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Knockbridge & Kilkerry:

The total parish contribution (envelopes & donations) from Sunday 24th May to Sunday 21st June will be recorded on Sunday 28th June. Please check out **Parish Collections** on the last two columns of the newsletter.

Both churches are opened each day for solitary personal prayer. Please seat in the middle aisles only in respect of the cleaning team.



A Holy Hour of Grace: This holy hour takes place via webcam in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kilkerry on Thursday at 7.30pm beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the rosary. It includes worship & praise and reflections on scripture ending with prayers for various intentions. Send prayer requests to Fr. Gerry.

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: Saturday in Kilkerry and Sunday in Knockbridge Mass will also be celebrated on weekdays at 9.30am :
Knockbridge: Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Kilkerry: Tuesday and Thursday**

KILKERLEY:

Anniversary Saturday 20th June: 6.00pm

Joe, Mollie and Francis Brady

Anniversaries Tuesday 23rd June: 9.30am

Ellen and Francis Corrigan, Ellen and Patrick O'Hanlon

Anniversaries Thursday 25th June: 9.30am

Brian Farrell and John & Rose Martin & Deceased members of Martin & Finegan Families

Anniversaries Saturday 27th June: 6.00pm

Oliver McClean (4th Anv.) Deceased members of the McElroy Family

KNOCKBRIDGE:

Anniversaries Sunday 21st June: 11.30am

Patricia Byrne MM., Patsy & Eileen Thornton, Joe Kieran (10th), Eddie Sherry, Deceased Members of O'Hare Family

Anniversary Sunday 28th June: 11.30am

Ned McEntegart (10th Anv.)

Monday 29th June: 9.30am William & Teresa Dowling

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21/06/20

Re-emerging : Don't waste this opportunity (a thought from Fr. Gerry)

Recently I was talking to a Dad about his experience of lockdown weekends. He said that without sporting events & social activities that usually fill up his families weekend, that they have enjoyed board games, quiet days in the garden and exercise. He said that his family want to be more vigilant about the choices they make re: family time.

Well guess what? This is so true for our parishes. During the last few months, much of what we would consider 'essential' to a parish community has been stripped away. We have had to abandon the way we normally do Mass, faith-sharing, and parish meetings. Yet these have also been weeks of innovation, vibrancy and a commitment to reaching out into our communities. As we re-emerge consider this: History tells us that some of the greatest religious revivals in the past have occurred as a response to catastrophic events such as flu pandemics, plagues & ars. God has worked very powerfully in peoples lives through these times. We can trust that God can & is also working now. In 2020, in perhaps a once in a lifetime way the English Catholic Magazine called 'The Tablet' reported that there was an enormous increase in Google searches for 'prayer'... Can you believe it? It looks like God has the worlds attention right now.

The biggest mistake for those involved in any of our parish groups is to step back into the past the moment we step into the church building on 29th June.

Can we use our re-emergence in a creative way, not just to go 'back to normal'?

Can we resist the temptation to relax and take our feet of the pedal of the rapid change we have been experiencing? **Things have changed.**

The world has changed profoundly. Deciding not to continue along the path of change we have just commenced during lockdown is to choose to block the channel of creativity & energy that the Holy Spirit has initiated these past weeks. My appeal to you who are reading this is... **As the world slowly reopens, don't go back to 'normal'; instead, move forward into 'a new normal'. Kilkerry & Knockbridge let us not waste the progress we have made!**

Your Prayers are asked for the recently Deceased:

Helen Murphy, Cavan Road, Terence Mc Kean, Summerhill, Kathleen Keavy, New Jersey, Maisie McMahon, Magheraclon, Edmund Quinn, Pomeroy, Christine Boyd, Ballyclare, Det. Garda Colm Horkan, Fr. John Byrne, Newry, Thomas Mulholland, Aisling Park, Jack King, Grange, Pat Callan, Donaghmoyn, Noreen Dooley, Inniskeen, Elizabeth Rodgers and Elizabeth Monaghan.

