

CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA

INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT -- “Year A” 29th March 2020

Public Celebration of Mass

In View of the Government Statement and the need to avoid indoor public gatherings of more than 100 people, and the difficulty of guaranteeing this in practice, following consultation I have decided as follows:

- **All public Masses in this diocese, Sundays and weekdays (with the exception of Funeral Masses and the Celebration of Marriage – see below) are suspended until 19th April or until further notice.**
- The obligation to be physically present at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is therefore suspended for everybody until further notice.
- Priests will continue to remember the needs of parishioners at Mass celebrated privately.
- The faithful are encouraged to join spiritually in the celebration of Mass, either on parish radio or on web-cam. Parishes that have web-cams include: Kilrush, Roscrea, Ennis, Quin, Nenagh and Shannon.

Parishioners are also encouraged to pray at home, including especially prayers for the sick, for those who are caring

CLOCKS GO FORWARD THIS WEEKEND! Don't forget that, with the onset of Summer time, clocks will go forward on Sunday March 29th at 1.00am.

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday next is the First Friday in April. On the basis of the public health guidelines, First Friday house visits and other pastoral house visits should cease except in the cases of the anointing of those who are seriously or gravely ill

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

BAPTISMS: Following on from Tuesdays Government announcement limiting social gatherings to a maximum of four people - Except in the case of danger of death Baptisms should be postponed until further notice.

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

WEDDINGS: The recommendation is that no gathering of more than 100 persons take place indoors. Wedding guests should be limited to the Bridal Party and immediate family. Guests are asked to observe the hygiene protocols and observe social distance while in Church.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Suspended until further notice.

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:

PARISH OFFICE is 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.

KILMALEY LOTTO: Numbers Drawn 5, 24, 25, 27. Jackpot next week €15,900. €30 winners; Joe McMahon, Mike Lynch, Anne McMahon, Jo Keane, Mary Cahill.

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 6.00pm each Saturday evening. The draw will continue to be completed weekly with the draw being conducted via Facebook Live at 9.00pm 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.

CLARE HOSPICE AT CAHERCALLA: Weekly Draw Result — 1st Prize €650.00— Patrick Keating. 2nd Prize €200 — Michael Dennehy. To join contact Fundraising Office 065 682196 or www.cahercalla.ie

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@g-mail.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 6839768 should you require shopping, medications to be collected or a dinner delivered.

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 9.00am 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 10.00am. 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.

INCH N.S.: Enrolments are now being accepted for Inch N.S. for September 2020. Application Forms can be obtained from the School. Tel No: 065 6839353. Closing date for receipt of applications is at **12 Noon this Tuesday 31st March 2020.**

ENROLMENT FOR CONNOLLY N.S.: Connolly N.S. is now enrolling for September 2020. Expression of interest forms and Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school. Drop in and view our excellent facilities and preschool. Contact **Seán O'Neill (Principal) on Tel 065-6839550** or email us on connollynationalschool@gmail.com

CONNOLLY N.S BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL OPERATOR: 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 31st March 2020**

CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT: The Irish Red Cross Clare with the support of Clare GAA Clubs & Local Community Groups are offering assistance to anyone who may find it difficult to get access in getting your medications, food supplies and household essentials. We are here to support you where possible; please watch out for neighbours. If you or someone you know requires this support please contact our Community Support Officer **James Lafferty on 086 8323456.**

TROCAIRE: On the fifth week of our Lenten Journey of helping the poor. Despite the challenges we are facing as a nation at the present time, we continue to reach out to the poor and especially during Lent with our Trócaire Box. "Nobody gets to Heaven without a letter of reference from the poor" **Every cent and euro do make a difference.** Trocaire Boxes are available in the porch of the Churches.

CLARE SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: continues to offer phone and text support to people who have been bereaved by suicide in Co Clare in these exceptional times. You are welcome to call or text 087 3698315 or 086 0565373 and speak with a volunteer. You may find our website helpful at www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Fintan Monahan who warmly invites you to join him in Lourdes from the **26th June to 1st July.** The cost this year is €725 per person sharing. €20 discount for online booking at www.joewalshstours.ie. Booking forms can be obtained from: Joe **Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2.** Telephone: (01) 2410810. A limited number of sick pilgrims will be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at a cost of €638. Applications for sick pilgrims only to Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director, Cathedral House Station Road Ennis Co. Clare. Telephone: (065) 6824043.

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, 8.00am-8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

IMAGINING THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE: For Parishes to the West of the Diocese Bishop Fintan has initiated a diocese-wide process of reflection and planning over the next 18 months. The aim is to help parishes and pastoral areas to think about and plan for the future. The first part of this process, called *Let's Imagine*, will take place from **March to May 2020.** People who are thinking and writing about the future of the Irish Church will offer presentations at different venues across the Diocese. These talks by **Dr Michael Breen from Mary Immaculate College, Limerick** that were scheduled to take place this month, in the interests of public health, the Diocese has now **postponed** these talks, and will reschedule these when the situation becomes clearer in the period after Easter. The Diocese has also decided to cancel the planned meetings with the Chairs of Pastoral Councils and the Area Pastoral Councils on April 2nd.

A PRAYER FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

During this time of Coronavirus COVID-19

Loving God, We place into your care

All our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.

Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body.

Keep them safe from harm.

May they know our deep gratitude for all they are doing to heal and help those affected by the coronavirus.

God of all consolation may they know your protection and peace.

Bless them in these challenging days and bless their families.

Amen

**Notices for Newsletter to Parish Office by 1.00pm
on Wednesday
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