



Donaghmoyne Parish.

Easter Sunday 12th April 2020

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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.

Blessed Easter Water available from Easter Sunday

Lisdoonan Masses.

No Public Masses until further Notice.

Blessed Easter Water available from Easter Sunday.

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.

Today Sunday 12 April 11.30am. **Months Mind** Pearse Duffy, Knockreaghs

Blessed Easter Water available from Easter Sunday At the Baptistry.

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 Mary McGroder, Carga and Peter Tavey, Dooragh and Lisnamack who have died recently. May God grant them eternal happiness and comfort their families in their grief.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION. When we cannot attend Mass, we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion , expressing our faith in Christ and in His Presence in the Eucharist, asking Him to unite Himself to us. The basic elements in an act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith; an Act of Love, a basic desire to receive Christ and an invitation to him to come into your heart.

Act of Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus. I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacra mentally, 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.

HAPPY EASTER. Our thoughts and our prayers are with all those who are finding life difficult at present because of the Covid 19 Corona Virus. We pray for those who have died with the virus, those struggling to overcome it, those who are cocooned in their own homes, the many finding the current restrictions very difficult and for those on short time work or who have lost their jobs and are struggling to make ends meet. We pray for God's Blessing on all in our health services and for the many good people doing charitable and voluntary work for those confined to their homes and for those in need.

As we end Holy Week we are conscious that Jesus did not shy away from the Cross but carried it to his death on Good Friday. He is with us as we carry the heavy cross of Covid 19 and as his Cross gave way to the joy of his Resurrection at Easter, we pray that this virus will be overcome in our world and our own country. We wish each and everyone in our Parish a very Happy Easter filled with the many Blessings of the Risen Lord.

Easter 2020 Message from Bishop Larry Duffy

Our reception of ashes on Ash Wednesday was a response to a call to conversion. Before God we acknowledged that there were corners of our hearts that needed healing, pockets of resistance to God's grace in our lives. The Word of God announced that Lent was a unique season of God's grace. Lenten penance, prayers and almsgiving were our response, we were part of a worldwide retreat or mission. Gospel passages like that of the Samaritan Woman, revealed that God can lead us step by step to new life. It was the hope we set out.

This lent was to be like none other in our life experience. The fear of the virus Covid-19 has demanded a generous spirit from all in society, social distancing and staying at home were painful but necessary. We move into Holy Week hoping and praying for a change in daily news. As the Easter Triduum approaches, our prayer is one of gratitude for healthcare workers, and all who support and care for the vulnerable and aged. We pray for the dead and those bereaved and we ask God to care for all.

The Easter Triduum celebrates and rejoices in the depth of God's love for humankind. This love is expressed in the gift of his Son who gave his life for us. On Holy Thursday we are grateful for the wonderful gifts of Priesthood and Eucharist. The Cross is at the centre on Good Friday when we acknowledge the cross of Christ as the source of all blessings and graces....the Paschal Candle on Holy Saturday night moves us to walk in the light of Christ and to be his voice and presence in the world. The *Exultet* – the song of Easter joy – calls on us to rejoice because God is ever faithful to his people.

This year, I think Holy Saturday best captures the mood and prayer of people at this time. An ancient homily found in the Office of Readings asks: "What is happening? On this day there is a great silence over the earth, a great silence because our King sleeps, the earth was in terror and was still because God slept in the flesh". We wait and pray like Mary and the women at the grave never losing hope in God's love. The Gospel reading at the Easter Vigil this year is from Matthew. Just like his account of the Passion last Sunday, Matthew vividly places before us the power of God's actions, of great earthquakes accompanying seismic moments in time and through it all, the women are told not to be afraid, to seek the Risen Christ, the One they are looking for.

This Easter we are being challenged in many ways. But among the challenges there is one that as people of faith, hope and love, we cannot ignore. It is the challenge to find Christ in all that we do, in all the circumstances of life's journey. Yes, Christ, Crucified and Risen is with us.

Like the women on the first Easter morning, may we all in our time be 'filled with awe and great joy' (Mt 28:8) as we seek to bring the love and mercy of Christ to others, especially to those who need it. Let us not be afraid to do so,

*Christ, my hope, has risen, he goes before you into Galilee
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know,
Victorious king, thy mercy show* (Sequence of Easter Sunday)

My prayer this Easter is that you will hold on to that hope as we celebrate the great deeds of God.

Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Easter Holy Water Blessed Water for Easter is available in each of the Churches of the Parish from Easter Sunday onwards, for people to bring to their homes.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign The Trocaire Box, this year tells the story of two mothers, Madras in Kenya and Angela in Honduras. Both mothers and their families are victims of climate change which they did not cause. Madras sees the crops wither in the fields because of lack of water, Angela sees forests being destroyed and water poisoned. Both are struggling to provide food and clean water for their families and themselves. Trocaire is at the cutting edge of helping people like these in dire need, providing for their immediate needs and helping them to have a sustainable future. Trocaire largely depends on the **Trocaire Lenten Campaign** to continue its great work. While some in Ireland are dying and many suffering or worried because of Covid 19, most of us are not on the breadline. In former years people in this parish have been very generous to Trocaire. If you are in a position to help The Trocaire Lenten Campaign this year please use your Trocaire Envelope or drop your contribution or Trocaire Box into Broomfield Parish Office over the Easter period. Cheques should be made payable to 'Donaghmoyne Parish Before the end of April we will forward a cheque to Trocaire to help continue their great work for the most needy in our world. Many thanks.

Parish Envelopes: can be dropped in via the letter box on the back door of Broomfield Parochial House. We would like to thank those parishioners who very kindly continue to drop their weekly offering envelopes into the Parish Office. If possible, we ask you to consider this practice for the foreseeable future. Thank You.

Donations to Donaghmoyne Parish can also be made via clogherdiocese.ie you can go to the web page, in the bottom left-hand corner you will find a box with **Donate** written on it. If you press this box it will open a facility that enables the individual to select alternatives for a once-off payment or a monthly payment for up to 24 months. The individual selects the amount of the contribution, the parish of choice, their own bank details, any comment they may wish to add, and an email contact.

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 that 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 **email** at 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.

Parish Envelopes 2020/2021: By now Parishioners should have received their new Box of Envelopes, which begin Sunday 5th April. If you have not received yours box of envelopes, or if you would like to make your contribution to the parish by Direct Debit, please ring Broomfield Parochial House. 042-9743617 / 086 3387322. **Cheques:** People making payments to the Parish by cheque, please note that all cheques should be made payable to Donaghmoyne Parish. If you are new to the parish or have started to earn an income, please drop your name / address into the parish office (back door letter box) Parochial House Broomfield.

Clogher don Óige: Across the entire Diocese, our great young people involved in the John Paul II Awards, through Clogher don Óige, are taking up a challenge to live out their faith in the community at this difficult time by helping those who are in need. In doing this, they will be abiding with the regulations of the health authorities and the protocols of safeguarding. They will also be interacting with local food banks and other initiatives. If you feel that there is some social justice action needed in your parish where they could help, please call James McLaughlin on +44 7759282955 james@clogherdonoige.org.

St Lastra's Well: The Annual Blessing of St Lastra's Well in Aghavilla, Donaghmoyne which usually takes place on the first Sunday in May is cancelled due to Covid-19.