

# The Sunday Newsletter

## Knockninny

ST NINNIDH'S CHURCH DERRYLIN

21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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**Reopening of Churches for Public Worship:** In a statement issued on St Patrick's Day, the Northern Bishops (Bishops whose dioceses are either fully or partly within Northern Ireland) announced a "*cautious return to public worship for the faithful from 26 March in time for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.*" The statement also included the following words of advice: "*Every person should consider carefully if returning to collective worship is the safe and appropriate step for them, at this time. Families are encouraged to join those celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus in churches, from the 'domestic church' of their own living rooms, via live-streaming.*" In accordance with this statement, the Parish of Knockninny will resume the public celebration of Masses next weekend. (See Mass schedule for details.) Fr Alwill also draws the attention of parishioners to the words of caution contained in the Bishops' statement. Parishioners who have any doubts whatsoever about the safety of returning to church at this time are advised to stay at home and join in with the ceremonies via the web cams.

**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.**

**We remember the following whose anniversaries were due to be celebrated :**  
**Sunday, 21st March.**

James & Josephine McManus & Family (Derryhooly)

Jim McCaffrey (Cornaleck)

Conor & Rosaleen Maguire (Drumshimuck)

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

**Wednesday 24th March**

**10.00am Mass in Derrylin on webcam**

**7pm Mass in Teemore on webcam:** Sarah Ellen Reilly (Month's Mind) her brothers Sean & Farrell (The Borough) on webcam

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**Mass Intentions:**

**Saturday 27 March - 8pm Derrylin**

Mary McManus and Family and Joe McQuillan (Aughyoule)

**Sunday 28 March - 11.15 Derrylin**

Ann Best (1st Anniversary)

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Readers:** Breege Smith

**Gospel Passion** Narrator Conaill Boyle & Other voices Ellen McCaffrey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Michelle Maguire Colette Cassidy

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March; Reader** Ciara Gunn

**Gospel Passion:** Narrator Ella Clarke & Other voices Niall McGovern

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Anne McBrien Tomas Scallon

**Next weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday. For safety please bring a piece of evergreen branch to have it blessed. At home please have an evergreen branch and Holy Water to join with the priest when he blesses the Palm in the church.**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH TEEMORE**  
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**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday 28 March - 9.45 Teemore**

Tina (Christina) McDonald (1st Anniversary)

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday ---Reader: Seamus Owens**

Passion Narrator--Edelle Curry Other Voice- Sean Rice

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Caitlin Waterson Susan McCusker

**Parish Pastoral Council:** A 'socially-distanced' meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is planned for 7.30 on Tuesday evening next, 23rd March. The meeting will take place in the Community Centre, Derrylin, and we will try to keep it as brief as possible.

**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.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.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)

**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:** 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**

### **Teemore Shamrocks GFC**

**Lotto:** Draw held on 15/03/2020. Numbers drawn were: 1, 11, 25, 26. No jackpot winner. £20 - Sharon McBrien. £10 - Eoin McManus. £10 - Geraldine Devine. Next week's jackpot is £4300.

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. Membership closes on the 31st March.

**Seamróga Óg virtual skills & fitness challenge:** Well done to all our young players for taking part in the third 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!

**St. Patrick's Day Music Session:** A huge thank you to our Cultural Officer James McBarron and all the talented Musicians and singers who took part in our virtual St. Patrick's Day Music Session! A wonderful event for everyone in our community!

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**



**‘When I am lifted up from the earth.  
I shall draw all men to myself.’**

### **‘We should like to see Jesus’**

Those poor Greeks. Did you notice that they never actually get to meet Jesus? At the start of today’s gospel, some Greeks who are followers of Jesus come to Jerusalem. They are travellers, outsiders, and would like to meet Jesus in person. But when Philip and Andrew relay the request, Jesus begins to talk about how his ‘hour’ is coming. It is the last we hear of the Greeks, who disappear from the story altogether.

But they are important nonetheless. Firstly, they indicate that word about Jesus is spreading. More importantly, they prompt Jesus to reveal that, when his hour comes, he will draw ‘all people’ to himself. In the space of a few short verses, we go from a brief mention of a group of foreigners seeking Jesus, to Jesus making it clear that his saving mission is for all people, of all nations, both Jews and Gentiles – including these Greeks! There is no suggestion from Jesus that some groups are ‘in’ and others ‘out’. All are included. All are invited. All are welcome.

I remember once hearing someone describe their home as a domestic church, a place of ‘indiscriminate welcome’. As we continue our journey through Lent and soon into Holy Week, we listen carefully to these words of Jesus. He came for everyone. He wishes to draw all people to himself. Notwithstanding the current restrictions on gatherings and public worship, let us take this time to reflect on the world we would like to build when things open up again. Are we open to everyone, including ‘outsiders’? Do our homes, parishes and communities radiate welcome, where all who enter experience God’s love?

*'For some, the good news is that there are insiders and outsiders and they are the insiders. For others, the good news is that there are no outsiders.'* (Rachel Held Evans)

### **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.**