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Knockbridge €1,065.12 **Kilkerley**

€1,200Sincere thanks to all

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place as usual on Mondays from 10am to 10pm in Knockbridge. and on Fridays from 6pm to 7pm in Kilkerley. Come and pray for an end to the Coronavirus



"You must propagate veneration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with all your might, for the devotion to the Holy Eucharist is the queen of all devotions." Pope Benedict

MASSES

No Public Masses until further notice.

Weekend Masses will be LIVE STREAMED.

Kilkerley 6pm Saturday

Knockbridge 11.30am Sunday

Please contact Fr. Gerry about anniversary

Masses that have been booked until 29th

March.

Fr. Gerry and Fr. Brian will say other Masses

privately for all our parishioners and for

those who have contracted the Coronavirus

and for those who are caring for them at

home or in hospital.

15th March 2020 Hello. How are you? (From Fr. Gerry)

Care for one another during the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

During the last two weeks we have focused on two of the three pillars of Lent: Fasting and Almsgiving. The third pillar is **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. The Bishops of Ireland have set out a further list of instructions pertaining to church events—see **Further Advice on Coronavirus**. However, along with all the practical precautions we need to pray more intensely for each other and especially those who have succumbed to the illness. Pray for those in the front lines - especially doctors, nurses and medical staff and other carers that the Lord will protect them as they place their own wellbeing at risk in the service of all. As we approach St. Patrick's Day we ask our Patron Saint to pray for us. His 'Breastplate' is a good prayer 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. Please keep safe.

Station Masses After Easter
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Further Advice on Coronavirus from Archbishop Eamon

Until 29th March, 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 are postponed until further notice.

Every Catholic is entitled to a dignified Christian burial. Attendance at funeral services and Masses should be limited to close relatives and must not exceed 100 attendees within the church building.

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.

Live Streaming:

Fortunately we are blest to have a Live Streaming service in both churches—Please note the times Masses will be streamed: Kilkerley 6pm Saturdays: Knockbridge 11.30am Sundays. 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, Kilkerley).

Knockbridge Notes

PARISH BINGO is postponed until further notice.



St. Bride's GFC

The Following numbers were drawn on Monday 9th March 2020 for the Jackpot of €20,000

01, 11, 24, 29

No Winner. Three Match Three Winner €70

Alan Meehan c/o Cluskeys
Rosie Quigley c/o Shop
Catherine Turnbull Online

Lotto will resume next Monday 16th March for a jackpot of €20,000 and for a Louth GAA Double House Draw Ticket.

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

Your Parish Contribution. Did you know that if you contribute €250 (through envelope) for the running cost of your Parish annually, i.e. slightly less than €5 per week, it is worth an extra €112 to the parish with a signed **CHY3 Form**. If you wish to receive a form please contact the parish office. Your contribution towards the admin. costs of the parish is vital.

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 today.

Christfulness: A Meditation for Lent. Looking for something original to do this Lent? Fr Gerry is offering 'Christfulness' in **St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge**. So what is Christfulness? We have all heard of the modern practice called 'Mindfulness' were ones focus is on 'some-thing'. Christfulness is awareness of 'some-one' ie **JESUS**. Each evening 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: Thur. 19th March 8.00pm

Kilkerley Notes

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

Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community Jack Thomas Fegan, Rathmore, who was baptised recently.

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 Emmets Lotto Draw

Week 3, March 10, 2020

Jackpot €6,100

Numbers Drawn - 16, 20, 21, 26 - no winner

Winner of €100 ticket for County Board Pick a House Draw

Andrew McGuill

Jackpot next week is €6,200

First Penance (Kilkerley) due to be celebrated on Wed. 18th March at 7.30pm has been postponed to a later date to be decided.

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 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 and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and followed by tea and coffee. The Holy Family Prayer Group from Drogheda will lead the music.

Upskilling Free basic iphone, ipad smartphone & tablet training starting in the Redeemer Resource Centre, Dundalk on Friday 3rd April 2020 from 2-4pm. If you would like to book a place please call Angela on 046 9280790

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

16th June 7 Nights Spiritual Director. Fr Gerry Campbell.