



# Donaghmoyne Parish.

Third Sunday of Easter 26th April 2020

Parish Bulletin: now available on [www.donaghmoyne.com](http://www.donaghmoyne.com).

Parish Radio: St Patrick's Broomfield: 102.4 FM. St Lastra's Donaghmoyne: 87.5FM. St Mary's Lisdoonan: 107FM.

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**Mission Statement:** Our Parish is a Christ-centred community. In Baptism, we are challenged by the Spirit to live and share the Gospel message. Through proclaiming the Gospel message by word and Action, our community in celebrating the Liturgy, working for Justice , Charity, Ecumenism and the Needy and Vulnerable, we extend our love and care to all people, providing support in renewing and Deepening our faith. We value the gifts and talents of each of our Parishioners and invite them to use these in responding to Christ's invitation to all of us to follow Him in spreading the Good News.

### Donaghmoyne Masses.

**No Public Masses until further Notice.**

**Sunday Next** 3rd May Months Mind Mary McGroder, Carga over Broomfield Radio on 102.4FM

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### Lisdoonan Masses.

**No Public Masses until further Notice.**

During these challenging times, it is important that we pray for our families, our communities and our country. Just because public Masses have ceased doesn't mean that prayer should cease. It is needed now more than ever.

With this in mind, the following is encouraged-

- The Rosary.
- The Angelus.
- Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- Stations of the Cross.
- Prayerful reflection.

### Broomfield Masses.

**No Public Masses until further notice.**

Mass will be celebrated privately on Sundays at 11.30am in Broomfield Church and will go out over the Parish Radio on 102.4 FM.

11.30am on Sunday next. Months Mind Mary McGroder, Carga, over Broomfield Radio at 102.4FM.

### Baptisms St Patrick's Church Broomfield.

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic Baptisms and Marriages throughout the Diocese of Clogher have been postponed until further notice

**Please pray for** Bridie \Moore, Castleblayney, who has died recently. May God grant her eternal rest and comfort her family in their grief.

**First Friday:** Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, the infirm and housebound of Broomfield and Lisdoonan will not be attended until further notice.

**Thanks** A most sincere thanks from Fr Sean Nolan and myself to all who have sent us letters, cards and gifts, extensive good wishes over Easter. Thank God we are both well in these challenging times and greatly appreciate the support and generosity of so many people.

In our Masses and prayers we continue to pray for the many in the parish who are finding life difficult at present, families who have lost a loved one through the corona virus, or have a loved one with the virus, those confined to their homes and missing family and friends, parents caring for their children especially children with special needs and those caring for older people. We continue to pray for all working in our hospitals and nursing homes and all who care for others from day to day that God will keep them safe.

**Parish Envelopes** can be dropped in via the letter box on the back door of Broomfield Parochial House (Parish Office) We would like to thank those parishioners who have very kindly dropped in their weekly offering envelopes and Trocaire Envelope into the Parish Office. If possible, we ask you to continue this practice for the foreseeable future, until we get back to celebrating our Week-end Masses with the people of the parish. Thank you very much for all your generosity.

**Parish Envelopes and Donations to Donaghmoyne Parish** can also be made in both **St. Lastra's Church, Donaghmoyne** and **St. Mary's Church, Lisdoonan**, from Sunday next, 5th May in a Supervised Box in each Church from 3 – 4pm. This will make it easier for people who may like to visit their own Church on a Sunday afternoon to say a prayer and collect a Parish Bulletin.



**1 PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CHALLENGE. Bishop Larry Duffy.**

**God of Love**, we the people of the Diocese of Clogher turn to you with prayerful hearts and with confidence in your loving presence among us now and in every moment of our lives. We stand before you as a people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May we be comforted by your love in these anxious times.

**Generous and Merciful God**, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old; that we may look after each other in these challenging times, especially those among us who are vulnerable. May your example give us the courage we need to go to the margins, wherever they

may be. Heal us of our fear. **Healing God**, bring healing to those who are sick with the Coronavirus and be with their families and neighbours. We pray especially who those who are isolated, that they may know your love. Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. **God of Strength**, accompany all those who serve us with such love and generosity in the medical profession and in all our healthcare facilities. We give thanks for their continued work in the service of people. We ask you to bless them, strengthen them and guide them with your abundant goodness. **God of Wisdom**, we ask you to guide the leaders in healthcare and governance; that they may make the right decisions for the wellbeing of people. **O God of creation and God of life**, we, your people here in Clogher, place ourselves and our world in your protection and love. May your peace be with us and enfold us today, tomorrow and during the time ahead. We make our prayer through the intercession of Mary our Mother, and all the saints. St Joseph, pray for us. St Patrick, pray for us. St Macartan, pray for us. St Davnet, pray for us. St Fanchea, pray for us. May all the saints of God, pray for us, Amen!

**Reflection of Third - Sunday of Easter:** Since Easter Sunday, the Gospel readings have been giving accounts of the appearances of Jesus to his disciples after the resurrection. These accounts tell us that the apostles were frightened, and that they had doubts even when Jesus appeared among them.

