



# Donaghmoyne Parish.

Fourth Sunday of Easter 3rd May 2020 - Good Shepherd Sunday

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.**

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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. Months Mind Mary McGroder, Carga. Sunday Next AM Jack Burns & DM of Burns Family, Derryilan.

AM Barney Courtney, Lackafin. Am Tommy & Mary McMahon, Lisnagunnion.

### 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** Pat Callan, Coolcair and Anne Hughes, Keady,, ( sister of Peter Connolly, Drumharriff North) , who have died recently. May God grant them eternal rest and comfort their families in their grief.

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**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.

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**LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

**First Prayer:**

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus’ suffering, and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”, you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

**Second Prayer:**

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this corona virus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

(We will include the complete Second Prayer from his holiness Pope Francis, in next week’s Bulletin).

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.



**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 and St Patrick, pray for us. St Macartan,. St Davnet, and St Fanchea, pray for us. May all the saints of God, pray for us, Amen!

**Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday – Extracts from the Message from his holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Vocations 3 May 2020.**

*Words of Vocation: pain, gratitude, encouragement and praise.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

On 4 August last year, the 160th anniversary of the death of the Cure of Ars, I chose to write a letter to all those priests who daily devote their lives to the service of God's people in response to God's call.

On the occasion, I chose four key words- pain, gratitude, encouragement and praise. I believe that today, on the 57th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, those words can be addressed to the whole people of God, against the backdrop of the Gospel passage that recounts for us the remarkable experience of Jesus and Peter during a stormy night on the sea of Galilee (cf Mt: 14:22 -33).

After the multiplication of the loaves, which astonished the crowds, Jesus told his disciples to get into the boat and precede him to the other shore, while he took leave of the people. The image of the disciples crossing the lake can evoke our own life's journey. Indeed, the boat of our lives slowly advances, restlessly looking for a safe haven and prepared to face the perils and promises of the sea, yet at the same time trusting that the helmsman will ultimately keep us on the right course. At times, though the boat can drift of course, misled by mirages, not the lighthouse that leads home, and be tossed by the tempests of difficulty, doubt and fear.

Something similar takes place in the hearts of those who, called to follow the Teacher of Nazareth, have to undertake a crossing and abandon their own security to become the Lord's disciples. The risk involved is real: The night falls, the headwinds blow, the boat is tossed by the waves, and fear of failure, of not being up to the call, can threaten or overwhelm them. The Gospel, however, tells us that in the midst of this challenging journey, we are not alone, like the first ray of dawn in the heart of the night, the Lord comes walking on the waters to join the disciples; he invites Peter to come to him on the waves, saves him when he sees him sinking and, once in the boat, makes the wind die down. Even amid the storm-tossed waters, then, our lives become open to *praise*. This is the last of our vocation words; and it is an invitation to cultivate the interior disposition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grateful that the Lord gazed upon her, faithful amid fear and turmoil, she courageously embraced her vocation and made of her life an eternal song of praise to the Lord.

Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say "yes" to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us

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**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).