

PARISH OF KILMORE

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First Sunday of Lent 21 February 2021

Readings Gen 9:8-15, Ps 24:4-9 1 Pet 3:18-22, Gospel Mk 1:12-15

Dear Parishioners

I would like to assure you that you are all in my private Masses and prayers at this very difficult time. Let us adhere to the medical advice regarding the Corona Virus and keep safe. I am celebrating Mass for special intentions. If you would like to avail of this please contact me at the Parochial House.

I encourage those parishioners who are availing of our service of e-mailing weekly bulletins to communicate their content by telephone or text to those parishioners who either do not have e-mail or have not requested bulletins via e-mail. Parishioners who would like to be included in this method of receiving the weekly bulletin should e-mail either of the following e-mail addresses – oliverybrennan@eircom.net OR parishofkilmore@g.mail.com Please keep safe. *Father Oliver*

This week there will be Mass via the webcam on Monday evening at 7.30 pm and Wednesday morning at 9.30 am

URGENT UPDATE FROM ARCHBISHOP EAMON RE STAY AT HOME MESSAGE AND PUBLIC WORSHIP

All churches will be closed except for private prayer, marriage, funeral and baptismal liturgies **UNTIL FRIDAY 05 MARCH** (subject to regulations). There will be one Mass on webcam from the parish on Sundays at 10.30 am. Link to the webcam - <https://kilmoreparish.onlinemass.org>

URGENT FROM ARCHBISHOP EAMON - PARISH ADMINISTRATION - Corona Impact - Parish offices should be closed to the public and all business conducted by phone or on line

ANNIVERSARIES

10.30 am	21 Feb	Kevin McNamee (MM)
10.30 am	21 Feb	Father Joe McKeever (MM)
10.30 am	21 Feb	Mary Ellen McGrane
10.30 am	21 Feb	Edward McGrane
10.30 am	21 Feb	Molly McCann
10.30 am	21 Feb	Sean Hughes
10.30 am	28 Feb	Hugh Patrick McCann
10.30 am	28 Feb	Josephine Hannon

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jimmy Fearon
Noel McLoughlin (father of Ann Lappin)

MULLAVILLY ALTAR SOCIETY 28 Feb/7Mar Marie and Sheila McGrane and Ruby McCusker

FACEBOOK The link to the Parish Facebook page is Kilmore Parish – Stonebridge and Mullavilly

REOPENING OF PARISH CHURCHES

People attending our first Masses on the re-opening of our Churches may find arrangements somewhat unusual when entering the Church. Ushers will meet you at the door to guide you to your seats and also to guide you as you approach the altar for Holy Communion. Civil and Church regulations –

- Carpet cleaner
- E-sprayer/defogger
- Toilets out of use
- No altar servers
- No Ministers of the Word/Eucharist
- No sign of peace
- No Sunday Mass leaflet
- Collection of money – basket at church entrance
- No offertory procession
- No choir
- No homily
- When the church is full to capacity, parishioners will be accommodated in the Parish Pastoral Centre with audio/visual to the webcam (St Patrick's Church Stonebridge 7.00 pm and 11.15 am, Mullavilly Community Hall audio 10.00 am)
- Bookings for anniversaries/baptisms/weddings via telephone or through the letter box at the Parochial House (Can meet parishioners if they are outside and observing social distance).

Please ensure that you take home all belongings – otherwise they will be disposed of.

FACEMASKS are now mandatory on entry/exit and during the entire service unless exempted PRIVATE PRAYER - available in both churches on Sunday afternoons and by other arrangements.

Funeral Liturgies For the time being, BUT SUBJECT TO DAILY REVIEW, the following guidelines should be followed –

Requiem Masses or other funeral services within the church building may proceed for now but physical participation must be limited to immediate family only, ie a very small gathering for any funeral liturgy taking place inside a church or at the graveside with appropriate social distancing. In the case of death from COVID19, specific arrangements will apply as communicated by the health authority via funeral directors.

All local council/funeral director guidance re participation at gravesides should be followed carefully. Priests should advise funeral directors that a 'house /funeral private' notice be inserted in notices. Pastoral support to bereaved families should be offered by telephone and priests should not attend gatherings of people at wake houses. Priests continue to offer Mass privately for the deceased.

Pastoral care of the sick

Routine pastoral visits to the sick by clergy, extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, etc should be **SUSPENDED**. All such visits including First Fridays should be replaced with pastoral support through phone calls, texts, e-mail, etc where the person has agreed to this. Routine nursing home visits are also suspended and any emergency visits should only take place following consultation beforehand and in strict adherence to the guidelines of the nursing home authorities. Clergy and pastoral workers must not visit hospitals at this time. If families would like their loved one in hospital to be attended to, they should ask the nursing staff to contact the chaplain on call. In the case of danger of death at home, priests must enquire if the person is suffering from Covid-19. **There must be no pastoral visits of any kind to those suspected of, or who are carrying, Covid-19 or to any person or family self-isolating at home following public health agency advice.**

I am most grateful to our many parishioners who are returning weekly and Parish Dues envelopes to the Parochial House or making donations in other ways. When we make a gradual return to normal Church services baskets for the collection of donations will be provided at Church entrances during Masses. Envelopes may also be returned directly to the Parochial House. *Father Oliver*