

CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY NEWSLETTER

Fr. Martin Blake 6839735/087-6720287 Fr. Donagh O' Meara 087-2322140; Fr. Martin Shanahan 087-7486935

Canon Michael McLaughlin 6839332/086-2213025

PARISH OFFICE 065-6839735 ----- Opening Hours- Mon. Tue. Wed. 10.00am – 4.30pm each day

Email- Parish Office –kilmaleyparish@gmail.com www.kilmaleyparish.ie

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES- Frances Connellan, Anne Grace, Martina Custy, John McMahon

Second Sunday Of Easter --“Year A” 19th April 2020.

Parishioners are encouraged to join spiritually the celebration of Masses either on parish radio or on webcam. Parishes in the diocese that have web-cam facilities include Kilrush, Ennis, Quin, Shannon, Clarecastle, Barefield, Roscera and Nenagh. For times of Masses please check relevant newsletters.

You and I are signs of Jesus.

The ordinary kindness of an ordinary day, like a message brought for a housebound person, like the daily care of father and mother, the care of children for parents and family, signs of the love and care of Jesus.

The signs that Jesus is alive: remembering the bereaved and the sick, creating employment and good housing, helping the work of the front line staff in our hospitals and in the community; signs of the love and care of Jesus, that he is raised from death, and we are writing the resurrection story for today.

PARISH OFFICE: Closed to the public, but parish business can continue by way of telephone on 065 6839735 or by e-mail kilmaleyparish@gmail.com. Alternatively Fr Martin can be contacted by phone on 087 6720287.

CLOSURE OF CHURCHES: Church buildings are to remain closed until further notice. **There is no daily mass in Any of our three churches.**

EASTER HOLY WATER: Will be available for distribution to our parishioners when it is safe to do so.

GROUPED ANNIVERSARY MASSES: booked for this month will not now go ahead and can be rescheduled for a later date.

FUNERALS: The recommendation is that only immediate family would attend the funeral liturgy. A thoughtful card or note expressing sympathy might be effective in expressing our solidarity with the bereaved.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES: MAY: Kilmaley Sat. 9th & 23rd @ 7.30pm. Connolly Sun. 10th & 24th @ 10.30am. Inch Sun. 10th & 24th @ 9.15am.

BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS: Sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously every weekend to all the various collections:

CLARE HOSPICE AT CAHERCALLA: Weekly Draw Result — 1st Prize €650.00— Anne O Sullivan. 2nd Prize €200 — Ray and Ann O Sullivan. To join contact Fundraising Office 065 682196 or www.cahercalla.ie

KILMALEY LOTTO: Numbers Drawn 01,10,17,20 Jackpot next week €16,200. €30 winners; Susan Fitzgibbon, Pat Lynch, Peter McDonnell, Saidhbhain Ni Cheallaigh, Bernie Burke. **Please Note:** In light of the recent outbreak of COVID-19 and in the interests of public safety of our volunteers who sell the lotto each week, lotto tickets will no longer be available to be purchased in shops and pubs in Kilmaley. Tickets can be purchased on line at www.kilmaleygaa.ie or alternatively contact **Kieran 086 3145604, Cathal 087 4179056 or Clare 085 1705286.** The cut off time for the purchase of tickets is 6pm each Saturday evening. The draw will continue to be completed weekly with the draw being conducted via Facebook Live at 9pm each Saturday evening. The winner of the jackpot and/or the €30 weekly prize winners will be contacted directly and the prize money will be transferred via EFT.

MASS CARDS: Selection of signed Mass Cards, Sympathy, Get Well, Thank you, Special Occasions Mass Bouquet, Birthday Wishes, Exam Success, Wedding Day, etc. all available from Parish Office. Due to COVID—19 the parish office is closed to the public but cards can be purchased by phone on 087 6720287, or by e-mail kilmaleyparish@gmail.com.

KILLALOE DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: It is with profound regret we announce that the Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 26th June 2020 has been rescheduled to 29th June 2021. The decision was taken by the Diocese in consultation with Joe Walsh Tours in the light of the Covid 19 Coronavirus Pandemic. A decision on the Autumn Pilgrimage will be taken in due course.

Notices for Newsletter to Parish Office by 1.00pm

on Wednesday

E-mail kilmaleyparish@gmail.com.

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE: Kilmaley, Inch, Connolly Parish - Follow the link at the bottom of our parish website www.kilmaleyparish.ie

KILMALEY DAY CARE CENTRE: Due to COVID-19 the day centre will remain closed. Please contact the centre on 065 68 39768 should you require shopping, medications to be collected or a dinner delivered.

