

Thought for the week



What will we need to consider as we make a return to Mass the first weekend in July?

There will be a number of changes that we will need to consider. These include the following:

1. How we should enter and leave the church maintaining social distancing.
2. There are assigned places to be seated in the church. We have a limited number of places in each church and it will be on a first come basis. Places will be limited; a calculated capacity when reached cannot be exceeded
3. How we process up to communion following social distancing. There are markings on the floor in each one of the churches.
4. We will not have any basket or envelope collections. There will be two boxes on tables in the back of the church, one for envelopes and one for offertory collections. These collections are needed for the upkeep of the churches.
5. How we leave the church maintaining social distancing.
6. The dispensation from Mass still holds so, for now. We will have an extra mass each week in the churches. When mass is in Kilquiggan on the Sunday we will have mass on Tuesday evening in Clonmore at 7.30 pm and when mass is in Clonmore on the Sunday we will have mass on Tuesday evening in Kilquiggan at 7.30. There will be morning mass in Ballyconnell on Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30 and Friday evening at 7.30 pm.
7. Mass leaflets we be left on the seats.

We will need to be patient and kind to one another, especially to our parish volunteers.

Have a Wonderful Week

PARISH NEWSLETTER



14th. Sunday in Ordinary
Time 5th. July

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The Deep End

In the opening lines of the Gospel today, Jesus praises God for the grace of openness and humility he sees around him, for revealing 'these things' to infants and hiding them from the 'wise.' I imagine Jesus had had enough of the arrogance and the egos of the elite. The authorities of the time who were so closed to his message of love and compassion. Jesus' disciples were not from the upper echelons of society, but they trusted in Jesus, they wanted to understand, they had an openness to learn. For Jesus, God's grace was found in the humble, in those who were open to new possibilities, in those whose hearts were not hardened or consumed by ego. Over the past number of months, we have all been humbled a little, whether we were open to it or not. The Covid-19 epidemic stopped us in our tracks and suddenly we realised we were not in control. We were humbled by a microscopic invader with macroscopic consequences. While many opportunities lay in our cocooning, I am very aware how many are struggling with our new reality. It has been a traumatic and stressful time for most people. And yet, within it all, our faith asks us to watch out for signs of hope, for stories of resurrection all around us, for good news. Today, we hear some of the most beautiful lines in the Gospel: 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.' Reading *The Message* interpretation of the text reads: 'Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I will not lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.' During days of uncertainty, may we remember and whisper these lines, with open hearts.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 7th. July Mass in Kilquiggan at 7.30 pm. Wednesday 8th. July Mass in Ballyconnell Church at 9.30 am. Thursday 9th. July Mass in Ballyconnell Church at 9.30 am. Friday 10th. July Mass for those buried in Aghowle graveyard will take place in Ballyconnell Church at 8.00 pm via the Webcam and Fr. John will bless the graves after mass in Aghowle. Saturday 11th. July: Mass in Ballyconnell Church at 7.30. Sunday 12th. July: Mass in Kilquiggan Church at 10.30.

Anniversaries - with love we remember

Saturday 4th. July: Ballyconnell Church at 7.30 Eamon & Fergus Coleman. George Hickey, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh. Mary (Ciss) Keogh, Ballyconnell.

Sunday 5th. July: Clonmore Church: Michael Kelly, Blackhills, Clonmore; John and Annie Gahan, Knockatomcoyle. John & Mary Gegan, Knockatomcoyle. Margaret Dowling, Ballaghaclay, Clonmore.

Sunday 12th. July: Kilquiggan Church: Gerry & Kitty Frayne, Cronelea



OUTDOOR BINGO ON Sunday 2nd. August (Bank holiday weekend) In Carpark behind Ballyconnell Church. Please spread the word. Begins at 3.00 pm.



We would like a few volunteers to help with the organization of the Bingo if you would like to help please contact Gertie Keogh Tommy Byrne, or Fr. John

Pope Francis announces Year of Laudato Si.



The encyclical, Laudato Si (a letter from Pope Francis on care for our common home), was first published on May 24, 2015, on the eve of the U.N. World Conference on Climate Change. In May 2020, on the 5th anniversary of its publication and following a week of events, Pope Francis announced a Year of Laudato Si. This

dedicated year of reflection highlights Pope Francis' focus on the intimate link between the protection of nature and of human life, which are central themes in "Laudato Si'." The reality of the interconnectedness of everything in the world which is at the heart of the Pope's message has been demonstrated in the COVID-19 pandemic and our necessary response to it. This year is a call to all of us as individuals, families and faith communities to prayer, reflection and action.

Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them, You created us in your image and made us stewards of all your creation, of our common home. You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that all might be nourished. Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation. Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us, but to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it. May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need. Be present to those in need in these trying times, especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind. Transform our fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation into hope so that we may experience a true conversion of the heart. Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic, Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good, Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected, in our efforts to lift up the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.