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MASSES

No Public Masses until further notice. Weekend Masses will be LIVE STREAMED.

Kilkerley 6pm Saturday

Knockbridge 11.30am Sunday

Each Mass will be offered for the anniversaries that have been booked for both Saturday and Sunday.

Fr. Gerry and Fr. Brian will also celebrate Mass on weekdays at 9.30am via webcam: Kilkerley: Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Knockbridge: Wednesdays & Fridays for all our parishioners and for those nationally & internationally who have contracted the Coronavirus as well as for those who are caring for them at home or in hospital.

KILKERLEY: Anniversaries Saturday 21st March 6pm
Paddy Bolton, Annie Woods, Bernie Mulholland & deceased mems. of the Smart Family, Veronica Mulholland and Mary Belton

Anniversaries Saturday 28th March 6pm: Tom Murphy (Little Mills)

KNOCKBRIDGE: Anniversaries Sunday 22nd 11.30am
Sheila Sweeney MM., Michael & Rita Corrigan (Kilkerney), John & Mary Wallace & DFM., Robert, Brigid & John Watters & DFM., Elizabeth & James Carolan, Paddy & Una Fox, Pete Brennan, Bernard & Marie Quigley & DFM.

Anniversaries Sunday 29th 11.30am

Christopher Griffin (1st Anv.), Anna & John Brannigan, Donal McGeough, Mollie & Paddy McGeough, Olivia Reilly (nee King), Brianán Markey, Peggy Hoey, Michael, Rose, Seamus & Enda Corcoran

22nd March 2020 Hello. How are you?
(From Fr. Gerry)

Praying against the Virus. Last week I presented one of the three pillars of LENT to you i.e. PRAYER. Given the scale of the Coronavirus, globally and in Ireland, I cannot think of a better subject this week (and most likely for the weeks to come) than PRAYER.

During these 'strange unprecedented times' in the world we need to take tough responsible measures to stop the spread of COVID-19. Already schools are closed until 29th March and employees have been encouraged to work from home. Washing ones hands regularly, social distancing and drinking lots of water are obligatory. I encourage all to follow these instructions conscientiously.

However, along with all the practical precautions all of us need to pray more intensely for each other and especially those who have succumbed to the illness. Continue also to pray for those in the front lines - especially doctors, nurses and medical staff and other carers who have courageously volunteered to help in any way they can. May the Lord protect them as they place their own wellbeing at risk in the service of all. Pray with me part of St. Patrick's Breastplate for protection.

**Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Amen.**

Mass on RTE

Please note that RTE is broadcasting Mass every day at 10.30am on RTE News Now.

Your Prayers are asked for the recently Deceased:

Pat Nugent, Cavan Road, May Marry, Newtown, Patrick Mc Caffrey, Rathbrist & Michael Geoghegan.

Further Advice on Coronavirus from Archbishop Eamon

The following measures motivated by care for the common good will take place. Each Christian community should be acutely aware of the responsibility to care for those who are most at risk. For example, even where it may not be appropriate to visit the elderly, a simple telephone call to enquire about their needs could mean so much to them.

All non-essential pastoral gatherings and meetings such as formation gatherings, retreats and seminars are cancelled.

All Confirmations, First Communions and First Confessions are postponed until further notice.

Every Catholic is entitled to a dignified Christian burial. For the safety of all concerned attendance at funeral services and Masses should be limited to close relatives. Others can avail of the church webcam (see below). We need to prepare ourselves for the likelihood that only committal services at the graveside will be possible at some point in the future and memorial Masses at a later date.

Similarly, Church weddings and baptisms may be celebrated on condition that the attendance in Church does not exceed 100.

Churches will remain open at the usual hours each day for prayer.

In the current emergency situation, all are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass.

In next weeks bulletin there will be guidelines for Holy Week and Easter.

Live Streaming of Masses
Fortunately we are blest to have a Live Streaming service in both churches—Please note the times Masses will be streamed in Kilkerley and Knockbridge. Log into: MCN Media, scroll to Rep. of Ireland then Co. Louth and then you click on the image of St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge or Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kilkerley).

Knockbridge Notes

PARISH BINGO is postponed until further notice.

Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community Cara May Lambe, Rossmakea who was baptised on Sunday 15th March.

Fr. Gerry & Fr. Brian will phone you!

If an elderly/ vulnerable family member or neighbour in Knockbridge or Kilkerley would like Fr. Gerry or Fr. Brian to phone them for a chat & a prayer please call the parish office, leave their name and number and Fr. Gerry or Fr. Brian will phone them. In keeping with data protection the number given will be used for this purpose only.

Act of Consecration of Ireland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Protection from the Coronavirus

Archbishop Eamon would like us to join him at 12noon for the Angelus on **Wed. 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation** in consecrating Ireland & her people to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for protection from the Coronavirus. Fr. Gerry will lead these prayers in St. Mary's Church Knockbridge at that time via webcam. He will also post the prayers on Knockbridge Parish Facebook and Kilkerley Parish Facebook.

First Penance (Knockbridge) due to be celebrated on Tues. 24th March at 7.00pm has been postponed to a later date to be decided.

Christfulness: A Meditation for Lent continues via webcam.

Fr. Gerry will guide you in the Holy Spirit to Jesus in the Sunday Gospels of Lent. Each meditation will last no longer than one hour. Please note the following dates and times
Thur. 26th March 8.00pm
Thur. 2nd April 8.00pm

Blessings Homes for protection from the Virus.

During the next few weeks Fr. Gerry plans to stand outside every home in both parishes to bless and protect each home from COVID-19

Kilkerley Notes

Sunday Dancing in the Community Centre is postponed until further notice.

KILKERLEY LOURDES COMMITTEE wish to sincerely thank all the volunteers who worked in their Pop Up Shop in the Longwalk Shopping Centre last week. Thanks also to all those who donated items to sell in the shop and of course everyone who supported us. The shop was a great success..

Kilkerley Church Envelopes:

The new parish envelopes have been distributed to all homes. If there is anyone new in the parish who would like to receive a box of envelopes please phone the parochial house, Knockbridge.

Family Tree Healing Mass via webcam will take place on **Monday 6th April** at 8.00pm. This Mass is primarily for the generations (Paternal & Maternal) that have gone before us. The Mass will be preceded by the rosary.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

16th June 7 Nights Spiritual Director. Fr Gerry Campbell. 8th September Fr Oliver Brennan. Full bonding Insurance with Joe Walsh Tours. Contact Phyllis. 0872028492

Unbound: Freedom in Christ Ministry: Experience God's healing love. **Break** addictive behaviour and sinful patterns, **End** struggles with anger, inadequacy, worry, guilt, sadness, loneliness, resentment, or depression. **Heal** wounds caused by a person, place or situation. **Learn** to forgive. **Stop** perfectionism and approval seeking. Do you wish to be set free? Experience healing and an abundant life in Jesus. Call Joan: 086 3288847 and make an appointment.

Year of Reflection and Prayer 2020: Prayer Ambassadors. For this Year of Reflection and Prayer each parish in all 61 parishes in the Archdiocese of Armagh have two Prayer Ambassadors who will circulate resources' to homes and schools. Our Ambassadors for this special year are: **Kilkerley:** Donna Kirby & Geraldine Kneel. **Knockbridge:** Joan McKenna & Irene Brennan.. All resources will now be circulated online until further notice