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# Sunday 5th March 2020 – Palm/Passion Sunday

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| **Corona Poem by Sister Maud Murphy, SSL, Knock, IrelandShared by Anne King, thanks Anne.**We were flying to the moon We were finding life on MarsWe were dropping bombs with dronesWe were getting bigger cars.We were building finer homesFlying out to warmer landsWe were busy buying clothesWe were brushing up our tans.We were throwing out good foodWhile we watched the starving poorWe kept burning fossil fuelsAnd our air became less pure.We were warned by our PopeNeed to mind our Common HomeNeed to watch our Carbon FootprintTry to save our world from doom.But we didn't want to listenAnd we didn't want to hearWe just watched TV and tabletsDrank our wine and quaffed our beer.Then Corona chose to visitWe were all caught unpreparedThis wee microscopic VIRUSHas our whole world running scared.So our hands we keep on washingAnd we're careful when we coughWe stand six feet from our neighbourCause this virus might jump off.  | But this enforced isolationGives us lots of time to thinkTime to clean the kitchen cupboardsTime to make our wardrobes shrink.Could it be that this CoronaIs a blessing in disguise?Makes us think about our lifestyleMakes us open wide our eyes.We thought we were all importantGreatest beings on this earthSo we used it and abused itAs if it were ours from birth.But Corona is a challengeMakes us take a different viewHelps us see what really mattersWhat it is we need to do.We must watch out for our neighbourDoing everything we canWe are all in this togetherLet us love our fellow man.***God is with us every momentMinding us with loving careNow we know how much we need Him,Let us talk to Him in prayer.***So Corona, thanks for comingTruth to tell, we needed youBut don't overstay your welcomeThat, alas, would never do |

**Recently Deceased: Dr James A. Jordan,** Main Street, Dromahair, whose funeral took place on Monday last 30th March. **Maura (Molly) Healy (nee Flanagan),** Dunally, Sligo, & formerly of Corcusconny, Dromahair, whose funeral took place yesterday, Saturday 4th April. **James Carey,** Dublin, father of Karen Finan, Killcoosey, Dromahair, who died recently. **Philomena Clancy (nee McBarron),** Ardakip Mór, Dromahair, sister of Bridget Fitzpatrick, Boggaun, funeral took place on Monday 23rd March.

***May they Rest in Peace.***

Link to Cavan Cathedral Webcam **-** [**https://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral**](https://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral)

Daily Mass is broadcast live at 10.00am & 6.30pm. The Rosary is recited at 4.00pm.

**Family Prayer Cards**

**Available in all three Churches. There are some lovely prayers and reflections to be used either in the Church, or to take home and pray as a family during these difficult times.**

**ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:**

1. **Mass**: **No Sunday or Weekday Mass** **until further notice, including Ceremonies for Holy Week.**

**CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:**

1. **Mass:** **No Sunday or Weekday Mass until further notice, including Ceremonies for Holy Week.**

**ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:**

1. **Mass:** **No Saturday (Vigil Mass) or Weekday Mass until further notice, including Ceremonies for Holy Week.**
2. **Eucharistic Adoration: Cancelled until further notice.**

**Prayer to Our Lady of Knock**

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your Divine Son, remembering His promise, *“Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find”.*

Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the hour of my death. **Amen.**

**A PRAYER FOR THIS COMING WEEK**:

Dear God, prepare us for this coming week.  Bless those who are quarantined; bless those who are complying with stay at home orders and bless those who have to go out to work. Heal those infected with the virus and make their recovery fast and pain free. Give your strength to all the doctors, nurses and care providers who are caring for all infected with virus. Keep them safe and free from exposure. Be with us in our homes as we protect ourselves, and our families.

May we use this time to bond with our loved ones, and may we have your peace and joy each day. Help us to remember that our strength and our joy are found in you. Restore our hope, renew our faith, and remind us that better days are coming. Take away our worries and fears and cover us with your grace and mercy. May we be blessed this week, as we pray in the name of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ**. Amen.**

**PLEASE KEEP ALL OUR SICK, ELDERLY AND HOUSEBOUND IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

 Prayer is a powerful weapon, a strengthening comfort, a genuine act of love, for all in need. To know that others are praying for us is a healing love. To pray **“Walk with them O Lord, through the darkest night and brightest day. Keep them close to you. Give them the strength, courage, faith and hope to come through this time of darkness. Lay your healing hands gently upon them, and if it be your will, grant them healing and recovery. Amen”.**

**Offertory, Dues & Other Collections**

During this period of suspension of weekend Masses, some people mentioned to me about what *‘the Irish bishops have asked the faithful to continue their generous contributions to the upkeep of their parish.’*

In this regard, can I respectfully suggest that parishioners, continue to put their contributions aside in the collection envelopes provided - on an ongoing basis, as circumstances allow, and to bring the envelopes to the church, **but only when Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses resume.** Thanks for your continuing generosity and understanding. **Fr Paul.**

**In response to Covid-19-related restrictions on public gatherings, RTÉ will air Mass every weekday at 10.30am from St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny, on RTÉ News Now.**

**Senior Help Line:** Any caller, concerned about Covid-19, will receive the most up to date guidance as recommended by Government sources. Good health practice is reinforced at all times. Information is updated daily as the situation changes and is available to each of our volunteers at the phones. **SeniorLine is a FREEPHONE service and our older callers can call free between 10am and 10pm every day of the year on 1800-80-45-91**