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Parish Newsletter Drumlish & Ballinamuck



*The struggle you're in today
is developing the strength
you need tomorrow*

Robert Tew

Easter Sunday Year A - 12th April 2020

Mass Intentions

Because celebration of public Masses is prohibited for the duration of the Covid-19 outbreak, Mass will be offered privately (**with no congregation**) for the intentions which have been booked already. The Mass intentions will be published each week on the parish Newsletter. You can access the Parish Newsletter on the Parish Web at www.drumlishparish.ie. If you wish to cancel or defer the Mass to a later date, please contact or text me at 0868213422.

Sun 12th April: Gerry & Elizabeth Brady
Margaret & Patrick McKenna
Mary Ann McNerney
Breege Calcagno
Mon 13th April: For the people of the Parish
Fri 17th April: T. P. Keenan
Sat 18th April: Stephen/Mary Ellen Colreavy
Tom Keogh, Cloonaugh
Sun 19th April: Brigid Donnelly, Shanmullagh
Margaret Doris
Margaret Donnelly & dfm, Dromod

Note: You may wish to visit the church at some time during the day of the intention and unite your prayers and intentions to the Mass which is celebrated privately.

Funeral Regulations

Arising from Government statements 31st March 2020 the following are the current regulations regarding funeral services:

- ♦ Immediate family members not exceeding 10 may attend funeral services, burial and cremations.
- ♦ The social distancing regulation of 2 metres continues to apply.
- ♦ Individual parishes may need to put in place special restrictions to respond to specific local circumstances e.g. a small church.
- ♦ At a funeral Mass the sign of peace is not exchanged by a handshake and Holy Communion is not to be distributed.
- ♦ These regulations apply to all funerals including those arising out of COVID-19 deaths.



- ♦ **COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.
- ♦ **Invitation from Galilee Spirituality Centre:** Although our doors are currently closed, our prayer community extends far beyond our walls. We invite you to join us (virtually) on Thursdays, 9.00-9.30pm for prayer for all affected by the COVID19 outbreak and for all who care for them. Please let us know you are with us in spirit by getting in touch info@galilee.ie or 071-966-4101 and let us know any particular prayer needs.

Mass Broadcasts Easter Week

- † Mass will be available by webcam at St. Mel's Cathedral www.longfordparish.com each day— 8am, 10am, 1.05pm weekday 7.30pm Saturday; 8am, 10am, 11.30am and 1.00 pm Sundays.
- † RADIO MARIA IRELAND is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Listen via TV on Saorview - Channel 210 and Freeview - Channel 826; Download our FREE APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on www.radiomaria.ie
- † Fr. Ber will air Mass live from his house on Facebook at 10 a.m. each morning, unless otherwise stated. To date, there has been very good reaction to this new venture. AMDG Also, the Parish Newsletter can be accessed via Facebook
- † Drumlish and Ballinamuck churches remains open every day for those who wish to drop in to offer a prayer. The heating will be on from 10.30 to 12.30 each day.

Finance Arrangements

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak and the curtailment of travel etc. there is need to look afresh at how parishioners can financially support the parish offertory collection and the priests dues.

- * To date, some parishioners have held on to their envelopes for a period of time and then dropped the 'bundle' into the parochial house. At present we are investigating an alternative system whereby you would be able to donate directly to our banking system or some other alternative and secure method of support. Thank you again for your support, acknowledging that many are themselves financially constrained at this time.
- * For those who don't use the envelope system, you can still contribute using an ordinary envelope.
- * In relation to the Trócaire Lenten Boxes, again I ask you to hold on for the time being or alternatively you can send directly to Trócaire using their envelope which is enclosed with their kit. If paying directly, I ask you to enclose a note naming our parish and diocese. Thank you.
- * Between 9th March and 7th April the total income received was: Offertory €912, Shrine €525, Lenten Alms €213, Priests Dues €330.

Easter Holy Water



One of the negative effects of the coronavirus is that we will not be blessing holy water this Easter. This is in order to reduce possible infection by many people dipping into the water. Thank you.

Act of Spiritual Communion

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen"

Bishop Francis, Easter Message 2020

I send Easter greetings to the people of the diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois, our parishioners, our priests and religious, those who are isolated at this time, the fearful, people whose employment has been affected, the sick, those who are sadly bereaved and all who work in hospitals and in essential services. The celebration of Easter takes place in a very different way, a virtual way, behind closed doors. The message of Easter is the same as it has been from the beginning, Christ is Risen, Alleluia. In these days it is a proclamation of hope in the midst of restrictions, hope in the midst of fear and unemployment and hope in the midst of illness and death. We have great hope in the risen Jesus Christ, he is with us, to encourage, to strengthen and to console.

We also have great hope in humanity. We are grateful to all who have carefully gone out to serve, those on the front line in hospitals and in the variety of essential services, leaders who make wise decisions and researchers who seek a vaccine. Also the many generous acts of neighbourliness.

As we face into the uncertainties that lie ahead, our hope shines brightly, and our determination to return to our places of work and to live without fear is strong. The experience of the essential restrictions teaches us that we wish to go out, we wish to be with people, to meet up, to chat and to enjoy company. The Easter Message has its origin in the dark days of Jesus' suffering and then blossoms into the Good News of resurrection. Our hope is firm; it is based in Jesus Christ and in the goodness of humanity.

Francis Duffy
Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois



**At a difficult time
may you all have a
blessed & happy Easter**