

DUNMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

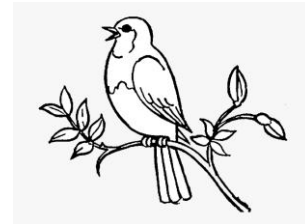
Dunmore – Garrafrauns - Kiltевна

Sunday 15th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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Deadline for Newsletter is Friday 10am

LISTEN TO THE BIRDS SING....



Dear friends,

At the beginning of Lent a few short weeks ago, we were called into a desert landscape so that alone and in solitude we could be more attentive to the voice of God and the needs of others. Who among us could have imagined then how radically we would be asked to live this call? And now, with further restrictions to curtail covid-19, we have been invited to live this call even more deeply – to stay further apart, to comply with new restrictions for the sake of one another and the most vulnerable of our world.

Living this new reality is, and will continue to be, painful. It is especially painful for those who live on their own and for those who have had to grieve the loss of a loved one without the comforting embrace of neighbours, friends, not to mention members of their own families abroad. How heartbreaking that is! Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have lost loved ones in our parish as we pray for the people of Italy and Spain who have grieved so much in recent days. Let us think too of our elderly and vulnerable people as we continue to look out for them, phoning and dropping groceries and medicines as well as holding them in our prayers.

As Christians, we believe because of the resurrection of Jesus that light comes from darkness, hope from desolation, joy from sorrow. And even now, fresh shoots are beginning to emerge. Our solitude, our isolation is leading us to a new solidarity with one another, at home and throughout the world. It is giving us a new appreciation of our doctors, nurses, local businesses and all who provide essential services that we often take for granted. This virus, covid-19, which holds no distinctions between class or creed or race, is teaching us how weak and vulnerable we *all* are and how bound together we are in our common humanity.

As we journey towards Holy Week, let us draw close to Jesus in his final days and final hours, in the agony of the Garden and later in his Passion. How lonely it must have been during those final hours? How deep his anguish that made him cry out 'My God, my God why have you forsaken me'? And yet his cry of anguish is a prayer of communion with people of all time and all places in their night of anguish, vulnerability and need.

In a few days we will retell the story of Jesus' final days and how the darkness of Good Friday gives way to the hope of Easter. Is it possible that as Holy Week approaches that Jesus could be inviting us to walk further with him than ever before along the Way of the Cross? Could it be that he is asking us to live our solitude - and our own cry of personal anguish - as an offering of solidarity and communion with the most vulnerable of our world?

Easter will come! Darkness will give way to light as sure as winter gives way to spring! Let us listen to the birds singing around us and hear in their song both a promise and an invitation. So that when the desert of covid-19 has passed things will truly be different; a new awareness will be born in us and a new desire to live for others. The stone of our selfishness and self-centeredness will be rolled back and we will discover again the garden of our primal innocence. And we will hear again the voice of the one who loved us into life, who calls us now to rebuild the harmony that was there at the beginning between a loving God, his people and every living thing on the face of the earth.

Fr. Fergal

MASS BROADCAST FROM DUNMORE PARISH - 108 FM

WEBCAM

www.dunmoreparish.com and click image of Church

11:30 AM SUNDAY
10 AM Weekdays Monday-Friday

All three Churches are open daily for personal visits.

FIRST FRIDAY – Due to the restrictions and current HSE guidelines I will not be calling this week but look forward to calling as soon as possible. My prayers and thoughts are with you – *Fr. Fergal*

CARE OF THE ELDERLY AND VULNERABLE – In light of the further restrictions imposed last Friday, we ask that people continue to look out for their elderly and vulnerable neighbours. Some parishoners willing to help out have left their names and numbers with Fr. Fergal. Please contact 093-38124 and we will be happy to forward details to you.

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE - ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**MASS INTENTIONS –
WILL BE INCLUDED IN BROADCAST MASSES**

Margaret Canny
Kathleen Ryder, Gortnagoyne
Patrick and Mary Ryder, Gortnagoyne
John and Nora Noone, Gortnagoyne and DMF
Martin and Lilly Coleman, Thomas and Ellen and DMF
Paddy and Bridie Shally, Flaskagh
Paddy (Patrick) Connell, baby Michael and DM Connell
and Gannon families
Paddy Coen, Mick, Rita and Paddy Coen, Quarter
Francis and Nora Miskell, Knockatee
Myra and Jack Daly, Knockatee and sons Padraic and John
Peter Finnegan, Lisroe
Paddy Kennedy, Pulaphuca, Menus
Mary Kennedy, Killooney and Cootehill – 1st Anniv.

HOLY WEEK

*All Ceremonies will be broadcast
on parish radio and on the webcam*

Palm Sunday 11:30 am

**Holy Thursday 7 pm
Good Friday**

Celebration of our Lord's Passion 3 pm
Stations of the Cross 7: 30 pm

Holy Saturday 8 pm

Easter Sunday 11:30 am

Fr. Fergal will be including all Mass intentions for Garrafrauns, Dunmore and Kiltевна Churches in Broadcast Masses celebrated on Sunday's and weekdays. People can also reschedule Masses at a suitable time in the future.

WE PRAY FOR.....

Tom Lally, Garrafrauns – Funeral arrangements later

Parish Prayer

Lord, bless our parish community at this difficult time.

Give me patience with myself and others so that I will not make these times any more difficult than they are already.

Grant me the ability to acknowledge my fears so that I will not hide from acting in a responsible manner.

Give me courage to overcome any selfishness that hinders my concern for others.

Grant me the grace to reach out to others by safe means and in a helpful way.

Give me courage when I am feeling lonely and the knowledge that isolation is a good thing for now and that I am never fully alone.

Grant me the gifts of kindness, patience and love.

Give me your blessing: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.