

The Sunday Newsletter

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

21st February 2021 First Sunday of Lent

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The churches are closed for Public Worship until Thursday 1st April.

(This reopening date is subject to review in late March.)

During this time, Mass on webcam will be the 11.15am Mass from St Ninnidh's Church on Sundays of February and March and on the Wednesdays of Lent at 10am.

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:

Intentions for this Sunday, 21st February

John Martin (Coragh) (1st Anniversary Mass)

Peter, Margaret & Packie McAloon (Coragh)

Mary & Elizabeth McGurn (Coragh)

Jim McCaffrey (Main St)

Sonny Gilleece & Family (Tiraroe)

Reader for 21st February Ella Clarke.

Sarah Ellen Reilly RIP Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sarah Ellen Reilly, Aughyoule, her funeral took place on Monday in Teemore.

Mary Murphy RIP. Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mary Murphy, Mullyneeny, her funeral took place on Wednesday in Derrylin.

Intentions for Sunday 28th February

Christine Gilheaney (Kilnakelly)

Jim & Kathleen McCaffrey & Family (Gortneddin)

Frank Maguire (Gortneddin)

James & Mary Rodgers (Arranmore)

John Seery (Tonnacrub)

Reader for 28th February Conaill Boyle

Weekday Masses: Fr Murray will celebrate Mass at in Derrylin Church at 10am on the Wednesdays of Lent on webcam.

Fr Alwill will celebrate Mass in Teemore Church at 7pm on the Wednesdays of Lent on webcam.

Web Cam Problems: During this past week many of us will have experienced difficulties trying to access the web cam feeds from both St Ninnidh's Church and St Mary's Church. These problems were caused by the service providers, MCN Media. The problems impacted on those who access the web cam using the link on our web site and on those of us who use the special box to view the the web cam on our TV sets. Hopefully, at the time of going to print, these issues have been resolved.

However, if we are still experiencing difficulties accessing the feed from our web cams we could try the following on our computers or tablets....

In our Web Browser type: mcnmedia.tv This will bring us to the MCN Home Page.
Select the COUNTRY: Northern Ireland
Select the COUNTY: Fermanagh
We will then see images of various churches in Fermanagh.
Click on the image of St Ninnidh's or St Mary's.
We should then be able to access the feed from the web cam.

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

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.

Masses on Parish web cams. and can be accessed on www.mcnmedia.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 00353818 222 024.

Trócaire's Lenten campaign for 2021 tells the stories of two families in South Sudan whose lives have been impacted by conflict. Awut and Ajak are shining examples of resilience, friendship and solidarity. This Lent we hear not only about the enormous challenges they have faced, but also about how they support each other through these challenges.

Teemore Women's Group: Group Members offer sincere sympathy to Maureen Maguire on the death of her mother. May she rest in peace.

AFTERNOON TEA Members are being treated to Afternoon Tea with a difference on Tuesday 16th March. Individual,sealed Tea Boxes freshly prepared by Sharon Finlay on Tuesday morning 16th March will be available for Members to pick up at the Main Door of Teemore Business Centre 2pm--3pm.**Limited Number > Early Booking Required Contact 67748710 By Feb 28th**

Derrylin O'Connell's

LOTTO: Due to the new restrictions, our lotto is suspended until further notice. **Jackpot stands at £4650.**

Community Assistance - The health and well-being of our community is so important to us and in these difficult times we want to be able to support and offer assistance to the elderly and most vulnerable individuals/families in Derrylin. If you or anyone you know requires assistance with collecting prescriptions, groceries or any essential needs you can contact one of our club coordinators below who will arrange as necessary.

Eimhear Reilly – 07584902208; Leanne Prior – 07742593106; Joe Reilly - 07598835869

***** You do not have to be a club member to avail of assistance *****

THE WALKING TRACK AT O'CONNELL PARK IS CLOSED THIS WEEK DUE TO ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE.

Derrylin O'Connell's are saddened to learn of the passing of Anna McGovern. We extend our deepest sympathies to Peadár and the entire family circle on the passing of his mother. We also offer sincere condolences to the family of Mary Murphy, Mullyneey, who passed away on Monday. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

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First Sunday of Lent



Wilderness

On this first Sunday of Lent, we are invited to embrace the wilderness. The past year has given us experience of wilderness as our world battled a pandemic. Many people were afraid, isolated, alone, and uncertain of what the future would bring. Humanity was adrift in what seemed like a desert moment. However, wilderness can bring opportunity. It can be a time for deep reflection, where we take stock of what is most important to us, a chance to let go of things that are really not important and focus on where we are being called to be. During this past year, what opportunity did this wilderness offer you?

