

The Sunday Newsletter

Knockninny

ST NINNIDH'S CHURCH DERRYLIN & ST MARY'S CHURCH TEEMORE
10th January 2021 The Baptism of the Lord
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**The churches are closed for Public Worship from mid-night,
Thursday 7th January until Saturday 6th February.
(This reopening date is subject to review in late January.)**

**During this time, the only Mass on webcam will be the 11.15am Sunday Mass
from St Ninnidh's Church on Sunday 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st January.**

**The Mass intentions for each Sunday will include
those anniversary Masses booked for that weekend
and anniversary Masses booked for the weekdays of the following week.**

**Attendances at weddings and funerals continue to be limited to a total of 25.
The celebration of Baptism is also permitted, under strict conditions.
To book a baptism please contact Fr Alwill at 028 6774 8315.**

Churches remain open for private prayer.

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

Sunday 10th 11.15am St Ninnidh's Church Web Cam Mass

Packie & Bridget McBrien & deceased family members
Joe & Josephine McAdam (Corratrasna)
Margaret Keary Month's Mind Mass
Mary O'Reilly (Belfast)

Sean Drumm RIP: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sean Drumm,
Drummetta. His funeral took place on Wednesday.

Parish Office Due to the current restrictions related to COVID-19, our Parish Office
is closed for walk-in and face-to-face bookings/enquiries until further notice. You
can still contact us on Facebook AND ☎ 02867748315
✉ derrylin@kilmorediocese.ie We thank you for your continued support.

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

Offertory Envelopes 2021 are now available to collect in both Churches.

If anyone wishes to make cheque payments for the 2020 collections, **Knockninny Parish No.1 A/C** is
for offertory and **Knockninny Parish Priests Revenue** is for Dues. For Euro, the account name is
Knockninny Parish. Envelopes can be left in the safe in the back porch of Derrylin Church or
dropped into the Parish Office.

Teemore Women's Group: Members offer sincere sympathy to Mary Drumm (esteemed member) and her family on the sudden and tragic death of her husband Sean. May He Rest In Peace.

Derrylin & District Gun Club. We take this opportunity to wish all our members, their families and the whole community compliments of the season with health and happiness for the year ahead. Because of Covid 19 **our Shane Mulholland Memorial Clay Shoot** which normally takes at Christmas had to be **postponed** until a later date. Also, we will not be able to host our ever popular **Taste of Game** night in January. We hope everyone stays safe and we look forward to better times ahead!

Masses on Parish web cams. and can be accessed on www.mcmedia.tv and church services. CB Radio is also on air.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE manage 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 seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Teemore Shamrocks GFC

Lotto: Draw held on 28/12/2020. Numbers drawn were: 4, 15, 24, 30. No jackpot winner. £20 - Jolene Coyle. £10 - Ronan Drumm. £10 - Cliona Hamill. Draw held on 04/01/2021. Numbers drawn were 6, 17, 28, 29. No jackpot winner. £50 - Ciaran McManus. £20 - Michael McCafferty. £10 - Philip McGovern. Next week's jackpot is £3800. Play our Club Lotto online via this link -

https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Teemore_Shamrocks_GFC/lotto. Thank you to everyone for supporting our club lotto during these challenging times.

Draw for sticks: We are running a special draw to win a huge trailer load of cut sticks! All money raised in our draw will be going to St. Mary's Primary School, Teemore and St. Aidan's High School, Derrylin! Tickets are £5 each or 3 for £10 and can be bought on our Klubfunder website via the links below! We are encouraging all our club members to support our draw to help out or two local Schools! The link to 3 tickets option -

https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Teemore_Shamrocks_GFC/Events/Three_Tickets_for_St_Aidans_and_St_Marys_fundraiser The link to the single ticket option - https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Teemore_Shamrocks_GFC/Events/Single_Ticket_for_St_Aidans_and_St_Marys_fundraise

Club Gear: A huge thank you to everyone who ordered club gear. A special thank you to Ruairi & Aine Maguire for organising it all.

GAA Rules: Given the current exceptional rise in infection rates of Covid 19 and the increased risk of community transmission, the GAA has taken the decision that there will be no collective training permitted for club teams for the foreseeable future.

During these lockdown weeks we encourage all club members to look out for each other, check in on neighbours and stay safe and well.

Sympathies: As a club we were deeply saddened and heartbroken of the tragic and sudden passing of Sean Drumm, Drummetta Road, Aghalane, Teemore. Sean wore the Shamrocks jersey for over 30 years winning 5 Senior Championships in a decorated career. When he hung up his boots he remained heavily involved within our club through positions on our executive committee, team management roles, referee and organising our long running annual poker classic. Sean was also heavily involved with the initial development of St. Mary's Park and continued to attend many matches to support his two sons Ronan and Colm. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Mary (nee Melanophy), sons Ronan & Colm, their partners Aideen and Tara, grandson Aidan, brother Francis and sisters Moira, Sheila, Rosaleen, Carmel and Christina, brothers in law, sisters in law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. Sean will always be remembered as a great teammate, true Gael and friend of all who will never be forgotten. May Sean rest in the Peace and Love of God.

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Come to the water

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, the moment when God reveals who Jesus is. Our readings are rich with water imagery. Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Scriptures, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life and newness, an opportunity for God to reach out to us, be present with us and teach us something, as well as an opportunity for cleansing and a fresh start.

Our gospel today tells of Jesus being baptised by John in the river Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry. By approaching John for baptism, along with all the others, Jesus is identifying with the people and allowing himself to be counted among sinners. It is a sign that he submitting to God's will. At this crucial moment, as soon as he emerges from the Jordan, Jesus sees the heavens open and the voice of God confirming him as 'Beloved Son'. It is a moment of divine approval, confirming Jesus' identity and launching him on his new mission.

The baptism of Jesus is a reminder of our own identity and mission. We are beloved daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Jesus, members of God's family. In today's first reading we are invited: 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty'. We are called to the water, to that moment when we recognise who Jesus is, who we are, and our mission to live as children of God.

'In order to live a life of holiness, we must first receive new life from God — we must be born from above.'

J. Vernon McGee

