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**Knockbridge € Kilkerry €**

*Both churches are opened each day for solitary personal prayer. This will be reviewed weekly in light of public health authority & Government guidance.*



**A Holy Hour**

*Before Covid-19 Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group had met every Thursday in the parochial house.*

*Members will now gather via webcam for a holy hour in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge on Thursdays at 7.30pm beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the rosary. Everyone is welcome.*

**Mass times**

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

**Kilkerry 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 will also celebrate Mass on weekdays: Kilkerry:**

**Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am & Knockbridge: Wednesday and**

**Friday 9.30am**

**KILKERLEY: Anniversaries Saturday 25th April: 6.00pm**

**Matthew (Matt) Birch MM., (Thomastown) Mary and Vincent Clarke**

**Anniversaries Saturday 2nd May : 6.00pm**

**Eugene, Briega & James Callan and deceased members of the Callan & Rogers Family**

**KNOCKBRIDGE:**

**Anniversaries Sunday 26th April: 11.30am**

**Alice Geoghegan MM., (Crossabeigh), Willie Moonan. Tom Sweeney, Patrick Donnelly and Seamus Hearty.**

**Anniversaries Sunday 3rd May: 11.30am**

**Your Prayer are asked for the recently Deceased:**

Thomas (Tommy) Mulholland, Mary Bellew (Rathmore) Joe Faughey, Donaghmore, Maggie Murray, Milltown, Anne Meegan, Dunbin, Brian Maquire, Crossabeigh, Pat Nugent, Cavan Road, Fr. Tom Hamill, Dundalk. Paddy Rushe (Sr.) Coalisland,

**Third Sunday of Easter**

26/04/2020 A message from Fr. Gerry

How are you doing ? Has cabin fever set in yet ? How's your self discipline ? How much more can you take? How far can you go until you begin to lose your mind ? How many more board games can you play? How many times have you said, I've had it, I'm going into town to meet up with friends...I'll take chances. Was it Simon Harris who said that complacency was the new virus? He may have a point. In a world of hyperactivity this new way of being, is not easy. .and people will lose it. Already doctors in Italy are saying that the coronavirus death toll and its lockdown is the strictest and longest in Europe. They say both things are creating a mental health emergency. Are we in Ireland prepared for this? If not, we should be. Here are a number of ways to tackle the 'corona blues'. Stay informed but set limits for news and social media. Keep a healthy routine: exercise regularly (within 2 km of your home). Keep regular sleep routines. Maintain a healthy balanced diet, avoid access alcohol, read a calming book, watch webcam Masses ( I had to say that one !! ), Inhale JESUS, exhale I TRUST IN YOU. Stay connected to people: email, video calls, phone calls, text messages. If the pressure gets too much, **CALL ME** and we will pray together or call online counselling and support e.g. [turn2me.org](http://turn2me.org), [jo@samaritans.ie](http://jo@samaritans.ie), [pieta.ie](http://pieta.ie), [aware.ie](http://aware.ie), [childline.ie](http://childline.ie).....to name a few. There is so much help out there. Don't be afraid to ask. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said: 'What you are afraid to do is a clear indication of the next thing you need to do.' ASK FOR HELP !

**Alone** has launched a national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of coronavirus. Professional Staff are available to answer queries and to give advice and reassure if necessary. The support line is open 7 days a week 8am-8pm. Call 0818222024

**Confessions in the Garden**

Last week Fr. Gerry began celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the large garden behind the parochial house, Knockbridge: Mon. to Fri. 3.00-6.00pm. He will continue to offer this service (weather permitting) this week adhering to the 2 metre distance between him and penitent. Those who are waiting for the Sacrament wait either in their cars or stand at a safe distance. This is not for the over 70's who are cocooning. However, if they can guarantee both privacy and the social distancing requirements, Fr. Gerry will facilitate them

**The latest Advice on Coronavirus re Church : Baptisms**

**All Baptisms are postponed. In an emergency Baptism may be celebrated by any person who intends what the Church intends. The formula for Baptism "NAME. I Baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" and is said while pouring water on the head three times. Please notify the priest you have done this. A celebration of the faith community can take place at a later time.**

**Present Funerals Arrangements**

**For the safety of all concerned, attendance at funeral services and Masses should be limited to a of 10 people only, keeping to the safe distance protocol. Others can avail of the church webcam.**

**Confirmation, First Confessions and First Communions remain postponed until further notice. Although the government is considering the lifting of some restrictions in the coming weeks, it appears that large gatherings of people are unlikely to be permitted for some time. This situation will be under weekly review.**

**Praying for those who are sick.** Do you believe in the power of collective prayer? We pray by name for those who have died, why not pray **by name** for those in our communities who are sick? Give the name to Fr. Gerry. The name of the person who is ill will then be included in future Masses.

