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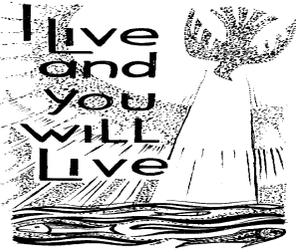
Kilronan Parish Newsletter

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Life is 10 percent of what happens to me and 90 percent of how I react to it.
Charles Swindol



Fifth Sunday of Lent.

In today's Gospel Jesus is surrounded by a culture of death. The disciples are afraid to go back to Bethany, the Jews want to stone Jesus to death, Mary and Martha are distraught over the death of their brother Lazarus, and Lazarus himself lies bound in the darkness of the tomb. It appears as if there is no hope. Jesus weeps for his friend and for those around him.

Yet surrounded by a culture of death and despair, Jesus gives compassion and new life to those in turmoil. It is easy to say that nothing can be done when we are faced with difficult situations in our own lives. Yet Jesus says 'Lazarus, come forth' and to the people he says 'Unbind him, let him go.' It is a message for all of us to come away from a culture of death; to help unbind one another and to allow ourselves to emerge from the tomb. We are called to take away the stone. Today's Gospel is a story of liberation. Jesus gives a new insight into the power of faith over death. It is an active faith, one that urges us on to work for change and new life.

Spiritual Communion

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen". Saint Francis.

Memorare; Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen

St. Ronan's Lotto: There was no winner of the Lotto jackpot when the draw was held last weekend. The numbers drawn were 2, 20, 26 and 28. Consolation prizes were won by the following €70 Paddy Christie, Arigna, €30 Pat Bruen, Keadue, €20 each Darren Healy, Ballyfarnon, Gino McPartland, Arigna, Peggy McTiernan, Ballyfarnon. As per government instructions we must cancel this week's draw and suspend our club lotto. All envelopes will be retained until we can resume.

Mass without a congregation will be celebrated in the Parish on **Saturday night at 7p.m.** in Ballyfarnon and on **Sunday in Keadue at 11.30a.m.**

Weekday Masses at 10a.m. in Keadue on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday and Thursday & Friday in Ballyfarnon. Unfortunately its not possible at the moment to relay Mass from Arigna Church.

Keadue and Arigna Churches will be open each day for private prayer and visits only. Work is in progress in St. Patrick's Church, Ballyfarnon. A new back door was fitted during the week. Work on the door between the sacristy and the church will begin soon.

Friday Next the 3rd April is the First Friday. The First Friday Communion calls will not take place.

Mass Broadcasts. Mass will be available by webcam at St. Mel's Cathedral www.longfordparish.com each day— 8am, 10am, 1.05pm weekday 7.30pm Saturday; 8am, 10am, 11.30am and 1.00 pm Sundays. RTE will air Masses every weekday at 10.30am from St. Eunan's and St. Columba's Cathedral, Letterkenny on RTE News Now which can be accessed on Saorview (channel 21), Sky (521), Virgin Media (200), Eir (517). RADIO MARIA IRELAND is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free – Listen via TV on Saorview - Channel 210 and Freeview - Channel 826; Download our FREE APP - "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on www.radiomaria.ie Mass will be celebrated on Shannonside Radio at 10.00 on Sunday Morning. Mass on RTE Television at 11.00 on Sunday Morning.

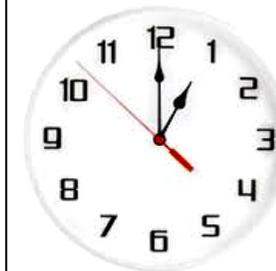
Next Sunday is **Palm (Passion) Sunday**, the beginning of Holy Week. I invite every household in the parish to place a piece of palm on palm Sunday in some room in the house and to sprinkle it with Holy Water.

RTÉ broadcasting output of liturgies during Holy Week 2020.

Palm Sunday 5 April 1100-1150 Mass on Palm Sunday. The Rev. Prof. Michael Mullaney, President of St Patrick's College, Maynooth, celebrates Mass in the Kairos chapel studio, Maynooth, Co Kildare, with music from internationally acclaimed singer, Celine Byrne, accompanied by Ronan Murray. (RTÉ One TV / RTÉ Radio 1 Extra / LW252 / Digital Radio platforms.)

Rest in Peace †

Mary Menlo, Nee Gaffney, Mullaun & Boston.,
Sister of John Gaffney, Mullaun.
Funeral Arrangements Later



**Clocks
go forward
tonight
one hour
at 1am.**

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