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY: Novena prayers at **Ennis Cathedral on Sunday April 19th Devotions and Benediction** led by Bishop Fintan Monahan starting at 3pm. Please join in prayer by Ennis Web Cam.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES: Direct flights from Shannon to Mostar, Medjugorje, arrive in Medjugorje in half the time. **Sept 16th to 23rd.** For more information contact Francis Sexton 065 7087200 or 065 7084075.

MASS ON LOCAL RADIO: Details of Masses which can be heard or viewed on line during the coming weekend. **Clare FM and Tipp FM at 9.00 am on Sunday morning.** Hope this helps in some way to keep a praying community together

RADIO MARIA IRELAND: a Catholic radio station can be found on saorview 210 on your TV and also app can be downloaded and also on Facebook. Spread the word, people need reassurance at this time. Mass celebrated every day at 10am. Fr Eamonn and all the staff are doing brilliant work. Anyone can visit the station as well for Adoration.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Due to the coronavirus there will be no adoration until further notice. Visits to the Blessed sacrament can always be done even at a distance from the church building in an act of recollection and prayer at home. The practice of spiritual communion is recommended to all who cannot receive the Eucharist at this time.

CONNOLLY N.S BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL OPERA-TOR: Connolly N.S. are looking for interested enthusiastic parties with the competence to operate a Before and After School Service for Connolly N.S. Applicants apply in writing to, Chairperson Board of Management Connolly N.S, Fr Martin Blake, Connolly, Ennis Co Clare before 30th April 2020.

IRISH RED CROSS & AGE ACTION: COVID-19 Hardship fund 2020. Grant value is €500 per person / household and is now available for those vulnerable over 65 year olds in our communities. The grant will cover small household maintenance repairs and safety improvements, food and basic provisions and associated delivery costs, upgrade of small essential electrical appliances - cookers, washing machine, fridge, freezer. Provide digital equipment, cover telephone bills and security alarm costs, also covers essential travel expenses for medical appointments. Closing date for application is 28th August 2020. For more information contact **James Lafferty, Irish Red Cross Community Support Officer— 086 8323456**

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: ALONE has launched 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 Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE

HELPLINE: The helpline can put you in touch with local volunteers who can assist with delivering basic needs such as shopping, medicine, fuel, farming support etc. to those who need it. Tel: 1890 252943 Email: covidsupport@clarecoco.ie

VICTIM ASSISTANCE: We are all overwhelmed by the Corona virus outbreak and we hope that you and yours are all safe and healthy. Now more than ever we need to stay calm, be resourceful, and do what we do best: focus on supporting each other. As a national charity that offers “emotional” and “practical” support to all victims of crime and those and their families that have experienced a “traumatic” incident, we want to reassure all concerned that we at Victim Assistance are committed to continuing our services to those that need us. Whilst some of our staff are working remotely, we can be contacted through our **NATIONAL HELPLINE** at **1800 277 477**, our office telephone 094 9000251 or by **email** at support@victimassistance.ie. Our offices are manned Monday-Friday 9.30am-5.30pm during these difficult times. Remember – social distancing doesn’t mean social isolation – we are here to help and support!

CLARECARE SUPPORT LINE: has launched a dedicated telephone and e-mail support service to provide parents with a listening ear, parenting guidance and practical assistance. The Parent Support Line is operated by professional, experienced Family Support Staff who ordinarily facilitate the parenting programmes supporting parents and carers through Covid-19. Contact **065 6828178 Monday to Friday from 10am – 4pm.** Or parentingsupport@clarecare.ie

COVID-19 COUPLES & RELATIONSHIPS SUPPORT LINE: If you need to speak to an experienced couples and relationship counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life contact 01 5313331 9am—8pm, Monday to Friday.

FITNESS FOR FUN FOR OVER-FIFTIES: Log in with Facebook for online exercise classes with John Conroy next on **Tuesdays at 10am.**

MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE: is currently accepting applications for its exciting M Ed in Religious Education. This two-year part-time programme and will be delivered in a face-to-face format. The modules will facilitate critical analysis of the nature, purpose and place of Religious Education from a national and international perspective, explore areas for research, as well as reflecting on the importance of leadership within the curricular area. Core modules include Religious Education, Scripture and the Sacraments and New Testament Christology.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: While we cannot receive communion at this time we can still make an act of Spiritual Communion in which we express our faith in Jesus and his presence in the Eucharist and invite him to unite himself with us.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.