Lent is also a time where people give up something, focus on weight loss or getting fit, take on a course, try to better themselves in some way. And these can be good things, but Lent is so much more than that. It is a retreat time, a time to make room for something deeper. It is a spring-cleaning sort of time, an opportunity to ask, 'what needs clearing out in my life so that I can make more room for God?' 'What changes am I being called to embrace?' Without change we cannot grow, and things fast become stale in our lives. God is always urging us on because God knows just what possibilities there are for each of us. Lent offers us the opportunity to make space for something new, to let go of what is keeping us from living life to the full.

The Gospel today is short, Jesus is sent into the wilderness, into the desert, and we too are invited into a desert time. Deserts are interesting places which can allow us to reflect, give ourselves space. It is true that we might encounter our demons there, but we should not be afraid because as the Gospel tells us clearly today, this is a Spirit-led desert. God is with us. Let us try to embrace this wilderness. How we make use of this time determines what will be.

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill you heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to other
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Lenten Litany

Heavenly Father, this Lent we ask your grace –

To fast from judging others and feast on what makes them special, *Lord help us*

To fast from unkind words and feast on kindness, *Lord help us*

To fast from jealousy and feast on offering compliments *Lord help us*

To fast from getting angry and feast on being patient, *Lord help us*

To fast from worry and feast on trusting God, *Lord help us*

To fast from complaining and feast on gratitude, *Lord help us*

To fast from nastiness and feast on friendliness, *Lord help us*

To fast from greed and feast on giving, *Lord help us*

To fast from selfishness and feast on helping others, *Lord help us*

To fast from discouragement and feast on hope. *Lord help us*

A Pastoral Letter for Lent 2021 - Walking together in hope.

The facts as they are now.

We are enduring a longer lockdown at home; working or not working, home-schooling or alone, in hospital or nursing home. It is difficult hearing news of the high level of positive cases of Covid-19 and sadly of more deaths – our sympathies are with the grieving families. The roll-out of the vaccines is welcome and offers hope.

In the midst of suffering due to the pandemic, it is important that we take account of the recent reports of the Mother and Baby Homes and listen from the heart to the pain endured by mothers and their children. As Church, we ask forgiveness and resolve to always act in accord with the compassion of Jesus Christ. We must begin again in a spirit of repentance trusting in the merciful love of the Good Lord.

What is important now?

As a People of God, we are called to reach out to others. We can be visible to each other in taking our necessary physical exercise outdoors on our streets and our roads to offer encouragement to each other in these difficult times. With less possibilities of meeting with extended family and friends, going for a walk may be just the

opportunity for some much-needed social interaction by way of a nod, a smile, a greeting, or a brief chat at a safe distance. Our healthcare and frontline personnel have become our sources of inspiration in this regard. Also, a phone call to those who cannot be outdoors makes all the difference. Covid-19 is teaching us an appreciation of each other and of the usefulness of online communication technology.

It is encouraging that an increasing number of parishes have had webcam and radio links installed as parishioners value keeping in touch with their own faith community. Also, there is greater contact between the older more vulnerable generation, thanks to the technological 'know-how' of our younger generation. While we cannot be present to each other as we would like and we do feel isolated, yet online platforms are ways of keeping in contact with each other as well as with our faith being celebrated at home.

What can we be doing now?

We are about to begin our Lenten journey of accompanying Jesus on His forty days of isolation in the desert wilderness. In this current lockdown, we find ourselves isolated from normal social interaction and in the midst again of a kind of wilderness experience. Covid-19 is becoming our teacher. We are being called again to take time to consider and to contemplate what is most important in life. During Lent we are invited to journey with Jesus to feel His suffering which He endured on our behalf. On that spiritual journey we can come to a realisation of how Jesus is with us in our struggling with this ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

As we are living through exceptional times, we will celebrate Lent differently this year. We will begin on Ash Wednesday, 17th February with specially prepared prayers and rituals for use at home which have a focus upon actions for Lent. These resources for use at home or guided by parishes, where it is possible, will be available online via diocesan/parish websites or for collection in churches beforehand and in your local newspapers -.

This year, our Trocaire Lenten Campaign invites us to walk with two women, Awat and Ajak, brought together by the horror of war in South Sudan and whose families are now sharing their lives with love and kindness. Your practical support for the Trocaire campaign of social justice is much needed and appreciated. Every effort will be made by parishes to ensure the availability of the Trocaire boxes for collection in a safe way.

Finally, I invite you to gather around the Gospels of the Sundays of Lent amid living with Covid-19 to break open the Word of God and to share your insights with each other. In staying on the Lenten journey, we can come to Holy Week with a deeper appreciation of the story of Jesus and experience the joy and hope of new life, of the Resurrection which we will celebrate at Easter. In being nourished at the level of the spiritual we are sustained and made resilient in our reaching out to others.

Yours in Christ.



+ Martin Hayes
Bishop of Kilmore.