bank of Ireland, 88 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2. IBAN: IE27 BOFI 9001 1357 0742 03; BIC:BOFIE2D.

Extracts From Archbishop Elect Dermot Farrell’s Homily Last Sunday

The publication of the Report into Mother and Baby Homes has helped shed light on what happened to vulnerable women and their children within the walls of those homes and beyond.

This Report holds a mirror to aspects of our past which are difficult and distressing, and we can no longer shy away from some extremely painful truths about how, collectively and individually, we fell short in our care of vulnerable women and their children. The Commission’s Report highlights a failure, over a seventy-year period, of our society and its culture to acknowledge the dignity of every person.

People can now see how it was a failure on the part of communities and families to appreciate what it means to be human. In terms of the social history of our country since Independence, both Church and State now have reason to offer profound apologies to all women and children who passed through these homes, to their families, and to the people of the country.

As a society and a church, we lost sight of the gift that is every child. We kept before us some children and their needs, while others came to be treated as problems. While we are shocked that these places existed, it is a damning indictment of Irish society that they continued to exist for so long. It is to be hoped that understanding our past might give us the moral courage to do something in the present to change the shameful reality that right now other people are still in danger today.

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