



**ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
MONTVIEW & BLAKESTOWN,
MONTVIEW ROAD, DUBLIN 15**

24th April 2020

Dear parishioners,

Greetings of the Easter Season!

We, the priests of the parish, here in Mountview & Blakestown are thinking of you and praying for you every day as the whole world is struggling to cope with Covid-19.

We recognise this is a very lonely time for you as an individual and as a family since you cannot go about your daily business during these days of lockdown. Be assured of our ongoing prayers and continuous Masses and prayers on your behalf.

In these hard times, one thing that we can be sure of is that God is in-charge and He will bring something good out of this tragic event but we need to wait patiently believing in his faithfulness and His promises. It's only after the hard times are over that it dawns on us that we were being held and led by God our Father.

Since lockdown began we have been live streaming all our spiritual activities via www.mountviewblakestownparish.ie The following prayers take place daily: Morning prayers 15 minutes before the daily Eucharist; Masses Monday to Friday at 9.15am, Saturday at 10am and Sunday at 10.30am; guided Holy Half-hour and Benediction after the morning Mass and daily evening prayers at 7pm. All other times you are welcome to spend some time in prayer in the presence of virtual exposition of Eucharist. Our parish has a WhatsApp broadcast group to keep in touch with everyone who wish to receive updates and news from the parish. If you wish to join this private messaging service, please send by way of WhatsApp your name and number to 0892174317 and save this number on your phone.

The parish office in Mountview remains closed until further notice. However, Mountview church remains open daily from 8am to 7.30pm except for the Morning Masses. All the priests in the parish are always at your service and please do not hesitate to contact us if you need our services.

I conclude with a reassuring Bible quote: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

May the spirit of the Lord fill your homes this Easter season and always! Please, stay safe in these challenging times.

With 'loads' of love and prayers,


Fr. Binoy Mathew svd & Priests