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Sunday 22nd March 2020 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent

IMPORTANT NOTICE IN RELATION TO THE CORONA VIRUS (Covid-19)

Monsignor Liam Kelly, Diocesan Administrator, has issued the following additional guidelines in response to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic:

- **All public Masses, except Funeral Masses, are suspended in the Diocese of Kilmore until further notice, with effect from Saturday 21 March 2020.**
- **Churches will remain open for people to drop into, to say a quiet prayer and maybe light a candle.**
- **Spiritual communion is encouraged by participation in Mass and other liturgies by radio television, webcam etc.**
- Pope John Paul II called the Family Home 'The Domestic Church'. Families are encouraged to promote daily family prayer and where possible provide them with suitable prayers. Parishioners are invited to make sacred spaces in their homes, to read the Holy Bible, to recite personal and/or family prayers, to support the volunteer groups who outreach to the elderly, the vulnerable and the poor.
- Sample prayers and other resources are available online at catholicbishops.ie and on other websites including the diocesan website, kilmorediocese.ie, and the Pastoral Centre website, kilmoredpc.ie.
- **Eucharistic adoration will continue in churches though those attending should adhere to social distancing guidelines and other best practice while in the church.**
- **The Sacrament of Reconciliation will remain available to individuals in parishes provided that priest and penitent can remain the required distance apart.**
- **Priests will continue to respond to requests to visit the sick or elderly, having first consulted their families.**

Happy Mother's Day! To all our Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers in our Parish.

Recently Deceased: Maureen Gilraine (nee Sheridan), Ballinaglera, & formerly of Lisgorman, Killargue, sister of Joseph, Lisgorman, whose private funeral takes place today – Sunday 22nd March at 12.00noon, in St Hugh's Church, Ballinaglera. **Tony McMorrow,** Glenfarne, husband of Mary (Harkin), Annagh, Killargue, & brother of Patricia Harkin, Townahoosey, Killargue, whose private funeral takes place today – Sunday 22nd March at 12.00noon in St. Michael's Church, Glenfarne. **Fr John Quinn,** retired Parish Priest of Glenfarne, whose funeral Mass took place on Monday 16th March.

May they Rest in Peace.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

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

CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

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ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass: No Saturday (Vigil Mass) or Weekday Mass until further notice.**
2. **Eucharistic Adoration: Every Monday from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Includes St. Pio Novena Prayers on the 1st Monday of each month.** The necessary HSE guidelines to be followed and people are reminded to keep their distance and use the 'hand gels' provided. **New adorers welcome.**

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.**

Extract from Saint Patrick’s Breastplate

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. **Amen.**

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. **Amen.**

Prayer in the face of the Covid-19 Crisis: (by Fr Kevin O’Gorman SMA)

God, our heavenly Father, grant us the fortitude of Christ your Son, to face the Covid-19 crisis with trust, patience and compassion. Give us the grace of the Holy Spirit to free us from fear and look forward to the future with healing and hope.

May the intercession of Saint Joseph, the guardian of Jesus, with Mary his Mother and Mother of the Church, guide us through this time of peril, preserve us in peace, protect the vulnerable, healthcare workers and all who serve society, at home and abroad. We make this prayer, in faith and confidence, through Christ our Lord. **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**

