

The Sunday Newsletter

Knockninny

ST NINNIDH'S CHURCH DERRYLIN/ ST MARY'S CHURCH TEEMORE

10th May 2020 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Guidelines issued by the diocese:-

All public Masses are suspended in the diocese of Kilmore until further notice

Anniversary Masses: Due to the cancellation of weekend and weekday Masses, it is not possible to say individual anniversary Masses at this time. It has been decided that the 11.15 web cam Mass will be offered for all those whose anniversary Masses were booked for the weekend in question. People who would prefer an individual Mass for their loved one(s) may arrange it when the normal Mass schedule is restored.

We remember the following whose anniversary was due to be celebrated this weekend:

Sunday 10th May: 11.15am Web Cam Mass

Frank Maguire (Sheetrim)

We remember the following whose anniversaries were due to be celebrated next weekend:

Sunday 17th May: 11.15am Web Cam Mass

Darren McCarthy (Month's Mind Mass)

Katie McBrien (1st Anniv) (Derrybrick)

James P & Gretta McManus (Aughakillymaude)

Frank Eccles (Coragh)

Society of St Vincent de Paul St Ninnidh's Conference can be contacted for support at any time on 07873240493.

Trócaire Collection: We request that people would hold on to their donations until the celebration of Sunday Mass resumes. Likewise for other special collections, such as the St Patrick's Day collection for the missions.

Confirmation: The children of the Confirmation classes in St Ninnidh's PS, Derrylin, and in St Mary's PS, Teemore, who were due to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday next, 15th May. However, as we're well aware, this very special event in their lives has had to be postponed. This weekend we remember those children, their families and their teachers in our prayers. We look forward to a date in the future when, after Mass schedules return to normal, these children and their families will be able to celebrate this very special Sacrament. We are also mindful of the fact that, apart from celebrating their Confirmation, this is a very important year for these young people. This summer will see them leave their primary schools to commence their secondary school studies. We wish them every blessing as they make this transition and we wish them every success in their new schools.

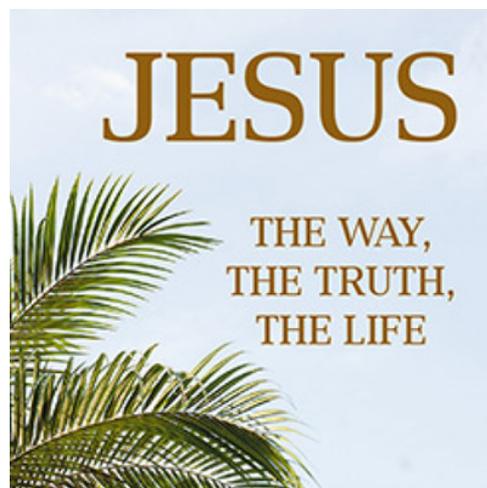
Accord – Covid-19. Couples & Relationships Support Line.
If you need to speak to an experienced Couples & Relationships Counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life.
Contact No. 028 95680151

RTE News Now - broadcasting Mass every weekday at 10.30am

RTÉ News Now will broadcast Mass at 2.00pm on each Sunday as long as the pandemic restrictions apply.

Masses on Parish web cams can be accessed on mcnmedia.tv and church services.

CB Radio is also on air.



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,
please come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you now
as if you were already there
and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me
to be separated from you. Amen

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Jesus said:

**'Do not let your hearts
be troubled.
Trust in God,
trust also in me'**



Jesus says to those around that first table - and to all those who continue to gather around the table - **that he is "the way" to God.** Instead of all the legalistic observances that their religious leaders insisted upon in order for people to get right with God, believing in Jesus takes us into God's grace-filled presence. In truth, Jesus had little interest in religion at all, or in the trappings of it. His passion is for the utter authenticity of people's lives; and His way of loving is also the way for us to live.

He is "the truth" we can trust. He has taught us about God's nature and we trust what he has said about God's abundant mercy and forgiveness for us is true. If someone preaches another "truth" about a harsh, avenging and exacting God, we ought to reject that message. Instead, we trust that Jesus Himself is the truth about God - and living Jesus' life will be how we live out God's will for us - the truth.

He is "the life" that we share. We are not just obliged to live according to Jesus' life on our own; not just asked to model our lives on his. Rather, *he is "the life."* When he tells his disciples, "I am going to the Father," he promises that he will come back to take them to himself. As we approach Pentecost we yearn again for the Spirit Jesus promised us that will take us to himself, unite us with him and empower us to live the life he lived. This Spirit is his life for us and it quickens our own spirits, enlivening us so we can live Jesus's life. Through the promised Spirit, his is "the life" that is now within us.

The Queen of the May

Bring flowers of the fairest
Bring flowers the rarest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Refrain: O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.
O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Our voices ascending, in harmony blending,
Oh! thus may our hearts turn, dear Mother, to thee;
Oh! thus shall we prove thee
how truly we love thee,
How dark without Mary, life's journey would be. *Refrain*

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS **to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

FRANCIS

First Prayer

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”, you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

*We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always
from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

Second Prayer

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone. Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realise that we are all members of one great family and to recognise the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Prayer of Saint John Henry Newman

May the Lord support us all the day
long,
Til the shades lengthen and the
evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in his mercy
may he give us a safe lodging,
and holy rest,
and peace at the last.
AMEN

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