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Knockbridge: The total parish

Contributions from Sunday 15th March to Sunday 3rd May is €5,065

Kilkerley: The total parish contributions from Sunday 15th March to Sunday 3rd May is €3,027.63

Mass times: 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 & Fr. Brian will also celebrate Mass on weekdays: Kilkerley: Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am & Knockbridge: Wednesday and Friday 9.30am

KILKERLEY: Anniversary Saturday 9th May: 6.00pm

Joe Faughey, Donaghmore MM. Maggie Murray, Milltown MM. Michael & Maureen Clarke, Milltown.

Anniversaries Saturday 16th May: 6.00pm

Mary Bellew MM. Rathmore. John, Bridget & Charlie McMaster, Tom Deery and Maureen Smyth, Dundalk

KNOCKBRIDGE:

Anniversaries Sunday 10th May: 11.30am

John & Lena Lambe (Rossmakee), Tommy Mulholland 3rd Anv. Eithne Murphy.

Anniversaries Sunday 17th May: 11.30am

Mary Grant & Deceased Members of the Grant Family, Briega Kerr, William & Brigid McCaffrey. Kevin, Sheila, Pascal & Frances Brennan. Joe & Pdraig Ward. Bernard & Mary Ann Ward

Your Prayer are asked for the recently Deceased:

Yvonne Dolan (nee Brennan) Moynalty & formally Cortial, Dessie O' Hare, Kilcurry, Alan Clarke, Carrickmacross, Thomas (Tommy) Mulholland, Mary Bellew (Rathmore), Pat Callan, Donaghmoynne, Noreen Dooley, Inniskeen

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.*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10 /5/2020 During this month when we are called to implore the Intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, it has come to me in prayer how important it is to 'lean on her' especially during this age of the coronavirus. Our churches after all are named after her: 'St. Mary's' Knockbridge and 'The Immaculate Conception,' Kilkerley. Our Pastoral Area (PA) is called 'Our Lady Queen of Peace' (the only one of 17 PA's in the Archdiocese) and we have a prayer group of the same name.

It has occurred to me that we in these parishes ought to be leaders of devotion to Mary in the Archdiocese. Blazing a trail of Devotion to Mary the Mother of God. Jesus said in today's Gospel : 'No one can come to the Father except through me'. So we go to the Father through the Son...but we go to the Son through His mother. He gave her to us as our mother when from the cross He said to St. John, 'Behold your mother'.

So what is your devotion to your Blessed Mother like? Is she, the 'first tabernacle', the 'first and greatest disciple of her Divine Son' important to you? Do you pray to her and ask her for help like any child would ask help from his/her earthly mother? Do you pray the rosary ? Do you pray the rosary with your family? Do you know the rosary?

This month Mary Our Mother wants to hear from us , she wants to help us...so what are you waiting for....run to her in prayer.

St. Pope John Paul II who had a well known devotion to Mary wrote these words that are so applicable for today.

'To succeed in your intentions, entrust yourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary always, but especially in moments of difficulty and darkness. From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ, her Son and the Son of God....we learn from her to be always faithful, to trust that God's Word to you will be fulfilled & that nothing is impossible to God'.

Mary my Mother pray for me now and at the hour of my death. Amen.

Rosary During May

Fr. Gerry & Fr. Brian will lead the rosary after every 'webcammed' Mass, (weekdays and weekends) during the month of May. You and your family can join him from your home.

Welcome back to Fr. Brian who will now celebrate Mass via webcam in Kilkerley.

Pastoral Council Executive will have a 'Zoom Meeting' on Tuesday 12th at 3pm to discuss pastoral plans for the future.

All Baptisms are still postponed.

Present Funerals Arrangements For the safety of all concerned, attendance at funeral services and Masses is limited to a maximum of 10 people only, keeping to the safe distance protocol.

Confirmation, First Confessions and First Communions: Postponed First Communion was due to take place in Knockbridge on Saturday 16th May and in Kilkerley on Saturday 23rd May & Confirmation in Knockbridge on Friday 29th May. Due to the covid pandemic, these will now be moved to the new academic year. Parents will be kept informed through the school Boards of Management.

Confessions: Burdened by sin? If you are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation outside ,adhering to social distancing, please call Fr. Gerry in the parochial house to discuss possibilities.

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 who are sick? Give the name to Fr. Gerry. The name of the person who is ill will then be included in future Masses.

Trócaire: Many thanks to all who contributed to this years Lenten Appeal. The total from the two parishes has risen from last weekend from €4,843.44 to **€5,673.44** This is an increase of **€1,266.44** on last year. This was helped by a number of very generous donations including one for €500. From now, if you would like to make a donation directly to Trocaire please post cheque to Caoimhe de Barra, CEO, Trócaire, FREEPOST NS244, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Spiritual Communion: For those who long to receive Jesus in Holy 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 Parish envelopes to the **Parochial House Porch, Knockbridge** during the last few weeks. This arrangement : Mon.-Fri. 3.00-6.00pm will continue for the foreseeable future for Knockbridge Parishioners . If you do not receive an envelope box and would like to, please call the Parochial house and Fr. Gerry will get one to you.

Supporting your Parish Online

You may wish to set up a standing order, or 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 and locate the 'Donate to our parish' button.

A letter to all parishioners with the information above as well as other relevant information has been sent to all parishioners during this week. If you did not receive one, copies can be found in the porch of both churches.

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 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.

Novena's in May

Join Fr. Gerry for two Novena's in May via webcam from St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge. The first is the '**Divine Mercy Novena**' that will begin on **Wednesday. 13th May (Feast of Our Lady of Fatima) to Thursday 21st May...** all at 3pm. Pentecost Sunday will take place on Sunday 31st May. In preparation for this, a '**Pentecost Novena**' will begin with the Angelus at 6.00pm from **Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May.**

For both Novenas, come armed with a 'Fistful of Intentions'.

Kilkerley Notes

Parish Collections: Kilkerley: Many thanks to those who left their parish envelopes in already. All Kilkerley parishioners are asked to 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. Brian or Fr. Gerry will be in the Church at these times.

Anonymous Donation. Thanks to the parishioner who gave an anonymous gift to the parish for €500

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A letter to all parishioners (see column on left)

Kilkerley 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

Google: Knockbridge Parish webcam or Kilkerley Parish webcam depending on the day & time.

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

Alone has launched a national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of covid-19. Professional Staff are available to answer queries. The support line is open 7 days a week 8am- 8pm. 0818222024

Respect for the Graveyards

How blessed we are that both 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 ; please pick it up & bring it home. Love your neighbour in life and in death.