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14th February 2021 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Temperance Sunday)

Today's Gospel Reflection – Jesus 'stretched out his hand'

Jesus, in today's Gospel, cures a leper by **the healing touch** of his hand. A leper was *completely outcasted* from society due to the huge stigma surrounding the disease, which was highly contagious but was also seen as a punishment from God in Jesus' time. **Jesus is moved with pity** for this man and reaches out to him. Jesus sends the man to the priests, as a testimony to them. Jesus' 'pity' also conveys anger at the leper's situation. It is the religious hierarchy of Jesus' time who have alienated this man. What they are incapable of doing (healing him), *Jesus has done by 'stretching out his hand' in love.*

A question for us from this Gospel today might be, *who are those our society outcast? Who is alienated* in our communities? **What moves you with pity?** *Who is it that we need to reach out to at this time?*

'There is a need for paths of peace to heal open wounds. There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter.'

(Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 225)

Next Wednesday – 17th February is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent and a day of Fast & Abstinence

Due to the current Public Health Restrictions, the distribution of ashes cannot take place this year. **Blessed Ash will be available in all three churches to take home, on Ash Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, Dromahair, at 9.30am & at 8.00pm, behind closed doors,** and streamed live via the church webcam.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, there will be a guided Holy Hour each Wednesday evening from 8pm to 9pm.

This will be done via our Webcam while the government restrictions remain in place. From the comfort of your own home, you could be part of a relaxing and peaceful hour in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. I invite you to consider taking this on for Lent individually or as a family.

Trócaire Boxes are available to take home at the back of each church.

Lent Workshop: Kilmore Youth Ministry is offering an online workshop for Lent 2021. Each week you would be emailed a piece of writing or scripture on the Monday and then have a group video or call on a Thursday to discuss it. Each week would have a different theme. You must be 16+ to sign up. Any questions please feel free to contact Francis Keaney on 086-3977872. Ext 6.

Covid-19 Pandemic: Thankfully, the numbers have started to reduce, but sadly we are seeing more people dying from the virus. Please continue to act responsibly to minimise the risk of contracting the disease or infecting others. If you feel unwell in any way or if you have been in touch with a positive case, please isolate in your own home..

SINCERE THANK YOU: To all who have dropped in their parish envelopes for the support of the parish. You can continue to drop Dues/Offertory Collection Envelopes into Fr Paul at the Parochial House in Dromahair (or to John McMorrow in Killargue). **Please do not leave Collection Envelopes in any of the three churches while unattended.** Thank you for your generosity & understanding.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Shane Flanagan, Fermoyle, Calry, whose funeral took place on Sunday 7th February.

May he Rest in Peace. Amen.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Tuesday at 8.00pm; **(Ash) Wednesday at 9.30am & 8.00pm;** Thursday at 8.00pm; Friday at 8.00pm; Saturday (Vigil Mass) at **8.00pm;** Sunday at 11.15am.

To access the webcam please type the following in your search engine. **www.churchtv.ie** then click on **County Leitrim icon, and then, click on the Dromahair icon, then click play.**

2. **Pray for:**

Deceased of the Hannon Family, Killavoggy. John Pat Rooney, Manorhamilton. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 13th February at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Evelyn O'Connor. Month's Memory, her sister Sarah and her husband, Hugh Brennan. Shriff. **Special Intention.** Mass on Sunday 14th February at 11.15am (*streamed live*).

James & Kathleen Gilmartin & dec family members. Grange. Mass on Tues 16th Feb at 8.00pm

Kathleen Fenton. Memorial Mass **on (Ash) Wednesday 17th February at 9.30am.** (*streamed live*)

Special Intention. Memorial Mass - **Ash Wednesday at 8.00pm.** (*streamed live*).

Christy O'Boyle, Calry. Memorial Mass on Thursday 18th February at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Josephine Fowley, Fivemilebourne, Manor nursing home. Mass on Fri 19th Feb at 8.00pm

Andrew & Catherine Feeney, Buckhill. Con Healy, Fivemilebourne. 1st Anniversary (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 20th February at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Ita Reynolds, Leckaun. Mass on Sunday 21st February at 11.15am (*streamed live*).

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Happy Valentine's Day to all those who are special and dear to us!



Act of Spiritual Communion

(For those watching mass via the webcam. Please pray this prayer with Fr Paul before the final prayer of the Mass.)

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, come at least spiritually 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.

Drumlease N.S. Enrolment 2021/2022: Enrolment packs are now available from the school. Please email drumleasens.ias@gmail.com or phone 071 9164586 to receive a pack. **Enrolment forms should be returned by post to the school by Monday 1st March 2021.**

Leckaun National School Enrolments for 1st September 2021 - will commence for the school year 2021 – 2022 from Monday 8th February 2021. Application forms will be available on the school website, by calling (089) 6009185, or by emailing: info@leckaunns.ie.

Gaelscoil Chluainín Enrolment 2021: Closing date for applications is 19th February. Please email for an application form on admin@gaelscoilchluainin.ie.