This tells us two things, first, that the apostles had failed to understand all that Jesus had told them and explained to them about himself before he died on the cross, second that the acceptance of the resurrection by the apostles depended as much on their faith as on the physical appearances of Jesus.

Our own experience is similar to that of the apostles. None of us have seen the risen Christ in person. Yet we are asked to believe in God our Father and his son Jesus Christ who died on the cross and rose from the dead for us. And so we, too, have to rely on faith to believe in the resurrection. We can never take our faith for granted, and we need to continually strengthen it.

Our faith in God will be strong only if we have communication with him through prayer. As with human relationships, if we stopped talking to God we will quickly lose contact with him and he will mean very little to us.

In today's gospel, we see that it was during prayer that the apostles recognised Jesus, even though he had been with them on their seven mile-journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus. St. Luke tells us that they recognised him at the breaking of bread. If we have failed to recognise Jesus in the past, we now have the opportunity of meeting him as we break bread in the Eucharist. We ask him to deepen our faith during Mass, and to help us recognise what he wants us to do in life, by getting to know him better through the Scriptures and our celebration of the sacraments. We pray also that others may recognise us as followers of Jesus and be encouraged by our Christian living. Rev James Murphy.

**Community Support:** If anyone in the parish needs any assistance with shopping or collecting medications etc., in the coming weeks due to the self-isolation restrictions, the Donaghmoyne GAA Club is always willing to help out. Please contact Brian on 087-2915864, Ann on 087-9563283 or Teresa on 087-6878676.

**Meal Distribution Program:** Following a generous donation of frozen meals from Kerry Foods in Carrickmacross, a quantity of frozen dinners are being distributed throughout the community with the assistance of Monaghan GAA and all the local GAA clubs. These meals were free to anyone who may require assistance during the current crisis. If you are interested, please call or text Betty 087-0527389, Mary 087-4196307, or Ann 087-9563283.

**Accord – Couples and Relationships Support Line:** Accord has set up a Support Line where callers can talk to experienced couples and relationship counsellors during this time of Covid-19. In providing this service, the following numbers are available, 01-5313331, 028-95680151 and 01-9059555. These numbers are already available via our diocesan Facebook and Twitter pages.

**Parish Bulletin:** A number of printed Parish Bulletins are available in each of the three Churches each week-end, the Parish Bulletin is also available on the Parish Web Site. If you have a notice for the Parish Bulletin, please E-Mail it to [dalym1@sky.com](mailto:dalym1@sky.com) or drop it into the Parish Office by Wednesday of any given week.

**Copies of the Irish Catholic Newspaper** available at the doorway of each of the Churches.

### **Stewards of Creation – Catechism for Adults (New catechism)**

The Bible contains a profound message about the stewardship of material creation. God created the world, but entrusts it to human beings, Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following:

- Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature.
- Protection and preservation of the environment, which is the stewardship of ecological concern.
- Respect for human life – shielding life from threat and assault and doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish.
- Development of this world through noble human effort – physical labour, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences. We call such effort “work”.

Work is a fulfilling vocation..The Second Vatican Council points out that, through work, we build up not only our world but also the Kingdom of God, already present among us. Work is a partnership with God – our share in a divine human collaboration in creation. It occupies a central place in our lives as Christian stewards.

As we reflect on this beautiful description of work in the **New Catechism**, we hope and pray that all of us will be able to get back to our work and normal routine of living soon.

**Victim Assistance:** We are all overwhelmed by the Corona virus outbreak and we hope that you and yours are all safe and healthy. Now more than ever we need to stay calm, be resourceful, and do what we do best: focus on supporting each other. As a national charity, that offers “emotional” and “practical” support to all victims of crime and those and their families who have experienced a “traumatic” incident, we want to reassure all concerned that we at Victim Assistance are committed to continuing our service to those who need us. Whilst some of our staff are working remotely , we can be contacted through our **National Helpline** at 1800 277 477, our office telephone 094-9000251 or by **e-mail** at [support@victimassistance.ie](mailto:support@victimassistance.ie). Our offices are manned Monday - Friday 9.30am – 5.30pm, during these difficult times. Remember social distancing doesn’t mean social isolation – we are here to help.

**Trocaire Lenten Campaign:** Our most sincere thanks to all who have dropped their Trocaire Envelope into the Parish Office in Broomfield. We invite others who would like to do the same, to drop their Trocaire Envelope or Trocaire Box into the Parrish Office before the end of April. We would then hope to send our Trocaire Collection through the Diocesan Office to Trocaire, where it will be greatly appreciated, as the Trocaire workers continue their most important work among the poorest in our world at a most challenging time. Again we say a Big Thank You to all who are continuing to support the Parish, the Priests and Trocaire, in these very strange and difficult times for us all.

**RTE News Now Channel** continues to televise Mass at 10.30am each weekday morning at 10.30am. The RTE News Now channel can be accessed on Saorview (Channel 21), on Sky (Channel 521) and also on Eir (Channel 500).