

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP LARRY

Re New Covid Restrictions on both sides of the border.

The spread of the Coronavirus Covid-19 north and south of the border has now resulted in additional restrictions being put in place over the coming days. This is a very trying time for people, particularly after so many have made such tremendous efforts to comply with regulations and to provide for the common good and the public health of all.

As Bishop of a diocese that is divided by the border, I am very aware of the fear, frustration and inconvenience that people are experiencing. I am especially conscious of the loss felt by so many on the southern side of the border at not being able to celebrate public Mass together. In fact, in some of our parishes Mass is available in one part while not in the other. The Eucharist is an essential part of the spiritual nourishment of Catholics and I look forward to the day when we can all celebrate it again.

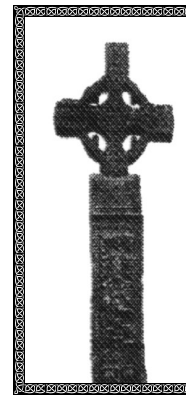
The restrictions call us to personal responsibility; to comply with public health and hygiene requirements and to look out for the needs of others. So many are doing that on the frontline and in our schools and public services. In fighting this contagious virus, all of us need to do the same in whatever walk of life we are in.

As Christians we are all especially called to serve each other, to be Christ to each other in every situation. St. Teresa of Ávila, whose feast we celebrated this week, puts it well:

*“Christ has no body now but yours; no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours”.*

May the God of love bless you all and keep you close now, and in the days and weeks ahead.

The Parish Office has moved from Clonkeencole to
5 Carn Dun, Newtownbutler Road, Clones, H23 CA26.
The phone number and email address remain the same.



Parish of Clones

Sacred Heart, Clones
St Alphonsus, Connon
St Macartan's, Aghadrumsee

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18th October
2020

Twenty-ninth
Week
in
Ordinary Time

Masses and Intentions for the Week Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Sunday

Sat 17th Vigil	7.30pm	O'Brien & Love Family, Oakview; Michael Armstrong, Fermanagh Street
Sun 18th	10.00am 11.30am	People of the Parish
Mon 19th	10.00am	Richard & Teresa Mohan, Coonian
Tue 20th	10.00am	
Wed 21st	10.00am	
Thurs 22nd	10.00am	St. John Paul II, Pope
Fri 23rd	10.00am	Dan McPhillips, Tiernahinch (First Anniversary)
Sat 24th	10.00am	Mona & Sean McAnerney, The Diamond; Phyllis & Aidan Connolly, Fermanagh Street
Vigil	7.30pm	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Eamon Kelly, Clonkeenlucas; May Reihill, O'Neill Park; Maria Deery, Tandergree; Cyril Quigley, O'Neill Park
Sun 25th	10.00am 11.30am	People of the Parish

All Liturgies in Sacred Heart Church are broadcast on the Parish website.

Parish Mobile (in case of emergency): 085 817 6203.

Masses for the week

Saturday 7.30pm Sacred Heart, Clones (Webcam)
Sunday 10.00am St. Macartan's, Aghadrumsee
11.30am Sacred Heart, Clones (Webcam)
Weekdays: Mon-Sat in Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am (Webcam)
 (When there is a funeral in Clones, the Mass will be at **11.00am**)

Baptisms are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on the second Saturday of each month at 4.00pm and in St. Macartan's Church on the third Sunday at 1.00pm.

Adoration: Postponed until further notice.
Confessions: Postponed until further notice.

Deaths: We pray for Mary McGeough, Cromaghy
 Oliver MacNeill, O'Neill Park
 Sr. Brigid (Nuala) Beggan, Limerick & Clones

Marriage: We wish God's blessing on Clare McMahon & Martin Mullarkey

St. Macartan's:
Reader 25th Oct John Maguire
Eucharistic Minister 25th Oct Sinead McKenna

Sacred Heart Church, 24th & 25th Oct:
Readers Vigil Jim McMahon
 11.30am Elaine McDermott

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
 I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things,
 and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
 come spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there
 and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen

Today is Mission Sunday: Today we pray for missionaries and the local churches of mission lands and we are asked to support them in practical ways. The theme this year is *Together we can do more: blessed are the peacemakers*. It calls us to show solidarity with missionaries and their communities as best we can, especially in these difficult times when Covid-19 affects us all. The envelope collection will be for World Missions/Propagation of the Faith. We are all asked to contribute as generously as we can to this cause and to return the envelope to the parish as soon as possible.

Speaking this week, the Bishop of Clogher, Bishop Larry Duffy, said that this year's Mission Sunday was different.
'This year, the circumstances in which we mark this Sunday are so different, here in Ireland and all over the world. Parishes everywhere are facing financial pressures due to reduced income and continuing costs. Communities and missionaries in Africa, Asia and Latin America are also struggling, even to a much greater extent, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, we are called to make an extra-special effort to support them this year', he said.

The funds raised from the annual World Missions collection in each parish is sent on in full from the diocese to form part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This is a lifeline for some of the most marginalised communities, helping them to build schools, healthcare facilities and churches and to provide future leaders – priests and lay – of the local church communities.

Bishop Duffy has recently set up a Mission Support Team in the diocese to work closely with the Diocesan Director of Mission Awareness, Fr Brian Early in promoting not just World Mission Sunday but the missions generally.

Responsibility for Parish. COVID-19 Corona Virus, has had a huge impact on everyone's life. From 13th March, lock-down has been the common experience. Some have lost loved ones, made more difficult by not being able to have the traditional memorial events. Some have lived with the anxiety of being exposed to this horrific virus, many have had to curtail or postpone celebratory events, whilst work situations have remained a worry for others.

Even though Mass is being celebrated behind closed doors, the costs of heating, lighting, phone/webcam/broadband, insurance, security costs, wages, ground and cemetery maintenance and diocesan levies still have to be paid. If you would like to contribute to parish maintenance you can do so by using the safe in Sacred Heart Church or by paying online using these bank details:

Account Name Clones Parish Church Account, Church Square, Monaghan.
 Account No 14253498 Sort Code 90 33 06
 BIC CODE: BOFIE2D IBAN CODE: IE93BOFI90330614253498

Please use your name and first line of your address in the reference field of any payment you make. This will provide a record of your contribution.