

Thought for the week



Pentecost Triduum of Prayer

The Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin invites you to a Triduum of Prayer that is taking place across the Diocese. Households across the diocese are invited to dress their front doors with red ribbons for Pentecost Sunday.

An image of a dove can be downloaded and added to the ribbons also. If you have a windchime in your garden you may like to add it to the decoration or place it near your door. Once more, people are invited to send their photos on Pentecost Sunday into the kandle Facebook page.

Beginning on Wednesday 27th May, these three nights of prayer will lead us through what it means to live the true meaning of Pentecost during the time that we find ourselves in.

Entitled Faith, Hope and Love: Living Pentecost Today, each night will take on one of these acts and through the mediums of song, word and prayer we will explore them in the context of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the current pandemic.

The Triduum of prayer leads us to join with Bishop Denis on 30th May as he celebrates the Vigil Mass of Pentecost in Carlow Cathedral and celebrate the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Please visit: <https://www.kandle.ie/pentecost-triduum-of-prayer/>

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sixth Sunday of Easter

17th. May

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The Deep End • Live Laudato Si'

This week marks the fifth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical on Care for Our Common Home. Catholic communities worldwide have been asked to celebrate Laudato Si' Week in some way from 16 to 24 May. Laudato Si is a beautiful document, inspired by the words of St Francis of Assisi, 'Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.' In this document, Pope Francis asks us to listen to the cry of the earth, to really awaken to what is happening to God's creation. We live in extraordinary times, where vast ecosystems are being destroyed and global warming poses a threat to life, all due to human activity. Young people are calling on us to take action in order to ensure a sustainable future for all. In Laudato Si', Pope Francis says that this environmental crisis is, in reality, a spiritual crisis, because we have forgotten who we are and where we come from. We need a conversion of heart where our relationship with nature is concerned. He invites us to re-awaken a child-like sense of awe and wonder and to remember that 'the entire material universe speaks of God's love... soil, water, mountains: everything is a caress of God' (LS 84). In today's Gospel, Jesus says: 'This is the Spirit of truth... He abides with you and He will be in you.' Let us begin again to see God present within ourselves, in others and in all of creation. We start here, for we will only protect what we love. How will you celebrate Laudato Si' week this week in your home and in your parish community? Spend time in nature, plant a tree, read Laudato Si'



The Pope invites us to make a spiritual communion with this prayer.

I prostrate myself at your feet, O my Jesus, and I offer You the repentance of my contrite heart, which abases itself in its

nothingness in your holy Presence. I adore you in the Sacrament of your Love, the ineffable Eucharist. I desire to receive You in the poor abode that my heart offers You; while waiting for the happiness of Sacramental Communion, I want to possess You in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, that I may come to You. May your Love be able to inflame my whole being in life and in death. I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You. Amen.

CLOMOR PARISH - ROAD TO RECOVERY

These are extraordinary and unprecedented times and it has been very difficult for all of us. Thankfully now we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and with the road to recovery programme announced by the government **there is hope**. I think we all can hold our heads up high with our compliance with the restrictions announced by the experts and we have saved many lives.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Dan Lawlor who passed away recently. Also we pray for friends and relatives who have passed away during these difficult times.

Congratulations to Andy & Tess Byrne who celebrated recently their 100th and 90th. birthday respectively. It was wonderful to see how the family and the community marked this very special occasion.

We are aware that our normal lives will change in the future and we will be ready for this. Over the last few weeks our PPC have had Zoom meetings to prepare for the future. We have suggested a few steps we can take to enable us to return to some sort of normality.

1. We are installing a webcam in Ballyconnell Church, hopefully this will be up and running on Sunday 24th. May. We will have Mass every Sunday at 10.30 and also some weekday masses. You will be able to view the mass by clicking on the link on our website - clonmoreparish.ie. Some of you would like anniversaries prayed for at these masses; You can leave your anniversaries into the Parish Office on Friday and they will be prayed for at the mass on Sunday. We are aware that not everyone has the internet or a computer. Age Action Ireland are offering grants for people who would like to install the internet or purchase a laptop or smart device. You can contact any member of the Parish Council who can help you with this.
2. We hope to organise once a month an outdoor mass, alternating between the three churches. Details of this will be announced via our webcam. In June we hope to have an outdoor mass in the carpark of Ballyconnell Church, in July an outdoor mass in the carpark of Kilquiggan Church, and in August an outdoor mass in the carpark in Clonmore Church. For these masses people will remain in their cars and you will be able to hear the mass over the car radio. Many of you have been saving your weekly envelopes, at the outdoor masses we will have a basket in which you can safely drop your envelopes. For the moment there will be no communion at these masses.
3. The cemetery masses will take place on the dates on our calendar in Ballyconnell church via the webcam. Because of the HSE restrictions we have been advised not to have our cemetery masses at the cemeteries.
4. Financially for the Parish, like many other homes and businesses it is a very challenging time as our income has largely disappeared. If you wish to continue to support your parish you can drop your envelopes and donations into the basket at the outdoor masses, or you can drop your envelopes into the Parish office on a Friday or you can go to the Diocesan Website (kandle.ie) and you will find a link to donate to Clonmore Parish.
5. We are also looking into the possibility of having an outdoor bingo once a month on a Sunday afternoon in the carpark in Ballyconnell. We are looking forward to having this opportunity to keep in contact with all of you, and we hope it will help to keep us united as a parish community. Please stay safe in these strange times and we will continue to pray for each other.