

Re-opening Churches for the Public Celebration of Mass and Celebration of Sacraments.

As we all know Government and public Health Authorities have given the go-ahead for Churches to plan re-opening for the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments. The Irish Bishops Conference has produced a document named, 'Framework Document for a Return to the Public Celebration of Mass and the Sacraments'. This Document is intended to support Dioceses and Parishes in their preparations for a return to public worship and we will be doing this in consultation with a Parish Covid 19 support team for the reopening of our churches for public worship. Each Parish has been asked to have in place a 'Covid-19 Support Team'. In all circumstances the safety and health of people, ministers, and priests must be paramount.

The Parish Covid-19 Support Team must complete a 'checklist' and also consider Government Protocols for Return to Work and the Allianz Insurance Guidelines before even considering a 'phased reopening' of public worship over the coming weeks. No Church will be given the permission to open for public prayer or worship until satisfactory arrangements, as indicated in the Bishop's 'Framework Document' have been put in place.

The advice received at Diocesan level is for parishes to plan for a slow, cautious approach to return of public worship and celebration of the Sacraments and we are doing this in consultation with neighbouring parishes. The Sunday Obligation to attend Mass remains suspended; Webcams will continue to be a vital outreach to those who prefer not to return to gatherings immediately.

Parish Covid-19 Support Teams have begun preparations for the re-opening of our Churches for public worship. The guidelines from Government, the Public Health Agency, the Irish Episcopal Conference and the Diocesan Office must now be met and adhered to, as well as clear compliance with Insurance requirements, before it is possible to gather people for the public celebration of Mass. In addition, volunteers for stewarding and cleaning must be in place in advance of this.

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.



St Anne's Shrine, Mayobridge - Important Notice

This year there will be no Healing Mass on the Feast of St Anne on 26th July.

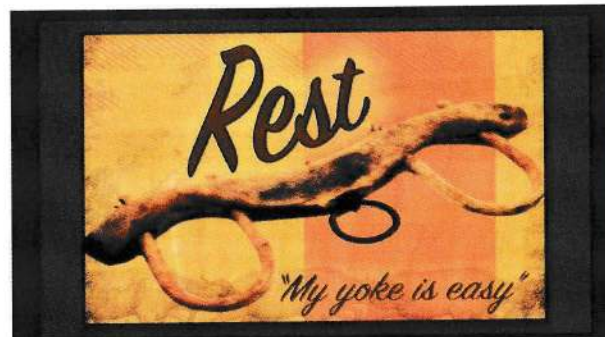
This is due to the ongoing pandemic, subsequent restrictions on movement and gatherings and in particular to the ill and vulnerable potential attendees.

This year the traditional 9-day Novena in Honour of St Anne can be viewed online starting Friday 17th July.

More details to follow (Painting by Mary Gallagher)

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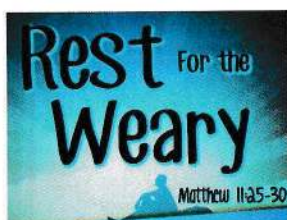
Sunday 5th July 2020
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest'
Matt. 11: 25-30



Baptisms are now again being Celebrated.
If you wish to organise a Baptism,
Please contact the
Baptism Team Coordinator on
07803272403



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

PARISH OF CLONDUFF 5th JULY 2020
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Sunday Readings Cycle A – Weekday Readings Cycle 2)

ANNIVERSARIES: BALLYMAGHERY, BALLYGORIAN, CABRA & DRUMGATH PARISH	
Sat 4 th July 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	MM Daniel McAlinden, Crosgar/Cabra; Deceased members of the O'Hagan Family, Ballymaghera; Peggy & James McPolin, Stang; Mary McConville, Cross Road; Francis Dominic Brannigan, Carcullion; Susan & Eamon McPolin
Sun 5 th July 11.00am BALLYMAGHERY	Mary Morgan, Mourne View DRUMGATH PARISH: MM Bernard McConville, Lissize, Rathfriland
Mon 6 th July 9.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	BALLYMAGHERY:
Tues 7 th July 9.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	BALLYMAGHERY:
Wed 8 th July 9.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	DRUMGATH PARISH: Paulene Mallon, Ballydoo
Thur 9 th July 9.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	BALLYMAGHERY:
Fri 10 th July 9.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	DRUMGATH PARISH: Arthur, Rita & Francis McGeown, Tamary
Sat 11 th July 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Jim Fegan, Bryansford Road; Hugh McGinn, Leitrim
Sun 12 th July 11.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	Alex & Helen Lynch, Cabra; Gerard Gartland, Cabra

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 £1093.00

RECENTLY DECEASED – We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Hugh Devlin, Rathfriland, Mickey Rice, Bryansford Road** who were interred recently and **Loughie Maginn, Warrenpoint** and **Michael Arthurs, Hilltown** who died recently
May they rest in peace

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.

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.

NOTICE FOR DRUMGATH PARISH FROM DRUMGATH LADIES GROUP

Drumgath Ladies Group are planning a complete refurbishment of the toilet areas in The Parish Centre, Rathfriland in the next few weeks. There is a cash shortfall of £1300.00.

Under normal circumstances a Coffee Morning would be held as a Fundraiser, but unfortunately that is not possible at the moment.

If anyone would like to make a contribution this would be gratefully accepted. Any Donation can be left in the Post Box at the Parish Centre clearly labeled Drumgath Ladies Group or given to Fr Charlie or any member of Drumgath Ladies Group

St John's Church, Ballymaghera and St Mary's Church, Cabra are now open daily.
In line with Covid 19 regulations the Chapels must be cleaned every evening. We are asking for help with this and calling on parishioners and all organisations in the Parish for help.
The task will take about 20 minutes to complete. To enable us to keep the chapels open we are appealing for help. Anyone able to assist in the cleaning should put his/her name and telephone number in the post box of the Parochial House or from Cabra with Sean McAlinden.
Church opening times Mon to Fri 11.00am to 6pm
Sat 11.00am to 5.30pm and Sun 12 noon to 6pm. Please follow the notices.

We are currently in the process of looking at ways to Open our Churches safely in accordance with current guidelines.
We hope to Open Safely in the very near future.
We need cleaners and ushers

BEST WISHES
to Canon Francis Brown as he takes up his duties again as Administrator in the Newry Parish

May God's Blessings be with him.

