

# The Sunday Newsletter

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

14<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Fourth 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 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 :

**Sunday, 14th March.**

Thomas & Kathleen McManus (Dumanymore), also Peter, Valerie and Thomas (Canada)

Mary Murphy (Mullyneeney) (Month's Mind)

**Reader for Sunday 14th March** Aoibhean Donohoe

**Cyril Gunn RIP.** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Cyril Gunn, Cloghan. His funeral took place last Sunday.

**Wednesday 17th March, St Patrick's Day.**

Brian Shannon (Aughakillymaude)

Peter McGovern (Drumanymore)

**Reader for St Patrick's Day: Molly Flanagan**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March Feast of St Joseph Mass at 10.00am on Webcam**

**Sunday, 21st March.**

James & Josephine McManus & Family (Derryhooly)

Jim McCaffrey (Cornaleck)

Conor & Rosaleen Maguire (Drumshimuck)

**Reader for 21<sup>st</sup> March: Conaill Boyle**

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

Fr Alwill will celebrate Mass in Teemore Church at 7.00pm on the Wednesdays of Lent on webcam.

### NOTICE

**St Patrick's Day:** Wednesday next, 17th March, is St Patrick's Day. The parish Mass for St Patrick's Day will be at 11.15am on Wednesday morning and, as on Sunday mornings, the Mass will be streamed online. There will not be a 7.00 pm Mass that evening in St Mary's Church, Teemore.

### **St Patrick's Day Collection:**

**Your generosity to the St Patrick's Day collection will help:-**

**Support Irish Missionaries working in African Countries.**

**Provide support to the Irish Emigrant Chaplaincy abroad**

**Educate seminarians to the Priesthood in Africa.**

**Please put your contribution in the safe in the Derrylin Church**

( In 2019 the parish contributed €3,142.80 Last year 2020 because of lockdown our parish contribution was €468.91 so please be generous.)

**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 2021 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)

**Teemore Women's Group:** REMINDER Members who have booked Tea Boxes please note boxes are for collection between 2pm & 3pm on Tuesday 16th March. Collection Point - Teemore Business Centre. Strict Adherence To Covid Guidelines To Be Observed.

### **Derrylin O'Connell's**

**LOTTO:** Lotto will recommence on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March for online entries. **Jackpot stands at £4650.** [www.Klubfunder.com](http://www.Klubfunder.com)

**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 \*\*\*

Check our social media pages for a fantastic competition we are running – Facebook –

Derrylin O'Connell's; Twitter - @DerrylinGFC; Instagram - derrylinconnells

**Derrylin O'Connell's** are saddened to learn of the passing of Cyril Gunn, Cloghan, Derrylin.

We extend our deepest sympathies to current executive members Tommy and Eamonn and offer our sincere condolences to the entire family circle. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

### **Teemore Shamrocks GFC**

**Lotto:** Draw held on 08/03/2020. Numbers drawn were: 1, 2, 6, 30. No jackpot winner. £20 - Garrett McEnri. £10 - Declan Drumm. £10 - Jennifer Donohoe. Next week's jackpot is £4250. 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.

**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 second 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 running this initiative 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!

**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.

**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.

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Laetare Sunday**

**Out into the light**

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday – *Laetare* means 'Rejoice!' We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but signs of joy are central at Mass today. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. In our gospel we hear that 'the [person] who lives by the truth comes out into the light'. On the other hand, Jesus says that those who 'prefer darkness to the light' live in fear that their actions will be exposed.

We hear a lot of talk these days about transparency. We have seen the damage caused by those whose private actions gravely contradict the message they proclaim in the public sphere. Some questions we might ask ourselves this Lent are: Am I living a truthful life 'in the light'? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? Am I attentive to the needs of others or am I more inclined to think of myself? Lent offers us the opportunity to step out into the light, to allow the light of Jesus to sweep away any darkness or destructive habits and to begin again.

*'We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others; when we know when to smile with those who smile, and weep with those who weep; when we accompany those who are sad and at risk of losing hope; when we recount our experience of faith to those who are searching for meaning and happiness... and there – with our attitude, with our witness, with our life – we say 'Jesus is Risen,' with our soul.'* (Pope Francis)

**St Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland**

**17 March 2021**

**'I arise today'**

We often forget that Patrick was an immigrant – in modern terms we might call him an undocumented migrant. In his *Confession* he describes himself as a refugee: 'I am first of all a simple country person, a refugee and unlearned. I do not know how to provide for the future.' But Patrick's fortunes were turned around and he embarked on a mission in his adopted homeland that would earn him the title 'Apostle of Ireland'.



We are reminded in our gospel today of our mission to ‘Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation’. While this might seem a mammoth task, we are reminded of all those who have carried that torch of faith down through the ages, from the apostles, to St Patrick and the saints and all who have been courageous in bringing the Good News of Jesus to the world. Many, like Patrick, would have been considered unlikely disciples and teachers but they embraced the challenge.

We all have our part to play in this mission. Through the words we speak, the way we love, the way we work for justice and care for creation, we are participating in God’s plan for the world. The faith passed to us through Patrick encourages us to greet each day with joy, hope and courage. Let us be inspired to meet the challenge of each new day with the words of *St Patrick’s Breastplate*:

*I arise today, through  
the strength of heaven,  
The light of the sun,  
The radiance of the moon...*

### **Feast of St Joseph 19<sup>th</sup> March. Pope Francis proclaims “Year of St Joseph”**

With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from today, 8 Dec 2020, to 8 Dec 2021.

### **We pray Pope Francis' Prayer for the Year of Saint Joseph:**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself  
a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy,  
and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

### **Memorare to Saint Joseph**

**Remember,  
O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
my great protector, Saint Joseph,  
that no one ever had recourse to your protection  
or implored your aid without obtaining relief.  
Confiding therefore in your goodness,  
I come before you.  
Do not turn down my petitions,  
foster father of the Redeemer,  
but graciously receive them. Amen.**