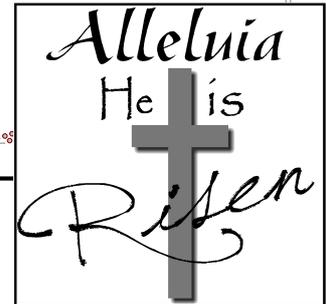


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Masses for the coming week broadcast on 97.9fm

Holy Saturday: 8.00 pm **Easter Vigil**
Easter Sunday: 11.00 am **Mass of Easter Day** Thomas Gregan, Kilnasoolagh

Mon 13th - Wed 15th	10am	Daily Mass
Thur 16th	10am	Special Intention
Fri 17th	10am	Breda Duggan, Ballygireen
Sat 18th	6pm	Weekend Mass
Sun 19th	11am	Mabel Bell, Ballyvonnanan, Clarecastle Paddy Corry, Lemenagh Lucy Lonergan, Cuir na hEaglaise. 1st anniversary Johnny and Patsy Lynch, Ballincragga Michael Brassil, Latoon Jerry Kennedy, Ennis Road

As we celebrate Easter.

Easter 2020 comes to us at a time like no other in living memory. We find ourselves celebrating, not in brightly decorated churches filled with joyful parishioners, but in the midst of a solitude and emptiness, that has enveloped our world due to the emergence of a virus that remains frightfully confusing for the average person, the virus known as COVID-19. It is so important for us to hear these words of hope and joy at this time: "Christ is risen from the dead." The Risen Lord's message to us this Easter is the same as his message to the disciples then: "Peace be with you." Even in this extraordinary and challenging moment, we give thanks for what Jesus Christ has done for us by his life, death, and resurrection. Even now, we marvel at the beautiful mystery of our salvation, how precious each one of us is in the eyes of God. In the midst of loss, uncertainty, and suffering, something incredible is happening: we are noticing the bonds which form our human family. Bonds that we previously took for granted or ignored. As we live in isolation and we all become marginalized and vulnerable, the global suffering we are seeing has made it startlingly apparent to us that we need other people and other people need us too. It is as though the stone that covers the tomb is slowly being rolled back to allow a light of recognition. This light heralds Easter and the Risen Christ.

This Easter we pray for the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can and the wisdom to know the difference. We pray too that we may find the deeper meaning of this challenge that is facing the whole of humanity and which is calling us to faith and to resurrection. Let us make the best of this time and help those who are in need in our neighbourhood. Be safe and be hopeful!

Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia! We rejoice and are glad. Alleluia!

Church Envelopes:

We wish to thank those who dropped in church envelopes over the last few weeks.
Thank you for your continued support. Donations received March 22nd — April 10th realised €809

A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving and healing God,
We, the people of Killaloe Diocese turn to
you in prayer,
Confident that you are with us and
with all people in every moment.
We stand before you as people of hope,
trusting in your care and protection.
May your faithful love support us and
soothe the anxiety of our hearts.
Generous God, fill us with compassion and
concern for others, young and old,
That we may look after one another in
these challenging days.
Bring healing to those who are sick with
the virus and be with their families.
May those who have died
rest in your eternal embrace.
Comfort their family and friends.
Strengthen and protect all medical
professions caring for the sick
And all who work in our medical facilities.
Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and
governance,
That they may make the right decisions
for the well being of people.
We pray in gratitude for all those in our
country who will continue to work
in the days ahead in so many fields of life
for the sake of us all.
Bless them and keep them safe.
O God of creation and life, we place
ourselves in your protection.
May the mantle of your peace enfold us
this day and tomorrow.

St. Flannan, pray for us.
St. Senan, pray for us.
St. Cronan, pray for us.
St. Conaire, pray for us.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
And I desire to receive you
into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually
into my heart.
I embrace you as if you
were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be
separated from you. Amen

Fitness for Fun for over-Fifties

Log in with Facebook for an
exercise class online with John
Conroy next Tuesday 14th April at
10am. Fund raiser for Clare
Suicide Bereavement Support, who
provide phone and text support to
people bereaved by suicide in Clare -
Call 087 3698315 or 086 0565373

Newmarket on Fergus Community Response Group

Available to assist with the collec-
tion of Groceries & Prescriptions.
Volunteers will carry photo ID and
abide by the social distancing
guidelines. Community Response
Team can be contacted on
1890 252 943 OR any of the
following numbers **087 7111473 /**
086 8296475/ 085 1164481
Further information on the follow-
ing link <http://nofgaa.com/newmarket-on-fergus-community-response/>

It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow. *Robert H. Goddard*

God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.' *Billy Graham*

To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others. *Pope John Paul II*

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song. *Pope John Paul II*