

Parish of Newmarket on Fergus - Carrigerry - The Wells

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15th March 2020

3rd Sunday of Lent

Sacristans

Bridget O' Halloran : Newmarket
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Bernadette Glynn: Carrigerry

Killaloe Diocese responds to Government recommendations in relation to COVID -19 (Corona Virus) Pandemic. Pastoral Message of Bishop Fintan Monahan

•**All public Masses in this diocese, Sundays and weekdays (with the exception of Funeral Masses and the Celebration of Marriage) are suspended until 29 March or until further notice.**

- The obligation to be physically present at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days (including St. Patrick's Day) is therefore suspended for everybody until further notice.
- Priests will continue to remember the needs of parishioners at Mass celebrated privately.
- The faithful are encouraged to join spiritually in the celebration of Mass, either on parish radio or on web-cam. Parishes that have web-cams include: Kilrush, Roscrea, Ennis, Quin, Nenagh and Shannon.

Parishioners are also encouraged to pray at home, including especially prayers for the sick, for those who are caring for the sick and for all who are working so hard to protect us

Fr Tom will have private masses during this time and will pray for the following people whose anniversaries occur in the next week. You can listen in on your regular radio on 97.9fm. The transmission might not reach every area of the parish but most should be able to receive it.

Jimmy & Anna Cusack, Ennis Road
McMahon Family, Ballincragga - Mr & Mrs Pat, Andy, Gretta, Gerard, John, Michael, Donie, Phronsias & Kitty.
Patrick Freeman, Carrownakilla
Jimmy Cullinan, Month's memory
Donie Kilmartin, Rathmore, Month's memory
John Sheedy, Glencragga. Month's memory
PJ Woulfe, Shannon View, Bunratty
Phil Callaghan, Sixmilebridge. 1st anniversary
John Joe Moroney, Rineanna
Patricia Henchy, Rineanna

On Tuesday 17th March, St Patrick's Day mass will be broadcast at 11am. (97.9fm)

Recent Deaths:

Pray for the happy repose of the souls of

Seamus O'Connell, father of Caitriona Jones, Hurlers Cross & Denise, Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire

Pat Cassidy, Shannon and late of Glenaifreann.

Bessie Guilfoyle, sister of Mike O'Malley, Kilnasoolagh Park.

May they rest in the loving embrace of the Father.



We, the Apostolic Work Committee, acknowledge and appreciate all the assistance we received from everyone last week-end to make our Display Day a great success. The amount raised for the Missions was €2659.85. Thank You all.

COMING SOON! The next edition of our Tradrai magazine will be available shortly. It features articles on the early years of camogie, Liam Danagher, The Siege of Jadotville, Johnny Quinn, all our 2019 hurling, camogie, football and handball teams. And loads more!

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed to the public until further notice. Please email or phone any queries or requests. Thank You

Pastoral Message of Bishop Fintan continued

Call to Prayer

I encourage all people of faith to bring the current situation to the heart of their prayer and I invoke the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary on all those who are suffering and on all who care for and love them.

Existing Precautions

Recommended best practice in relation to hand-hygiene, environmental-hygiene and social distance will continue to be observed. We remind those who are elderly, vulnerable or feeling ill that they are under no obligation to attend religious services.

Open for Prayer

In challenging times like this people find strength, consolation and hope in prayer. We rediscover the value of traditional prayers such as the Rosary, the *Memorare*, St. Patrick's Breastplate etc. Churches will remain open for prayer each day at times to be advised locally.

Confirmations

With immediate effect, all Confirmations scheduled to take place have been postponed. The re-scheduling of these events will be reviewed after March 29th.

Baptisms

The Irish Bishops' Conference has issued guidelines in relation to the celebration of Baptism which will continue to be followed. Only immediate family should attend the celebration of Baptism. People who might be susceptible to severe reactions to the virus should not attend.

Weddings

It is important that we observe the government guidelines in relation to public gatherings. The recommendation is that no gathering of more than 100 persons take place indoors. Wedding guests should be limited to the Bridal Party and immediate family. Guests are asked to observe the hygiene protocols and observe social distance while in the Church.

Funerals

We appreciate that a bereavement is a very sensitive time in the life of any family and that the support of friends and neighbours is an integral part of the grieving and healing process. This has involved the tradition of expressing sympathy by attendance at the funeral rites and making physical contact with the bereaved. In the light of the guidelines received we ask that only immediate family and close friends would attend the funeral liturgy, observing the protocols already mentioned. At such a time as this, a thoughtful card or note expressing sympathy might be effective in expressing our solidarity with the bereaved.

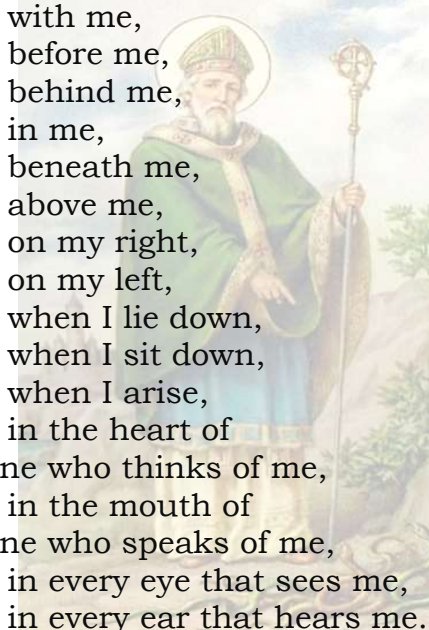
Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration should not be held in confined spaces. People are encouraged to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the many Churches of the diocese which will remain open for personal prayer.

Meetings

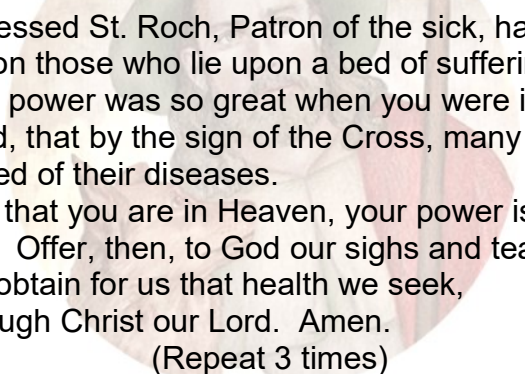
All non-essential public meetings are suspended pending further review on March 29th.

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate



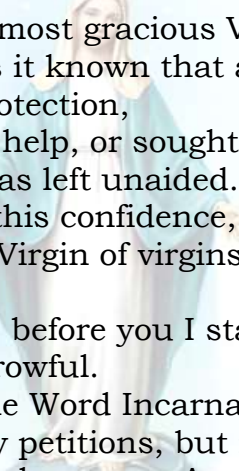
Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of
everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of
everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Prayer to St. Roch for the cure of Covid - 19



O Blessed St. Roch, Patron of the sick, have pity on those who lie upon a bed of suffering. Your power was so great when you were in this world, that by the sign of the Cross, many were healed of their diseases. Now that you are in Heaven, your power is not less. Offer, then, to God our sighs and tears and obtain for us that health we seek, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Repeat 3 times)

Memorare



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen.