

St Patrick's Church, Corick

Feast Days During Coming Week

Monday:	Pope St John 1
Wednesday:	St Bernardine
Thursday:	St Christopher Magallanes & Companions
Friday:	St Rita of Cascia
Sunday:	Feast of the Ascension

Dear Parishioners

It is hard to believe that it is now ten weeks since we had public weekend Masses here in the parish and throughout the country. *The weeks slip by and every week is a week nearer the end of the lockdown. It has taken its toll on people's mental and emotional health as they are separated from family members and loved ones. And yet this lockdown has saved many lives. It has helped reduce the number of deaths and brought the number of new cases to a new low.*

All this is good news and on Monday some more shops and garden centres will open and people working outdoors and in the building sector will be going back to work. All this is encouraging and it helps us to see that the sacrifices we made and the isolation we have experienced has not been in vain.

During the past few days our church leaders met with Leo Varadkar to discuss plans for returning to public Masses. Already a committee is working at national level, planning how this can happen in a safe way. We will keep you updated on this and as the time comes nearer for the return of public Masses we will be putting these plans into practice at local level.

If the pandemic has been an affliction on people well then the extraordinary good weather has been a great blessing. It has meant that people of all ages have been able to get outdoors, get some exercise, sun and fresh air. It has helped us all to cope.

So this time will pass. In the meantime 'Don't worry! Be happy!

Fr Yusuf & Fr Liam.

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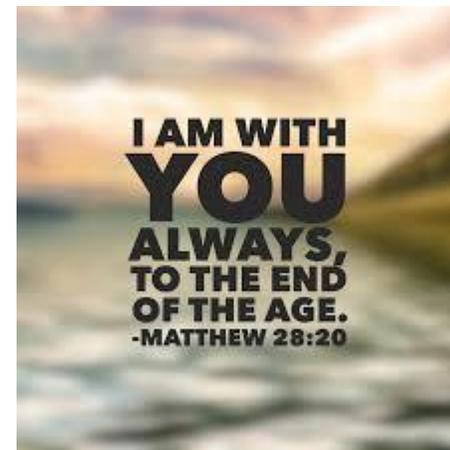
Parish of Kilsherdany and Drung

Sixth Sunday of Easter

17 May 2020



St Brigid's Church, Kill



In the Gospel Reading for this Sunday's Mass Jesus is preparing his disciples for his ascension into heaven. He is reassuring them with the words *I will not leave you orphans, I will come back to you and I will be with you always to the end of time.*

So not matter how much we are struggling with these strange times that we are living through, no matter what crisis we go through in life we have the reassuring words of Scripture that Jesus is with us always.

As Jesus prepares to return to the Father He promises his followers that God will send the Holy Spirit, 'the Spirit of truth' to be with us in the ups and downs of life.

So do not lose heart, do not give up hope. God has not and will not abandon us. He is with us always to the end of time.

Church of Immaculate Conception, Drung

Prayers for These Times

Lord Jesus Christ, our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times. Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people. Drive out our infirmities of soul and body; free us from all disease and especially from this pestilence.

We place in your gentle Heart the elderly, the frail, people with disability, children, young people and families, our indigenous peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolated. As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care.

In your mercy deal also with the causes of our pitiful condition, that in curing our lack of faith and spiritual weakness, you may also remedy our bodily ills. We place our trust in you, the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

For those who care for the sick

Father of mercies, we thank you for all who care for the sick.

When they diagnose, give them patience.

When they protect the vulnerable, give them your protection.

When they work to heal, give them strength.

When they comfort, give them consolation.

When they are tired, give them rest.

When they are discouraged, bring them your hope.

May we welcome and respect them as we support one another in this time of trial.

For those seeking a cure for the virus

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten the minds of women and men of medical science who are working to find a solution to this viral infection. Guide their research and help them discover what you provide in creation, sure ways of control, protection, inoculation and healing. Strengthen them in their tiring work and enrich in them the virtue of hope. Amen.

For those who govern and represent us

Eternal Wisdom, guide our leaders called to serve us in our Nation. May they respond to the challenges of this affliction with prudence and sound judgement. With foresight, may their planning alleviate the economic burdens, compensate for losses, protect employment and ensure ample food for the poor and isolated. Amen.

St Mary's Church, Bunnoe

Recent Death

You are asked to please pray for Kathleen Brady, Ballyhally, whose funeral took place today (Saturday) in Bunnoe. May she rest in peace.

Masses, Rosary, Exposition in Cavan Cathedral

There will be two Masses in the Cathedral each day during coming week at 10am and at 6.30pm. Rosary will be at 4pm each day. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4.30 to 5.30pm on Wednesday. All you need to do is to link in to www.cavantownparish.com and click on Webcam.

Anniversary Masses

Many of you have booked anniversary Masses for your deceased family members and they have not taken place. If you wish to have a private Mass offered for your deceased family members then please contact Fr Yusuf or Fr Liam and they will offer the Mass for your loved ones. If not we can wait until public Masses are restored and we can arrange a Mass for them then.

Church Envelopes

People have been asking and wondering what to do about the Church envelopes. They are conscious that both the weekly maintenance fund and the priests revenue fund has had no income since the first week in March and it now seems clear that public Masses will not resume until after 20 July 2020. First thing to say that people's health and well-being is more important than money. The second things to say is that many people's income has been affected by the pandemic and they may not be able to contribute to the parish at this time. However, if you can contribute something please do so. You can do this by putting your contribution aside each week and paying it when public Masses resume. Or if you wish you may, as some people are doing, drop your envelopes into one of the parochial houses and the Finance Committee will count it and bank it in the usual way. Or you may wish to write a cheque for whatever amount you can afford and make it payable to your local church fund or to the priests revenue fund. Fr Yusuf and Fr Liam, together with the priests of the diocese of Kilmore, have agreed to take a €400 per month reduction in salary while the pandemic lasts to help protect parish finances at this time.

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