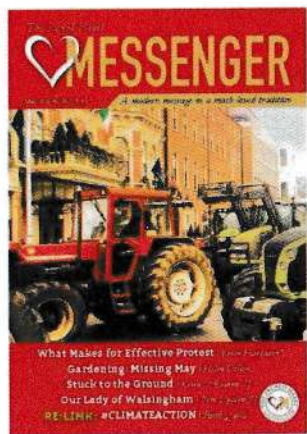


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What is Spiritual Communion?

Spiritual Communion is a way to be united with Christ when we are not able to physically receive the Eucharist. St Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament, and a loving embrace as though we had received Him." This was a practice very dear to the heart of St Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorist Order. In this time of uncertainty, when we are encouraged to practice "Social Distancing," let's use St Alphonsus' practice to be united in Spirit and in Prayer with one another and with Christ.



How to make a Spiritual Communion:

- Start with the Sign of the Cross.
- Read and reflect on the readings of the day (you can go to <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/readings/> or follow us livestreamed on www.clonduffparish.com
- Mass times: **9.00am (Monday to Friday) Saturday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 11.00am in St John the Evangelist Church, Ballymaghera**
- Pray an Act of Spiritual Communion, such as this one inspired by St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

- Offer a Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Clonduff Parish Newsletter

Sunday 3rd May 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter
(Day of Prayer for Vocations)



Jesus said. Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
He will go freely in and out and be sure finding pasture.

John. 10: 1-10

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, In your plan for our salvation You provide shepherds for your people. Send forth your Spirit and fill your Church with courage and faith. Raise up worthy ministers for your Altars and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. Grant that those whom you call to enter the Priesthood and Religious life may have the generosity to answer your call. Amen.

Fr C Byrne Tel (028) 40630206 or in emergency 07764941606 or email cbyrne26@icloud.com



PARISH OF CLONDUFF 3rd May 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday Readings Cycle A – Weekday Readings Cycle 2)

ANNIVERSARIES: BALLYMAGHERY, BALLYGORIAN, CABRA & DRUMGATH PARISH	
Sat 2 nd May 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Lena McAvo & Pat & Mary Rose Fitzpatrick, Yellow Road DRUMGATH PARISH: Mary, Teresa & Patrick McGrath, Rathfriland
Sun 3 rd May 11.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	MM Sean Murray, Castlewellan Road; Annie McShane, Spelga Park; Maureen & Patrick Cowan, Rathfriland Road; Sean Darby, Dromore DRUMGATH PARISH: Marie Peters, Rathfriland
Mon 4 th May 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY: Henry Farnan, Newry Road
Tue 5 th May 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Wed 6 th May 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Thur 7 th May 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY: John & Rose Anne Matthews & Deceased Family members Laurence, Thomas, Michael, Mary Catherine & Bridie Matthews, Leitrim Road
Fri 8 th May 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Sat 9 th May 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	John Lavery, Slievenagarragh; Mary McAleenan, Yellow Road; Mary Catherine & Peter Fitzpatrick & Deceased members of the Fitzpatrick Family, Kinahalla; Eugene Mackin, Rostrevor Road DRUMGATH PARISH: Darren Fitzpatrick, Glenholme Road; Cissie & Hugh Campbell, Drumgreenagh
Sun 10 th May 11.00am BALLYMAGHERY	MM Mary McPolin, Ballyweely Road; Bridget Fegan, Main Street; Pat, Vera & Seamus Maginnis, Islandmoyle DRUMGATH PARISH: Cissie O'Hare, Rathfriland

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Anne Carragher, Sugartown Road and Rita McCaffrey, 2 Mourne View, Rathfriland and formerly Kilcoo who were interred recently. May they rest in peace.

Your continued financial support to Parish life and Parish upkeep is very much appreciated during these anxious and challenging days due to the on-going Coronavirus Pandemic.

Envelopes may be deposited through the Letter Box at the Parochial House, Castlewellan Road on Sunday 9am to 12 noon and Monday 9am to 12noon.

Thanks for your support last week £1,022.00

PLEASE NOTE In light of the current situation with the Coronavirus, I will not be visiting the sick and housebound, but if someone wishes to have a visit ring my mobile 07764941606. Thank you for your understanding as we try to keep safe at this difficult time. Fr Charles Byrne

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Diocese of Dromore Safeguarding of Children, young people and vulnerable adults: Dromore Designated Person Patricia Carville 07789917741. A copy of the Dromore Diocese "Safeguarding Policy and Procedures" is available for reference in the Parish Rooms.

GIFT AID – if there is anyone who has signed a Gift Aid Declaration with the Parish but who has ceased to be a taxpayer during the Tax Year ending 5th April 2020 please let us know.

Hospital Chaplaincy in the Southern Trust in These Days

While chaplains are not permitted to do routine hospital visits at the moment, they are still available for emergency or urgent visits. To call a chaplain at any time, just ring the relevant hospital and ask for the chaplain on call. In addition, if you or a family member are in hospital, or indeed if you work in the hospital, and you would like to chat with a chaplain, there is a chaplaincy phone service available daily:

From 10am - 12 noon, call 028-38334444 From 2pm - 4pm, call 028-30835000

Rosary Initiative

Archbishop Eamon Martin invites and encourages families in our Parishes to pray the Rosary, or even a decade of the Rosary, every day during the month of May.

This year the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes has been cancelled due to concerns around the Coronavirus. Maybe when we pray the Rosary or even a decade of the Rosary we could remember the sick and all who had hoped to make the Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

We remember too those in our Parishes who are sick, housebound, those in Hospital and Hospice, those feeling lonely and isolated at this time and all who care for them.

Cemetery/Graveyard

Cemeteries and Graveyards were closed to the public on March 28th, 2020 when the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) Regulations, Northern Ireland were announced. On Friday April 24th 2020 the Stormont Executive decided to Amend the above Legislation, and as a result of that Amendment, Cemeteries and Graveyards will now re-open. It is important that those wishing to visit Cemeteries and Graveyards at all times continue to adhere to all advice and directives regarding **Social Distancing**. Restrictions, as they stand, still state that **a maximum of 10 people should attend Funerals and Burial**