Back to Church :) In Phase 3 of the road map towards the new normal (29th June) we heard that 'Places of worship are to resume services again, with precautions'. This means that **weekday Masses will resume on **Mon. 29th June** and the first **weekend Masses** with a physical congregation will be on **4th/5th July**. The churches in Knockbridge & Kilkerry will be equipped with signage and hand sanitizers. Also ushers will be present to guide you to your seat. ...please respect their instructions. We all need to be vigilant & mindful of physical distancing. For weekday Masses parishioners are asked to sit in the middle aisles only.**

Covid-19 Parish Support Team

We now have two teams, one for each parish who have started work towards the future 're-opening' of full parish life and worship. Part of their task is to ensure that the churches are cleaned regularly. The team have already cordoned off parts of the church to reduce the space that needs to be cleaned. During this week you will see various signage placed within the churches promoting physical distancing. In the interest of safety for all, please follow the instructions on the signs. Many thanks for the teams of volunteers. If you are interested in joining this support team in your respective parish, please contact Fr. Gerry during this week.

New Improved Webcam

Due to ongoing problems with the quality of live streaming of Mass and other services, the new provider is **churchmedia.tv** Log this in to the address bar of your PC, laptop, ipad, iphone....scroll down and click on the letters of the church. Alternatively go to our Pastoral Area Website: ourladyqueenofpeacepa.org click on the live Mass in the church of your choice. Apologies for the recent inconvenience and thank you for your patience

New Funeral Arrangements

From today in accordance with Government guidelines up to 25 people are permitted to attend a funeral Mass/Service. The safe distance protocol still applies.

The First Thursday /Friday Sick calls

will resume in July adhering to social distancing. If you know of a family member or neighbour who would like a visit from one of the clergy, please contact the parish office.

Parish Collections: Knockbridge:

Many thanks to those who left their Parish envelopes to the **Parochial House Porch, Knockbridge Mon.-Fri. 3pm-6pm** during the last few weeks. NB. This arrangement will continue until **4th&5th July** 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. Please visit www.armagharchdiocese.org and locate the **'Donate to our parish'** button.

St. Brides GFC The Lotto will reconvene

on Monday 29th June for a jackpot of €20,000. Envelopes can be dropped into 'Todays Shop', 'MacNamees Off Licence', 'We Cook Chipper' or play online at www.stbridesgfc.com Alternatively contact Gareth 0868463779.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

will take place on Saturday 22nd August at 11.00am in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge

First Holy Communion will take place

on Saturday 19th September at 11.00am in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge

Baptisms Are Back !

Individual Baptisms may now be celebrated under the following conditions: No more than six people present in the church building. Physical distancing and cleanliness requirements will be maintained at all times. For the purposes of contact tracing, a record of all six people present will be kept.

We welcome to the parish community and congratulate **Dylan James Dunn** Baptised on Saturday 13th June and **Adelyn Concepta Hoey** Baptised on Sunday 14th June in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge.

St. Mary's National School requires

a Permanent Caretaker/Janitor (Part-time Hours) from 1st August 2020. The ideal candidate should have experience in building maintenance & care. Applications by post with letter of application, CV & referees to: Chairperson Board of Management, St. Mary National School, Knockbridge, Co. Louth by 1st July 2020. Please mark envelope :Caretaker Position

Parish Collections: Kilkerry:

Many thanks to those who left their parish envelopes in already. All Kilkerry 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. NB. This arrangement will continue until **4th&5th July**.

Supporting your Parish Online (see column on left)

First Holy Communion will take

place on Saturday 26th September at 11.00am in the church of the Immaculate Conception, Kilkerry

Resources for home. Check out

resources for individual and family prayer compiled by the Diocesan Pastoral Team. Go to ... 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. The support line is open 7 days a week 8am- 8pm. 0818222024

Blessing of the Graves

Because of the volume of people who traditionally attend the annual blessing of the graves and in the interest of safety there will be some changes this year due to covid-19. Fr. Gerry will conduct a prayer service in the graveyard on July 12th in Kilkerry & 16th August in Knockbridge were he and Fr. Brian will bless the graves. Bottles of water will be left in the main entrance to the church. The service will be videoed and placed on the parish Facebook and website page.

Family Tree Healing Mass will take

place on Monday 6th July at 8.00pm. This Mass is primarily for the generations (Paternal & Maternal) that have gone before us. Due to the volume of people who attend this Mass we are restricting numbers to Kilkerry & Knockbridge parishioners only... apart from members of Holy Family Music Ministry, Drogheda. All others can watch the Mass via webcam. (churchmedia.tv) If you would like your family prayed for, please call the parish office & give your paternal & maternal surnames.