**Rosary During May**

As May is traditionally known as Mary's Month, Fr. Gerry will lead the rosary after every 'webcammed' Mass, (weekdays and weekends) during the month of May beginning on Tuesday 28th April. You and your family can join him from your home.

**Spiritual Communion:** For those who long to receive Holy Communion but cannot due to present restrictions please pray this prayer of Spiritual Communion:

**'My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, please come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you now as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen**

**Knockbridge Notes**

**Parish Collections: Knockbridge:**

*Many thanks to those who left their Trocaire Boxes/envelopes as well as Parish envelopes to the Parochial House Porch, Knockbridge during the last two weeks. This arrangement : Mon.-Fri. 3.00-6.00pm will continue for the foreseeable future for Knockbridge Parishioners only. During this coming week those who contribute to the parish by weekly envelopes will receive a new envelope box dated back to Sunday 5th April. If you do not receive a box and would like to, please call the parochial house and Fr. Gerry will get one to you.*

**Supporting your Parish Online**

*As well as setting up a standing order, The Archdiocese has provided on the diocesan website an online facility to assist parishioners who may wish to support their parish in their Sunday envelope/offertory collection & priest's dues. To access this facility and for further details please visit [www.armagharchdiocese.org](http://www.armagharchdiocese.org) and locate the 'Donate to our parish' button.*

**A letter to all parishioners with the information above as well as other relevant information will be distributed to all parishioners during this week.**

**St. Brides Healthy Club Project**

**Team** are offering a service to anyone in the community, who needs help with collecting groceries, prescriptions, etc.. All requests will be treated in confidence. Contact 0857234668 or 086 4017098

**We will phone you !**

If an elderly/ vulnerable family member or neighbour in Knockbridge or Kilkerry 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.

**Respect for the Graveyards**

How blessed we are that both Knockbridge & Kilkerry parishes have their own private graveyard where we can visit & pray for those who have gone before us. Unfortunately some people are leaving old wreaths & dead flowers and rubbish in the graveyard. We appeal to all: please bring your rubbish home! And if you see old wreaths , dead flowers & other rubbish do not walk passed it ; pick it up & bring it home....the upkeep of the cemetery is the responsibility of all parishioners. 'Love your neighbour in life & in death'.

**Kilkerry Notes**

**Parish Collections: Kilkerry:**

*Many thanks to those who left their Trocaire Boxes/envelopes as well as Parish envelopes to the Parochial House Porch, Knockbridge during the last two weeks. This arrangement : Mon.-Fri. 3.00-6.00pm will continue for the foreseeable future for Knockbridge Parishioners only. The new arrangement for Kilkerry Parishioners is as follows: Place your regular contribution in your unused envelopes or put what you can in the most recent envelope and drop it into the Parish Church Porch on Saturdays from 5.00-6.00pm (before the webcam Mass) or Tuesdays or Thursdays 10.00-11.00am (after the webcam Mass). Fr. Gerry will be in the Church at these times.*

**Supporting you Parish Online (see column on left)**

**A letter to all parishioners (see column on left)**

**Kilkerry Emmets:** men and ladies senior teams are offering a service to anyone in the community, who needs help with collecting groceries, prescriptions, etc.. All requests will be treated in confidence. Contact 0858783433

**Live Streaming of Masses**

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, Kilkerry) depending on the day & time.

**Mass on RTE**

NB. RTE is broadcasting Mass every day at 10.30am on RTE News Now.

**A Prayer for Health Care Workers**

Loving God, we place into your care all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers. Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body. Keep them safe from harm. May they know our deep gratitude for all they are doing to heal and help those affected by the coronavirus. God of all consolation may they know your protection and peace. Bless them in these challenging days and bless their families. Amen.

**Resources for home.** As you may not be able to fully participate in Sunday Mass at this time, there are resources for individual and family prayer compiled by the Diocesan Pastoral Team. Check out [www.armaghprays.com](http://www.armaghprays.com)