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Sunday 14th March 2021 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel Reflection – 'Out into the light'

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday – Laetare means 'Rejoice!' We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but signs of joy are central at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments for the priest instead of the usual Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. In our gospel we hear that 'the [person] who lives by the truth comes out into the light'. On the other hand, Jesus says that those who 'prefer darkness to the light' live in fear that their actions will be exposed.

*We hear a lot of talk these days about transparency. We **have seen the damage caused by** those whose private actions gravely contradict the message they proclaim in the public sphere. Some questions we might ask ourselves this Lent are: **Am I**, living a truthful **life 'in the light'**? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? **Am I attentive to the needs of others** or **am I** more inclined to think of myself? Lent offers us the opportunity to step out into the light, to allow the light of Jesus to sweep away any darkness or destructive habits and to begin again.*

'We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others; when we know when to smile with those who smile, and weep with those who weep; when we accompany those who are sad and at risk of losing hope; when we recount our experience of faith to those who are searching for meaning and happiness... and there – with our attitude, with our witness, with our life – we say 'Jesus is Risen,' with our soul.' (Pope Francis)

Next Wednesday - 17th March is the Feast of St. Patrick - Prfomhearlamh na hEireann

Masses will be streamed live from St. Patrick's Church, Dromahair, as follows: **Tuesday 16th March (Vigil Mass) at 8.00pm; Wednesday 17th March at 11.15am.**

St. Patrick's Day Collection:

Thank you for your contribution to last year's collection. The total amount collected in the parish was €836. Your generosity will help (a) support Irish Missionaries working in Africa (b) provide support to the Irish Emigrant Chaplaincy abroad (c) educate seminarians to the priesthood in Africa.

Every Wednesday during Lent, there will be a guided Holy Hour each Wednesday evening from 8.00pm to 9.00pm

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.

Return to School

We thank all the teachers and students for the smooth and safe return to school last Monday. We welcome back the remaining students tomorrow.

Trócaire Boxes: Trócaire boxes are currently available from the back of the churches. Please take one home with you. The Trócaire box reminds us that, even in these challenging times, there's someone else much worse off than me. Whatever you can give to Trócaire, it will make a massive difference.

Happy Mother's Day

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ronan Healy, Ballintogher & late of Ballyfarnon. Funeral will take place on Monday 15th March, in St. Teresa's Church, Ballintogher.

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's; Tuesday (Vigil Mass) at 8.00pm; Wednesday (St. Patrick's Day) at 11.15am & Holy Hour at 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:**

John McGowan & Deceased Family Members, Gretnafarna. **Shane Flanagan**, Calry. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 13th March at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

James Fowley, Corraghaun Anniversary Mass. **John & Ann Kelly**. Memorial Mass on Sunday 14th March at 11.15am (*streamed live*).

Bernard & Bridget Dolan, Corrasra. **Christy O'Boyle**, Calry. Anniv. Mass on Tuesday 16th March (Vigil for St. Patrick's Day) at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Mary Ellen & John Francis Dolan, Corraghaun, and their sons, **Paddy & Anthony**, and their daughter, **Breege**. And dec. family members. **John James Fowley**. Anniv Mass on Wednesday 17th March (St. Patrick's Day) at 11.15am (*streamed live*).

Arthur McShane, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim. Mass on Thursday 18th March at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Shane Flanagan, Calry. Memorial Mass on Friday 19th March at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Thomas & Tommie Gallagher, Cornamorriff. Anniv. Mass on Saturday 20th March at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Philomena Clancy, Ardakup More. First Anniv Mass on Sunday 21st March at 11.15am (*streamed live*).

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

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.

Killargue First Responder Group: This new group is up and running and working towards purchasing an AED for the Killargue area. The group is small at present and would welcome volunteers from across the Killargue area to be trained as First Responders. Training will be free and be provided by Enda McLoughlin. For info please, contact the Chair, John Glynnmartin, 086-8565649, Anita Gilbride, Sec. on 089-4466369.

Clothing collection facility in The Depot Gate. Open all day, every day. New and used clean clothing, shoes (pairs, clean), handbags & leather belts, blankets, bed-linen, curtains. **We don't accept - duvets, pillows or cushions, toys, electrical items, CD or Videos, household items or Bric-a-brac.** Once again, **THANK YOU** for your support and co-operation.

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.

