

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP LARRY DUFFY

In view of the decision by the Irish Government to move all of the Republic of Ireland to Level 3 restrictions from 7th October for three weeks, it is with regret that the following arrangements must now come into force in parishes in the Republic.

- The celebration of Mass and other liturgies/devotions is restricted to online only.
- Parishes are encouraged to arrange online devotions and other prayer moments (Prayer of the Church, Rosary, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross etc). Some of may be led by laypeople.
- Churches should remain open for private prayer only. It is vital that the regular cleaning of churches continues.
- The numbers attending Wedding ceremonies is restricted to 25 people.
- The numbers attending Funerals is restricted to 25 people.
- Indoor meetings or outdoor gatherings cannot be held.
- House visits are not permitted.

It is sad that we have come to this point once again, especially after the outstanding efforts of parishioners and priests in preparing churches for the return to the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments over recent months, including the great work done by the many volunteers in keeping our churches clean. We must now, once more, rely on online means to renew and live out our spiritual communion which comes to its fullness in the celebration of the Eucharist.

As Pope Francis puts it in his recent encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, we are experiencing 'dark clouds over a closed world'. We must look out for each other and accompany each other as brothers and sisters in need of God.

I thank all priests for the generous and faithful way in which they continue to walk with God's people during this time of Covid-19. The restrictions may be hard to live with; having once more to celebrate Mass to an empty church and being unable to carry out our ministry fully is so contrary to our priesthood. But the growing number of cases over recent weeks remind us all too clearly that we are all vulnerable to this contagious disease.

Yes, there will be challenges ahead for us as church communities. But through the grace and love of God and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, we will come through this and build anew, guided and renewed by the Holy Spirit.

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, pray for us
St Joseph, Protector and Guide, pray for us,
St Macartan, pray for us.



Parish of Clones

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

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11th October
2020

Twenty-eighth
Week
in
Ordinary Time

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

Sat 10th Vigil	7.30pm	James & Katrina McGovern, O'Neill Park; Raymond Hickey, Clonkeenlucas
Sun 11th	10.00am	Brendan & Elizabeth Maguire, Corloughaloon; Vincent & Patricia Courtney, Omagh
	11.30am	Peg McCabe, Broomfield (Month's Memory); Alice Hehir, O'Neill Park (First Anniversary)
Mon 12th	10.00am	
Tue 13th	10.00am	
Wed 14th	10.00am	
Thurs 15th	10.00am	Pauric & Noel Maguire, Oakview
Fri 16th	10.00am	
Sat 17th	10.00am	Andy & Ursula Dolan, Clonmackin

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	7.30pm	O'Brien & Love Family, Oakview; Michael Armstrong, Fermanagh Street
Sun 18th	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 Cassie Cadden, Cornacrieve
Jackie Mealiff, Clonmore

St. Macartan's:

Reader 18th Oct Yvonne Crudden

Eucharistic Minister 18th Oct Rosemary Grew

Sacred Heart Church, 17th & 18th Oct:

Readers Vigil Marion Love
11.30am Joe Kirke

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

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday: 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. Donations can also be made online via iDonate on www.clogherdiocese.ie and indicate the World Missions/Propagation of the Faith option on the dropdown bar under step 3. Thank you.

Pope Francis on fraternity and social friendship: 'It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Fraternity between all men and women. ...Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters.'

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, para. 8.

Family Rosary Crusade against Covid during October – you are encouraged to pray the Rosary, or even a decade of the Rosary, each day during the month of October. Pray for your own family and loved ones and for all those whose health or livelihood is being seriously impacted by the coronavirus crisis.

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

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