

*To the children of the future*

You do not know  
You can never imagine  
You will never realise  
What a pandemic means to the human heart...  
What COVID19 can do to the human soul...  
What cocooning can do to human freedom...  
In silence, but with speed, it shattered all our normalities,  
Bringing destruction and death in its path.  
Tearing at our quiet places of prayer and goodness,  
It burst into our spaces of happiness and peace,  
With destruction, devastation and tears.

Across the decades and for centuries to come  
It will be whispered about.  
Stories told from one generation to another,  
How catastrophic the attack, that reduced us to fear.  
How endless the lines of the sick and the grieving...  
How frequent the lists of lost and dead,  
With thousands walking in the gravitas of sorrow.

The broken hearts of children, of parents and of grandparents,  
With distances widening between them.  
Nights when we could not sleep,  
And lost our heart's whole sense of the beloved.  
Days when we could not see,  
Could not hear,  
Could not find  
The beloved.

But with these weeks and months of horror  
Came the amazing singing of the sweetest morning chorus...  
Came an openness to the humanity of others...  
Came a deeper understanding of the beauty in Nature...  
Came a gentle desire to make old and new contacts with family and friends,  
Came the hope to live differently and care for the earth,  
Came the urge to de-clutter, keeping what is worth keeping,  
Came a longing to slow down, reflect and love gently,  
Came a new appreciation of gratitude, and of what we have.

So, Pandemic, what was your purpose here?  
Why did you come among us?  
To teach us something?  
Go now and never return...  
I think we may have learned that something....

*Méabh Ní Uallacháin*



**Parish of Clones**

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

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6th September  
2020

Twenty-third  
Week  
in  
Ordinary Time

**Masses and Intentions for the Week**

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat 5th Vigil	7.30pm	Jimmy & Patricia O'Reilly, Carn; Eugene McMahon, Cara Street; Jim & Teresa Monaghan, O'Neill Park; Bridget & Edward Charity, O'Neill Park;
Sun 6th	10.00am	Frank & Richard Kearns, Drumma; Arthur & Margaret Maguire, Follum Little;
	11.30am	Paddy McCarney, NTB Road (Month's Memory)

Mon 7th 10.00am

Tue 8th 10.00am

**The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

Tom Flynn, Largy

Wed 9th 10.00am

Thurs 10th 10.00am

Fri 11th 10.00am

Sat 12th 11.00am

Paddy & Rose McCaffrey, Newtownbutler Road  
Ben Carey, Tully (Funeral Mass, A'd'see)

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Vigil	7.30pm	May & Terry O'Neill, O'Neill Park; Shane O'Neill & Joe & Annie Callaghan, Abbey St. Nuala & Leo Craig, Newtownbutler Road; John & Bridget McPhillips, & Paddy, Paul, Jim & Kathleen McCarney & Michael Mooney, Kilrid;
Sun 13th	10.00am	Maggie & Mickey Lynch, Drummerwinter;
	11.30am	Jennie, John & Mary Maguire, Toneydrumallard Helen Cunningham, Legar Crescent (1st Anniv.)

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

**Masses for the week**

**Saturday 7.30pm Sacred Heart, Clones**  
**Sunday 10.00am St. Macartan's, Aghadrumsee**  
**11.30am Sacred Heart, Clones**

**Masses during the week: Mon-Sat in Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am**  
(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:** Wednesday, 10.30am - 6.00pm, in Sacred Heart Church.

**Baptism:** We welcome into our Christian faith community  
Fiadh Mae McKiernan

**Deaths:** We pray for Sharon McGuigan-Audley, Clonkirk  
Peg McCabe, Broomfield and formerly Clones

**St. Macartan's:**  
**Reader 13th Sept** Liz Manley  
**Eucharistic Minister 13th Sept** Naoisa Faux

**Sacred Heart Church, 12th & 13th Sept:**

**Readers** Vigil Mary O'Neill  
11.30am Josephine O'Neill

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

Vigil Luke Kelly  
11.30am Shelagh Crudden

**Altar Society**

Maureen Connolly, Kathleen McPhillips, Anna May Greenan

*Heavenly Father, stretch out your hand this school year towards  
all children, teachers and staff.  
Watch over them and keep them safe.*

**NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE 2020** will be broadcast live on Sunday 13th September at 3.00pm from Knock Basilica. The Grandparents Pilgrimage will be streamed online. Grandparents and their families everywhere are invited to join at: [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch)

**Youthscape** is a fun, educational programme for young people aged 14-24 who are not currently in education, training or employment. It focuses on three areas: Personal Development, Citizenship and Good Relations. The programme runs three days a week for six months, both online and in the South West College campuses in Enniskillen, Dungannon and Omagh. For further details phone 07775504218 or visit [www.swc.ac.uk](http://www.swc.ac.uk)

Clones GAA Lotto No winner (13,17,18,19) Jackpot €4,600.00

**The Season of Creation** has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast day of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

*At Your word, Earth brought forth plants yielding seed and trees of every fruit-bearing kind. In your Wisdom, you granted a Sabbath, a blessed time to rest in gratitude for all that you have given.*

*But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits. During this Season of Creation, we ask you to grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

We welcome Fr. Jim Moore as our new Parish Priest.  
Fr. Jim will reside at 5 Carndun until the house beside the Sacred Heart Church is restructured as a residence and parish office.  
We wish him well and promise our support.