

DUNMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Dunmore – Garrafrauns - Kiltевна

Sunday 18th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

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Deadline for Newsletter is **Friday 10am**

“The Locked Room!”

“Peace be with you” are Jesus’ first words in his appearances after the Resurrection - he uses them three times in today’s Gospel. Peace is his gift to his followers who are fearful, frightened and have locked themselves into the upper room. The Risen Jesus offers us peace also, as we find ourselves in the middle of a pandemic, where we are locked-down, self-isolating, social distancing and cocooning. But there are other ways when we lock ourselves away, and lock others out. Where is my personal locked room?

Maybe it’s an ongoing row with someone, maybe a relation or a friend. Maybe it’s a strained relationship in the marriage or in the home. Maybe it’s an unwillingness to hear another opinion - few of us are always right. Maybe it’s a lack of faith in Christ due to sickness in ourselves or in a loved one? When we examine our consciences we might find ourselves to be in need of a bit of mercy ourselves. There is a call on us today to be kindly in our dealing with others, to avoid being judgmental, to avoid condemning the other. People today really are in need of a bit of love and compassion and kindness. Can we leave our locked rooms and like Doubting Thomas discover the power of the gift of mercy, for then indeed the Lord may enable us to experience healing. “Peace be with you.

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Sunday 11:30 am

Weekday Masses 10 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR COMING WEEK

Gerard Greene, Gortnagoyne
Angela Reddington, Friar’s Walk and parents Mai and Frank Egan

We pray also for:-

Paddy Coleman, Quinaltagh
Pat Hession, Garrafrauns
Gina O’Dea McHugh, Malahide and formerly Carrowkeel
Carmel Mannion, Lisheen sister of Ane Conneally, Ballymoney. **May they rest in peace.**

Mass Intentions week beginning April 26th:

Joe Canny, London
Michael and Bridie Shally, Cloondalغان
Mary Nestor, Quinaltagh, 1st Anniv. and husband Frank
Larry & Mary Delia Lyons, Cloondalغان and DMF.
Tommy Molloy, Castle St.
Bea Cullinan, Carnagur
DM of the Jennings family, Adrigoole and Carraroe

THANK YOU – A sincere thank you to all those who dropped in Envelopes to the Presbytery for the Priest’s Easter Collection and for the Trocaire collection. Your generosity and support is much appreciated. Thanks also to those who helped out during our broadcast Holy Week ceremonies.

THE NESTING SEASON

There is always
a choice.
Perhaps in these
strange moments
it is a simple one;
to dwell on
what has been taken away
or to dwell
in what we have been given;
to build our nests anew
weaving safe and soft
a chance to breathe,
with all the terrible
possibility that brings;
to reflect,
to wonder,
to sit anew
in the secret depths
of those actions
of holy ordinariness;
eating,
drinking,
walking,

sleeping,
cleaning,
being with,
being alone,
simply being.
Taking the time
to watch the earth
reset and heal,
to allow our inner
sky to clear of
all our worry weather,
often as grey
and insubstantial
as clouds,
until the
one thing necessary
shines through
at last,
and we see
the present moment,
sky blue,
and fragile
as a blackbird's egg,

nesting secure
in the heart,
deep within
the brambled hedge
of our thorn tangled
thoughts,
awaiting the stillness
of a spring morning
when we grant ourselves
new greening,
awaiting the sunbeam
of divine attention
to warm it to life,
awaiting our
sitting breath,
faith feathered
and yielding,
to hatch within us
a new way.

Brother Richard Hendrick

GLENAMADDY DISTRICT PLOUGHING AND AGRICULTURAL SHOW - The Irish Shows Association have made the decision at a national level to cancel all their shows this year due to the covid-19 pandemic. Unfortunately this includes the Glenamaddy District Ploughing and Agricultural Show. We would like to thank all those who had offer their help for this years show. We will be back to put our best foot forward for 2021. Stay safe.

PUBLISHER OFFERS FREE BOOKS TO PARISHES - The publisher of Columba books and The Irish Catholic has offered free books and e-books to parishes, so that parishioners can engage in spiritual reading while Masses around the country are disrupted during Lent. "Beautiful books to lift your spirit is our motto and if ever people needed a lift it is now" said publisher Gerry O'Sullivan. "Catholics are dispensed from Mass, but the churches are open and it's a wonderful opportunity to catch up on spiritual reading". Books being offered include titles from renowned authors such as St. Stan; Donal Harrington, Finbar O'Leary and many more. For more information, visit www.columbabooks.com

CONFESSIONS: A MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS. Many people today would tell me, "Father, where can I find a priest, a confessor, because I can't leave the house? And I want to make peace with the Lord. I want him to embrace me. I want the Father's embrace." The pope said his response would be; "Do what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says. It is very clear. If you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly with God your father, and tell him the truth. Say, 'Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart." Make an act of contrition and promise God, "I will go to confession afterward, but forgive me now." And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God." The Catechism of the Catholic Church, N. 1453, says: "When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called 'perfect' contrition of charity. Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to include having recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible." Think about it. This is the moment."