

# The Sunday Newsletter

## Knockninny

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

7<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Third Sunday of Lent

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The churches are closed for Public Worship until Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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 is 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 Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March

John Jack & Maggie McCaffrey

T P McCarron (Tonywall)

Terence & Maura Curry (Knockateggal)

Reader for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March Cara Wardman

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March:

Thomas & Kathleen McManus (Drumany More)

Mary Murphy (Mullyneeny) (Month's Mind)

Brian Shannon (St Patrick's Day)

Reader for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March Aoibhean Donohoe

**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:** 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](http://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](mailto:derrylin@kilmorediocese.ie) We thank you for your continued support.

**Masses on Parish web cams. and can be accessed on [www.mcmedia.tv](http://www.mcmedia.tv) and church services. CB Radio is also on air.**

**Derrylin CCE** - Derrylin branch would like to invite existing members to renew their membership for 2021. While our classes have been deferred due to the pandemic we have many virtual opportunities/entertainment for our members. The first ever virtual Fermanagh Fleadhfest concert is planned for June 20201 and Derrylin members will have opportunities to participate. If you wish to renew your membership contact us by email before 14th March at [derrylin@comhaltas.net](mailto:derrylin@comhaltas.net)

**CARERS ON-LINE COFFEE MORNING** Calling all Carers in the Diocese of Kilmore : We are very mindful of the extra strain and stress that these times are placing on Carers. We would like (if there is enough interest) to set up an online support group where Carers have an opportunity to meet others in similar situations and to build supportive and enriching friendships. If you are a Carer and would like to be a part of our group please email [martinapastoralworker@gmail.com](mailto:martinapastoralworker@gmail.com) indicating your interest. We would love to hear from you.

**Teemore Women's Group: 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**

**Bishop Martin Hayes, bishop of Kilmore will be saying Mass on RTE one television at 11am on Sunday next, 7<sup>th</sup> March.**

**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.

**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 \*\*\*

**Teemore Shamrocks GFC Lotto:** Draw held on 01/03/2020. Numbers drawn were: 6, 14, 15, 24. No jackpot winner. £50 - Garrett McGrath. £20 - Joanne Martin. £10 - Seamie Maguire. Next week's jackpot is £4200. Play our Club Lotto online via this link -

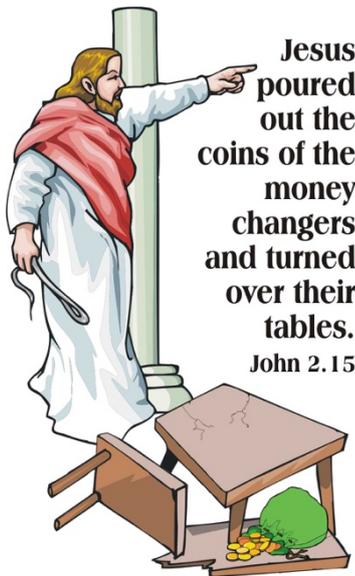
[https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Teemore\\_Shamrocks\\_GFC/lotto](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Teemore_Shamrocks_GFC/lotto). Thank you to everyone for supporting our club lotto during these challenging times.

**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.**

**Club Membership:** Our club membership has moved online this year and can be purchased on [foireann.ie](http://foireann.ie) once you register and sign into this website. Please check out our Club Facebook page for a step by step video guide on how to register online to become a member of our club. Membership details and the video on how to register will be on our new club website which will be launched over the coming weeks. Your membership covers player insurance, training equipment and the up keep of our club facilities including our walking track.

**Seamróga Óg virtual skills & fitness challenge:** Well done to all our young players for taking part in the first week of our virtual skills and fitness challenge! A huge thank you to our youth committee, coaches and senior players for all of their effort in getting this new initiative up and running during lockdown. Keep practicing and sending in your videos to your relevant coaches over the coming weeks to be in with a chance of winning some great prizes!

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**Jesus poured out the coins of the money changers and turned over their tables.**

**John 2.15**

**A question of authority**

It is tough at times to figure out who has authority on certain issues. There are ‘experts’ everywhere, telling us how we should eat, exercise, manage our finances... the list goes on. Something that has struck me during the current pandemic is how hard it can be to know who to believe. We hear from doctors and virologists, politicians and economists, and their opinions don’t always align. It can take us a while to trust the voices we hear in the media.

The Temple scene in today’s gospel sparks a debate about Jesus’ authority. While he certainly cuts an authoritative figure as he drives out the stall-holders and money-changers, he is immediately questioned. The Jews demand a sign to explain his provocative words and actions, as if to say ‘Who do you think you are?’ It is interesting to note that in John’s Gospel, this scene takes place at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry (unlike the Synoptic Gospels where it comes towards the end). This would explain the disbelief of the witnesses.

In calling the Temple ‘my Father’s house’ Jesus identifies the source of his authority. But his interrogators do not understand, nor do his disciples, though we are told it later makes sense to them after the resurrection. This scene offers more than an angry Jesus and a clueless audience. It is a public revelation of Jesus’ identity and authority, as the one in whom God’s presence dwells. It also emphasises the radical new way of living that Jesus has come to bring about. As we journey through Lent, we ask ourselves where the message of Jesus has become obstructed in our lives, and how we might open our hearts again to his presence and guidance.

*‘I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.’*

(Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*)

**POPE FRANCIS’S 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 pressure and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen..

**Life in South Sudan:** This Lent, we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity.

Awut and Ajak are survivors. They survived a war, but each day remains a battle: a battle to earn money; a battle to grow food; a battle to pay for their children's school; a battle to survive and thrive. Their lives have been torn apart by a war they never wanted. This is the injustice of war. It is not just that they lost their homes. It is not just that they struggle each day to survive. They are supporting each other but they are living in fear, and it is not just. These two remarkable women were strangers when they lost their homes and their husbands to South Sudan's brutal war. Far away from the villages they once called home, they are working hard together to rebuild from the ashes of war. After Awut's husband was killed, she fled with the eight children she was looking after, trekking through the dangerous bushland until she arrived at Malek. There, she was welcomed by the people and given her own patch of land. Awut still finds it hard to talk about this time. She feared herself and her family would die stranded in the dangerous bushland, trying to flee the war. 'The experience of fleeing was horrible,' she says. 'We suffered a lot in the bushes with hunger. Awut and Ajak are survivors. They survived a war, but each day remains a battle: a battle to earn money; a battle to grow food; a battle to pay for their children's school; a battle to survive and thrive. Meet Awut and Ajak in their community in Malek, South Sudan. Photo credit: Achuoth Deng and thirst. Myself and the children trekked for long days without food or water. ' She was alone with her children. She had no home. No money. No food. She arrived into the town of Malek scared, hungry and fearful. But in this very special place she found what she thought she had lost forever: love, hope and the welcoming arms of strangers. It was March when Awut and her family arrived, a time of year known as 'the hungry months' when the last harvest is exhausted but the new one is yet to bear crops. People in Malek had little of their own, but what they had, they shared with this widowed mother and her family. 'We were feeding on wild fruits,' she remembers. 'Then Trócaire's partner came in and started providing help. This help changed our lives. The people gave my family land and Trócaire's partner gave us seeds. Now I plant my own crops. I am working hard and providing for my family.. They struggle to earn money, grow food and attend school. Life continues to be full of challenges and obstacles for these amazing women, but they face these challenges together, with dignity and solidarity.

#### **Prayer for Our Earth**

**All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.**

**You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.**

**Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.**

**Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.**

**O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and  
forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.**

**Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.**

**Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the  
earth.**

**Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards  
your infinite light**

**We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace. (Pope Francis, Laudato Si)**