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Parish Newsletter Sunday 10th January 2021

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Died Recently

Mary Conway Mayhora.
Margaret Brennan London/Donaguile.

Anniversaries

John Comerford (Mon. 9.00am.)
The Square.
Patrick (Paddy) Kenny (Sat. 10.00am.)
3 Barrack St.
Edward (Eddie) Joyce Kilkenny St.
John O'Hanlon London/25 Maryville.
Bill & Ann Balkin London/12 Love Lane.
Martin Balkin 12 Love Lane.
Michael Brennan Mayhora.
Paul Fitzgerald
Blackrock, Dublin/Drumgoole.
Elizabeth O'Gorman The Square.
Thomas (Tom) Reddy
The Square/Cloneen.
Edward (Eddie) Kelly 52 Barrack St.

Sunday, 20th January – 11.00am.

Séan Ryan
Yellow Road Upper, Aughamuckey.

Donation for Church Bell

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks a recent donation of €400.00 from a Parishioner.

Parish Newsletter

The Parish Newsletter will be printed as usual and will be available in boxes at the entrance to Church. Anniversary Masses & Months Mind Masses will be celebrated as usual. People can follow Mass on parish Radio & Webcam.

Readers for Next Weekend

Sunday 11.00am. Mr. John Kelly.

Priests on duty:

Fr. Michael Ryan Tel: 4441262 - 086 3693863

Fr. Ian Doyle Tel: 087 9669223
Secretary: Tel: 056-4441969

Prayer to Our Lady for Protection

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God". In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions soon. Amen.

Joey O'Brien, Shamrock Rovers Player speaks about his faith

Joly explains that he gets 'great comfort' from his faith in God and how he was brought up. During his injury, which saw him unable to play football professionally for years, he says: "At times I probably was praying for a miracle because I went two and a half years without playing a match and I had multiple operations on my knee.

"So at that stage for me I needed a miracle so I was praying for that but I was also praying for the strength to know that if it didn't work out and I wasn't going to get through the injury that I would always have God with me to help me."

Faith is one of the things that "sticks with you" if you're brought up that way, Joey says. His mother was a daily Massgoer and his family would all go together on weekends. When he went over to join the Bolton Wanderers academy in England in his teens, which was the start of his footballing career, one of the first things he did was to locate the Church.

The Irish Catholic
December 24th 2020.

A Reflection for Today Jesus Christ - the Prince of Peace

*Light looked down and saw the darkness.
"I will go there", said Light.
Peace looked down and saw war.
"I will go there", said Peace.
Love looked down and saw hatred.
"I will go there", said Love.*

*So he, the Lord of Light,
the Prince of Peace
the King of Love
came down and crept in beside us.*

John Bell. The Iona Community

St. Brigid's Cross 2021

Due to present circumstances St. Brigid's Cross will not be available to people this year. We regret this very much but we know you will understand the situation.

Parish Office

Open on Monday and Friday from 9:30am – 1:30pm. Only one person in the Parish Office at a time. Please use hand sanitiser in lobby area, and maintain social distance in the office. Thank you.

Every Day at Noon (Monday – Friday)

A group of parishioners come together in the Church to pray the Angelus and Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. You are welcome to join with them. You may also join them on the Parish Radio and Webcam.

Every Sunday Afternoon

A group of parishioners will pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3.00pm. People may also join them through the Parish Radio and Webcam.

Adoration & Prayer in Parish Church

Every Tuesday evening from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Rosary recited at 8.00pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 8.45pm. All attendees are requested to observe social distance and to sanitise seats before locking Church.
Thank you.

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 13th December – €1,360.00

Sunday, 20th December – €1,485.00

Christmas Day, 25th &

Sunday, 27th December – €3,305.00

Sunday, 3rd January - €515.00

Sincere thanks.