DUNMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Dunmore – Garrafrauns - Kiltevna Sunday 15th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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HOLY WEEK 2020

Today we commence Holy Week - the most solemn in the liturgical year. We approach it tentatively and with sorrow and some fear.

Life is so different for us now in Garrafrauns, Dunmore and Kiltevna. Our streets are unpeopled; our churches are lonely for worshippers; our country roads are empty; the silence is new and startling.

Today we commence Holy Week with keen awareness of the personal journey in isolation that we are invited to now make with Jesus. The scene is set for a graced inward journey. We invite you to join us on the parish radio or webcam for our Ceremonies.

May the days of Spy Wednesday with its betrayal, Holy Thursday with its washing of one another's feet, Good Friday with his immensity of suffering and death all lead us towards new depths of compassion and gentleness. May these sacred days 'open the minds of our hearts that we may see what hope God's call has for us' (Eph: 1-18). And may the Paschal Candle become the sign to us of all darkness shattered.

Gather on Easter Morning, please, with a lighted candle, around your kitchen table at 12 pm and enfold all those you love with a prayer of blessing. This one moment of communion in our parish (at the end of our broadcast Mass) will hallmark with God's loving seal all the expressions of Resurrection care and kindness we are witnessing together over these harrowing days.

And may new joy breakthrough in each heart on this holiest of all days.

Beannachtai - FATHER FERGAL

BROADCAST FROM DUNMORE PARISH - 108 FM WEBCAM

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HOLY WEEK
Palm Sunday 11:30 am
Blessed Palms available in all Churches

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Mass 10am

Holy Thursday 7 pm

Church open afterwards until 11 pm for Adoration - Altar of Repose

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

Blessed Holy Water available in all Churches

N. B Due to the current restrictions it is not possible for people to attend broadcast ceremonies

CALL TO PRAY ON PALM SUNDAY - Archbishop Eamon Martin and leaders of other Christian denominations have invited people to take part in prayers throughout the island of Ireland on Palm Sunday from 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. The invitation says: "As church leaders, we join together in calling all our people to pray. As we begin the journey through Holy Week towards Good Friday and Easter, we invite all Christians from across the whole church to join in prayer on Palm Sunday, remembering that we should only gather to pray within our own households, in line with government advice." Their invitation was extended to all "even if they have never prayed before." People are also encouraged to place a branch on the door of the house or on the window to celebrate Palm Sunday. We may be physically isolated but not separated. We are the Body of Christ.

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 parishioners 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.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE - We are all overwhelmed by the Corona virus outbreak and we hope that you and yours are all safe and healthy. Now more than ever we need to stay calm, be resourceful, and do what we do best: focus on supporting each other. As an national charity that offers "emotional" and "practical" support to all victims of crime and those and their families that have experienced a "traumatic" incident, we want to reassure all concerned that we at Victim Assistance are committed to continuing our services to those that need us. Whilst some of our staff are working remotely, we can be contacted though our **NATIONAL HELPLINE** at **1800 277 477**, our office telephone 094 9000251 or by **email** at support@victimassistance.ie. Our offices are manned Monday-Friday 9.30am-5.30pm during these difficult times. Remember – social distancing doesn't mean social isolation – we are here to help and support!

MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT – Due to the current restrictions the concert which was to be held in Dunmore Church is postponed until a later date. Further information will be made available in the newsletter as soon as a date can be rescheduled.

MASS INTENTIONS – WILL BE INCLUDED IN BROADCAST MASSES

Mike and Mary Slattery, Cloondalgan
Thomas, Delia, Joe and Nora Jordan, Gortnagoye
Kathleen and Martin Cleary and DM of the Cleary and Mullin families, Kilmurray
Josie and Jim Feerick and DM Feerick and Regan families, Kiltevna
Evelyn and Pat Ward, Daughter-in-law Phylis, Graigueachullaire
Frank Neary, London and Menlena
Claudia Gavin, Sion Hill
Laurence and Peggy O'Reilly Slieve
Mai Concannon, Cathill – Month's Mind
Bill and Mary Mullin, Baunogues and DM Mullin and Nestor families
Thomas and Nora Mullen, Curragh West, their sons father John,
Michael and Joe, daughter Catherine and their four grandchildren

Fr. Fergal will be including all Mass intentions for Garrafrauns, Dunmore and Kiiltevna 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.....

Paddy Gannon, Graigueachullaire Tom Lally, Garrafrauns – Funeral arrangements later Fr. James Kelly, Toreen and former curate Dunmore.