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Knockbridge & Kilkerley:

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, Kilkerley 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.*

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: Saturday in Kilkerley and Sunday in Knockbridge

Mass will also be celebrated on weekdays at 9.30am :

Knockbridge: Monday, Wednesday and Friday (7.30pm)

Kilkerley: Tuesday and Thursday

KILKERLEY:

Anniversary Saturday 13th June : 6.00pm

Tommy and Monsie McCabe

Anniversary Tuesday 16th June: 9.30am

Ben Wallace

Memorial Mass Thursday 18th June:

9.30am

Kathleen Keavy (New Jersey USA)

Anniversary Saturday 20th June:

6.00pm

Joe, Mollie and Francis Brady

KNOCKBRIDGE:

Anniversaries Sunday 14th June:

1130am

Kathleen , Tom and Mary Carron, Annie , James & Mattie Wallace, Thomas,

Eileen, Michael & Mary Rose McShane, Matthew Neary & Dennis

Flynn And DFM of Flynn Family, Alice Monahan

Anniversaries Sunday 21st June: 11.30am

Patricia Byrne MM., Patsy & Eileen Thornton, Joe Kieran (10th),

Eddie Sherry, Deceased Members of O'Hare Family



The Body & Blood of Christ 14/06/20

Reflections from Fr. Gerry.

ARE YOU A RACIST ?

The Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ reminds us not only about the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist but also the presence of Christ in each Community. We are one Body in Christ....Really?? In recent weeks we can see how this Body of Christ is extremely fragmented - I'm referring to 'the virus of Racism'. Racism has raised its ugly head again following the killing of George Floyd in the United States, only this time the anti-racism protests have spread across Europe including this country. In Dublin, 5,000 people marched from the GPO, in O'Connell Street to the American Embassy, in Ballsbridge chanting "Black Lives Matter". The protest, mostly filled with young people (aged 16 - 30), held signs calling for an end to racism and Ireland's system of asylum seeker accommodation.

The Irish Bishops' Summer Meeting was held recently immediately following the 'Black Lives Matter' protests. The Bishops reflected that 'the evil of racism is not simply an American phenomenon. Racism can take many forms, covert and overt, and we in Ireland need to examine our own consciences. Irish society, including our Church communities, benefits from the gifts of many people of different racial origins who contribute to our life and to the quality of life in manifold ways. At the same time, many people of colour, including Irish citizens, report experiences of racist rejection and discrimination. Racist attitudes are learned early in life. They can and must be countered in homes and in school communities where the fundamental dignity of every person is celebrated. Saint Paul affirmed that there is no place among Christians for racist ideas of any kind: 'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' (Galatians 3:28). In post COVID19 times a key priority and option for the Christian must be the promotion and defence of the equal dignity of each human person as a child of God and member of the one human family.'

Pope Francis said recently: *We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form. At the same time, we have to recognize that violence is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us pray for reconciliation and peace.*

Your Prayer are asked for the recently Deceased:

Helen Murphy, Cavan Road, Terence Mc Kean, Summerhill, Kathleen Keavy, New Jersey, Maisie McMahon, Magheracloon, Edmund Quinn, Pomeroy, Christine Boyd, Ballyclare, Thomas Mulholland, Aisling Park, Jack King, Grange, Alan Clarke, Carrickmacross, Pat Callan, Donaghmoyne and Noreen Dooley, Inniskeen.

June : The Sacred Heart

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, this devotion was and remains one of the most wide-spread and popular in the Church. The Feast Day takes place on Friday 19th June. To mark this special Day, Mass will be celebrated via webcam at 7.30pm. from Knockbridge. (churchmedia.tv)

Rosary in June

The Rosary will continue during the month of June after each weekday Mass and will be offered for those who are ill with covid-19 and any other illness as well as for all special intentions.

Combined Parish Pastoral Council Executive .

Following a recent zoom meeting this group discussed the Covid-19 Parish Support Teams as well as looking at the sacraments and week end and weekday Masses moving forward.

In Phase 3 we heard that 'Places of worship are to resume services again, with precautions'. This means that **weekday Masses** will resume on **29th June** and the first **weekend Masses** with a physical congregation will be on **4th/5th July**. At all times we all need to be mindful of physical distancing and using the sanitising equipment in both churches .

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.

Confessions inside or outside

Fr. Gerry was talking to someone recently who said she needed confession because she felt 'Spiritually Grubby' If this describes you, then you can avail of the sacrament inside or in the garden of the parochial house Knockbridge, Mon. to Fri. 3.00-6.00pm.

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. Please visit www.armagharchdiocese.org and locate the 'Donate to our parish' button.

Baptisms Are Back !

From today, individual Baptisms may be celebrated under the following conditions: **No more than six people present in the church building (celebrant/child/parents/godparents. Physical distancing and cleanliness requirements will be maintained at all times. Water will be used from a jug, not the font. For the purposes of contact tracing, a record of all six people present will be kept.**

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.

Bereavement Support Line—Pastoral Centre, Dundalk

Due to Covid-19, the bereavement walk-in service in the Centre has been unable to operate as normal over the past few months. A new telephone listening service has begun to support adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one :
Monday 6.30-8.30pm 089-4677721
Tuesday 6.30-8.30pm 089-4682919
Thursday 6.30-8.30pm 089-4677734
Friday 6.30pm-8.30pm 0894677747

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.

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.

Supporting your Parish Online (see column on left)

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

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 & number & Fr. Gerry or Fr. Brian will phone them. In keeping with data protection the number given will be used for this purpose only.

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 in Knockbridge.

Blessing of the Graves

Sunday 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 Kilkerley & 16th August Knockbridge were he and Fr. Brian will bless the graves as well as bottles of water which 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: 8pm: 6/6/20 Kilkerley: Details next week