

# Special Mass

*At the request of the USA Conference of Bishops,*

*All parishes are to offer a Mass on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020*

***“In Memory of George Floyd  
and for the Healing of the Sin of Racism and its effects”***

*(This is the day of Mr Floyd’s funeral)*

*We will celebrate this Mass as the 8.am Weekday Mass  
Using the Votive Mass for Peace and Justice*

The Archbishop has asked that no homily be preached but that an 8 minute and 46 second silence be observed.

*(the amount of time Mr Floyd was suffocated to death by and officer)*

We are to ring the bells as well  
for the same period of time.

Fr Aidan-Peter CJ writes:

“What we are witnessing is this decade starting to be as thirsty for justice and peace as did the 1960s and it will not rest until the voices crying out in the wilderness of indifference and against the aggression of discrimination are heard and acted upon.

I call upon all parishioners, to listen without prejudice, to work for justice, to love with true grace and to self-examine and work hard to remove any prejudices we may have ***and we all have them***”.

As the prophet Micah tells us

***“This is what God asks of you  
and only this:  
Act justly,  
Love tenderly,  
And walk humbly  
With your God”***

(Micah 6:8, Jerusalem Bible version)