

Common Prayer for 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

Loving God,
Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,
You created us in your image and made us stewards of all your
creation, of our common home.
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that
all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.
Help us to be conscious that our common home
belongs not only to us,
but to all future generations,
and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.
May we help each person secure the food and
resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,
especially the poorest and those most at
risk of being left behind.
Transform our fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation into hope
so that we may experience a true conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing
the consequences of this global pandemic.
Make us courageous to embrace the changes
that are needed in search of the common good.
Now more than ever may we feel that we
are all interconnected and interdependent.
Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth
and the cry of the poor.
May the present sufferings be the birth pangs
of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians,
we make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen



Parish of Clones

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St Macartan's, Aghadrumsee

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Seventh Week
of
Easter

All Masses in Sacred Heart Church are broadcast on the Parish website

Masses and Intentions for the Week

The Ascension of the Lord

(World Communications Day)

Sat 23rd Vigil 7.30pm Nigel McGovern, O'Neill Park & Ard Cluain;
Margaret, Tom, James &
Oliver Beggan, Magheranure;
Mary & Jimmy Murphy, McCurtain Street;
Aloysius & Mary Grew, Gorteen

Mon 25th No Mass
Tue 26th 10.00am Joe Cassidy, Clonkeencole
Wed 27th 10.00am People of the Parish
Thurs 28th 10.00am Larry Sherry, Millbrook
Fri 29th 10.00am

Solemnity of Pentecost

Sat 30th Vigil 7.30pm Brendan, Carmel & Packie Lynch, Kibb;
Margaret & John Collins, Kilridd;
Johnny, Peggy & Betty Maguire &
Angela Dempsey, Drumma

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

Clones Parish Office is closed but you can communicate via email or phone from 10.00am until 5.00pm each weekday.

Anointing of the Sick: There will be no house calls (including First Friday calls) at this time. Priests will phone and pray with the sick or house-bound.

Baptisms: Baptisms and Marriages - Please contact the Parish Office for up to date information.

Confessions: Individual Confessions are not now possible. People are reminded of the longstanding pastoral practice, when penitent's access to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is restricted, that they can be assured that their sins are forgiven if they make an act of contrition with a firm resolve to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the stay at home orders are lifted. Pope Francis has spoken on this in recent days and it is in line with the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Deaths: We pray for
Thomas McCaughey, Trillick
Gerry Kelly, Edinburgh & Aghadrumsee
Larry Boyle, Roslea
Jim Spicer, Roslea
Joey McCarville, Belfast & Clones

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 at least 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

Bishop Larry has written a Pastoral Letter to be read at Masses on the Feast of Pentecost. You can read the full text of his letter on the parish website (Bulletins Section).

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY. The theme this year is about life becoming history through the stories we tell. The theme is drawn from the Book of Exodus; **'That you may tell your children and grandchildren'** (Ex. 10:2). In this time of pandemic, we have many stories to tell. At this time too we can only marvel at the range of communications tools that are available to us and how these have enabled so many to be informed and stay connected. In many parishes we are witnessing the power that modern communications technology is bringing to us so that the Eucharist can be celebrated online and spiritual communion renewed. But, as Pope Francis says, the power of communications is about more than the means in which it is carried out. It must be about what we communicate; 'the stories that build up, not tear down; stories that help us rediscover our roots and the strength needed to move forward together.' Each of us has a story to tell and telling it is never useless. Our own story becomes part of a greater story – just like the Scriptures – that enables us to see God in all things. To read Pope Francis' Message visit – <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications.index.html>

LAUDATO SI & EARTH DAY

Today we also mark the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day and the 5th Anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*. This theme calls us to reflect on how everything is connected. The anniversaries of Earth Day and *Laudato Si* call us to reflect, and to recommit ourselves to the Care of Earth, our Common Home. Each of us has a responsibility for this. How will our individual and collective choices and actions tell of our recognition of God, whose love gave birth to the universe and to earth, our beloved home?

Grave Plot Maintenance

While there is no guarantee that Cemetery Sunday will take place on 23rd August, people might use these days to visit the cemeteries and, where necessary, tidy family plots.

Parish Contributions.

We thank those who are making use of the secure box in Sacred Heart Church to return their parish envelopes and stipends for Anniversary Masses.