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Sunday 17th May 2020 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Thought for the week

And where is Jesus, this strange Easter day?
Not lost in our locked churches, anymore
Than he was sealed in that dark sepulchre.
The locks are loosed; the stone is rolled away,
And he is up and risen, long before,
Alive, at large, and making his strong way
Into the world he gave his life to save,
No need to seek him in his empty grave.

He might have been a wafer in the hands
Of priests this day, or music from the lips
Of red-robed choristers, instead he slips
Away from church, shakes off our linen bands
To don his apron with a nurse: he grips
And lifts a stretcher, soothes with gentle hands
The frail flesh of the dying, gives them hope,
Breathes with the breathless, lends them strength to cope.

On Thursday we applauded, for he came
And served us in a thousand names and faces
Mopping our sickroom floors and catching traces
Of that *corona* which was death to him:
Good Friday happened in a thousand places
Where Jesus held the helpless, died with them
That they might share his Easter in their need,
Now they are risen with him, risen indeed.

(by Malcolm Guite)

Recently Deceased: Dr Paddy Henry, Sligo. Uncle of Derek McGlinchey, Dromahair. Rose Frances Kelly, Sweetwood, whose funeral took place in Killargue on Saturday 9th May 2020. Derek McCullagh, The Wirrell, Liverpool & formerly of Belhavel, Killargue, who died on Wednesday 6th May 2020. A Memorial Mass for Derek will be celebrated in Killargue at a later date.

May they Rest in the Peace.

THANK YOU TO all those who have dropped offertory, dues and their Trocaire contributions into my house or have given them to me in person. Your support and generosity towards the parish in these difficult times, is very much appreciated. Thanks again. Fr Paul.

ACCORD: If you need to speak to an experienced Couples and Relationship Counsellor, please contact 01 531 331 open 9am to 8pm Monday to Friday

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. Mass: No Sunday or Weekday Mass until further notice.

CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. Mass: No Sunday or Weekday Mass until further notice.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass: No Saturday (Vigil Mass) or Weekday Mass until further notice.**
2. **Eucharistic Adoration: Cancelled until further notice.**
3. **Killargue 'Old' Cemetery:** A sincere 'Thank you' to those who volunteered to cut the grass in the Old Cemetery and to those who cut the grass there as well as in the Church Grounds and around the Parochial House. Hopefully, the RSS workers will be able to resume work soon. If not, hopefully the volunteers who were not needed on this occasion will be available again, if required. Míle Buíochas.

PURPOSE....

*"We all have a purpose, that is why we are here, sometimes it takes a little extra time,
For our purpose to become clear.*

*It can change as we travel, as we develop and mindfully grow,
New ideas, new plans, new opportunities, will allow a new purpose to flow.*

*So, wherever you are along your path, let your purpose show you the way,
Remember, you are precious, you are here for a reason, live your purpose, every day."*
Amen.

Link to Cavan Cathedral Webcam - <https://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral>
Daily Mass is broadcast live at 10.00am & 6.30pm. The Rosary is recited at 4.00pm.

Mass on your TV from Monday to Friday on RTE News Now at 10.30am

Link to St. Clare's Church, Manorhamilton, webcam - <https://churchtv.ie/st-claire-manorhamilton.html>

The Blessing of the Graves-important message

In many parishes there is a tradition of holding Cemetery Masses and Cemetery Sundays during the months of June and July. Often, these are very large gatherings accompanied by community and family events. With the possible exception of relatively small events, there would be great difficulty in ensuring social distancing in transport to and from the cemetery, with parking, with entering and leaving the cemetery and in monitoring possible large gatherings around particular family graves.

However, I would strongly suggest that all Cemetery Masses should be postponed until later in the summer, when circumstances will permit them to be truly family and community celebrations.

Anniversary Masses and memorial Masses: That have been booked and because of Covid-19 were unable to be celebrated, can be rearranged when we are able to gather for Mass in our Churches. Please contact Fr Paul to rearrange those Masses when it is safe again. Thank You.

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. **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**

A Message from Trócaire: This time of year, we would usually get back tens of thousands of boxes. Please hold onto your boxes until further notice and they can be returned to your churches when it is safe for people to do so. You can also donate online or over the phone. Online donations can be made at <https://www.trocaire.org/donate/make-a-donation>

The Backpack Program: Several Online Backpack Courses are beginning in the coming weeks. There will be online Zoom courses available for various age groups; teenagers, young adults and adults, including an Adult Faith Formation Course. Get in touch for more details: 083-487 7325 / contact@thebackpack.life
Visit: www.thebackpack.life to register your interest.

