

## MASS INTENTIONS 13TH APRIL - 19TH APRIL 2020 ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL:

All Masses this week will be behind closed doors,  
no congregations are allowed.

These Masses will be broadcast on the parish radio and on  
the webcam via [www.killarneyparish.com](http://www.killarneyparish.com).

Morning Mass Mon - Sat 10.30am  
(behind closed doors)

Mon 6.15pm	<b>EASTER BANK HOLIDAY—No 6.15pm</b>
Tues 6.15pm	Mary O'Leary, Main St
Wed 6.15pm	Kathleen Loughnane, Pike Hill, Lissivigeen
Thur 6.15pm	Catherine McCarthy, 11 Hillview, Woodlawn (1st Anniv)
Fri 6.15pm	Tony Tuohy, Dennehy's Rd (1st Anniv)
Sat 6.15pm	David Nash, Nashville, Tralee Rd (Months Mind) Sr Catherine Courtney, Holy Cross Mercy Convent (1st Anniv) Patrick O'Sullivan, Slievenamon House, Minish, (1st Anniv) and his Son Stephen O'Sullivan Krzystof Chudy, Wein, Austria Matthew Harrington, Cloughaulabeg, Millstreet, Co. Cork Mary O'Donoghue, Woodlawn Pk The Murphy & The Walsh Families, Lewis Rd Pat & Michael Coffey and Mary & Robin Coffey and John Harrington, Ballyspillane Danny & Elizabeth O'Brien, Hazelwood Drive Bridget & Bernie Burke, Countess Grove The Cronin Family, St. Anne's Rd Neilus Kelliher, Tiernabou Fred O'Neill, Park Rd Jack, Mary & Ann O'Donoghue Tadhg & Nellie O'Sullivan, Lissivigeen Denis Dero O'Sullivan Snr, Main Street
Sun 8.00am	Donie Doherty
Sun 10.30am	Mortimer O'Donoghue, his brother Tom & their parents John & Mary, High St
Sun 12noon	
Sun 3pm - 4pm	<b>HOLY HOUR TO CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>

All the intentions will be offered, but the Masses will be  
behind closed doors. Join in on the parish radio or on the  
webcam or be united in spiritual and prayerful communion.

## PUTTING YOUR PETITIONS BEFORE THE ALTAR:

We are delighted so many are able to join us for Mass via the  
parish radio and the webcam. But this is such a tough time for  
so many people - being unable to attend Mass in person,  
unable to come to pray in the Church, unable to light their  
candle for their own needs and intentions. You are very  
welcome to send us your personal prayers and petitions by text  
on 087 3753400 or to [killarney@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:killarney@dioceseofkerry.ie), and we will  
print them and place them in a basket in front of the altar at the  
Cathedral. You are welcome to include your first name on the  
message, but they will be treated with confidence and will not  
be read aloud at Mass. Be assured of the priests of the parish  
praying for you and your intentions at this challenging time.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** hours are the same, but behind closed  
doors at the moment. But ring 064 6631014 or 087 3753400 or  
email [killarney@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:killarney@dioceseofkerry.ie) during the above office hours  
and Sheila will help with Mass Intentions, bookings etc.

**TROCAIRE** Now that Lent is over, you can forward your  
contribution to [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org), or to Trocaire, St Patrick's  
College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, or keep the box and  
contribution until the current restrictions cease and you can  
return it to the Parish Office then.

## **EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RAY**

*This Holy Week and Easter the ceremonies will be celebrated,  
without a congregation, at the traditional times in the parishes  
throughout the diocese. Priests will be celebrating on behalf of  
all in the parish. I invite you to take a few moments at that time  
each day to unite with them in prayer. We can all still celebrate  
fully in our hearts. God bless you all in all your needs. The  
Pandemic has brought dark times, but the light of Easter, Christ  
our Light, is our HOPE.*

This Easter I ask you to pray to God especially for strength,  
courage and endurance for all amid Covid-19:

- for ourselves and our loved ones
- for those we know who are a great age or have already  
serious health issues
- for those who have died in recent days and their grieving  
loved ones  
and especially for doctors, nurses, and all frontline workers who  
are performing so heroically; many have their own worrying  
situations within their own families.

**Ponder the courage, selflessness and steadfastness of  
Jesus**

As Jesus showed courage, selflessness and steadfastness  
during his journey to Jerusalem, and in his suffering along the  
Way of the Cross to his Crucifixion, so may God help us do the

same in the days and weeks ahead. Think of Jesus:

- "the Agony in the Garden", his ultimate prayer to the Father  
was, "not my will but thine be done"
- as he carried his Cross think of his words to the women of  
Jerusalem, "weep not for me, but for yourselves and for your  
children"
- think of his meeting with Mary his mother, how heart-  
breaking for both of them  
on the Cross think of his kindness to the thief crucified with him,  
"this day you will be with me in paradise"  
This Easter may God give to all of us the virtues of courage,  
selflessness and endurance whatever the pandemic may bring  
to our communities.

**God's mercy and forgiveness is available for all**

In Holy Week we remember the Last Supper. "this is the cup of  
my blood . . . shed for YOU and for MANY so that sins might be  
forgiven". Christ died for our sinfulness. God's mercy and  
forgiveness are always there for us, we only must ask with  
sorrow in our hearts. This Holy Week it is not possible to make  
Confessions available in the diocese. Words spoken by Pope  
Francis at his daily Mass on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March give  
reassurance to us all:

*"I know that many of you go to confession before Easter...*

*Many will say to me: 'But Father...I can't leave the house and I  
want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace  
me... How can I do that unless I find a priest?'*

*Do what the catechism says. It's very clear. If you don't find a  
priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell  
Him the truth: 'Lord. I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask  
His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and  
promise Him, 'afterward I will go to confession.'*

*You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can  
draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God's forgiveness,  
without having a priest at hand."*

Faithfully we distance ourselves from one another but faithfully  
let us unite as one with Jesus in prayer as we remember and  
honour his Death and Resurrection.

**Every Easter Sunday is special. This Easter Sunday light  
a candle at the family dinner table to symbolise your love  
and trust in Jesus Christ in all things.** He is our strength  
through these difficult weeks of the Pandemic.

*Let us pray for each other. Our Lady help of the sick, pray  
for us.*

**+ Ray, Diocese of Kerry Holy Week 2020.**

**We wish you and your loved ones every blessing of  
protection, joy and hope at this Easter time.**

**Bishop Ray, Fr Kieran, Fr Jim, Fr Niall**