

## MASS INTENTIONS 27TH APRIL - 3RD MAY 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)

<b>Mon 6.15pm</b>	James C Flynn, Skahies, Farranfore Michael Carroll, Kilbreen Edward, Margaret & Eamon O'Donoghue Espiditha Sapa, Philippines Eileen & Tim Aherne, Minish Noel Crosbie, Mill Road & Deceased Family Members Deceased Members of the O'Reilly Family, St. Anne's Road & Lissivigeen Mary, Batt & Mark O'Shea, Park Road Nora & Tom Fleming & Deceased Family Members Frank & Susan Philips
<b>Tues 6.15pm</b>	Paddy & Joan Sexton, Mangerton View
<b>Wed 6.15pm</b>	Mai O'Connor & Son Paudie O'Connor, O'Sullivan's Place
<b>Thur 6.15pm</b>	
<b>Fri 6.15pm</b>	Michael O'Connor, Coolclogher, Loreto Road & Michael O'Hanlon, Ballybunion Road, Listowel
<b>Sat 6.15pm</b>	Ann Galvin, Muckcross Road (Months Mind) Ellen Roberts & James O'Leary Michael Linehan, College Street & his parents Dan & Nora Linehan. Jody & Yvonne Hutchinson Kathleen O'Brien, St. Mary's Terrace Michael & Nora O'Sullivan, St. Brendan's Place Frank Fitzgerald, Tiernaboull Tony Kearns 45 Ballyspillane Patrick O'Leary, Upper Lissivigeen Margaret & Patrick Halpin & their daughter in law Elizabeth Halpin Richard Ferris, Park Road
<b>Sun 8.00am</b>	Kathleen Hegarty, Loreto Road
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Brendan Cronin, Mangerton Road, Muckcross (1st Anniversary) & Maurice & Maureen Foley & Son John Foley, Hogan's Place & O'Kelly's Villas
<b>Sun 12noon</b>	Margaret Clifford Coleman, 8 Woodlawn Park

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.

**1ST ANNIVERSARIES :** We Remember....  
Brendan Cronin, Mangerton Road, Muckcross  
John Murphy, Ballaugh

### Deaths: We Pray for .....

Fr Liam Comer, Ardferth Parish & Formerly of Clonakilty, Co. Cork  
Kathy O' Donoghue (Née Cronin), Tiernaboull, Formerly of Gneeveguilla  
Billy Leahy, Marian Terrace & Holy Cross Gardens  
Tom Pigott, Coventry, UK & Formerly of Rockfield, Tralee Road  
Joan Curran (Née Dillion), Millwood, St. Margaret's Road  
Terrence McGough, Woodlawn Road

### Putting your prayers and 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.

### Message from Bishop Ray

**Due to the continued closure of the schools and the major  
restrictions on people gathering together in one place, all  
Confirmation and First Communion ceremonies are postponed.  
When the government announces details of these situations being  
reversed there will be consultations between the school  
community, the parents and each parish with a view to setting new  
dates for these ceremonies. Every Easter blessing on all the  
children and their families.**

Over the past 5 weeks the focus has been on our hospitals and health  
services, on so many other public and essential services, and the  
situation of the over 70's being shielded in their homes. What of the  
family homes where there are children and teenagers? Tensions arise  
from being confined to home for so long; not being able to meet friends;  
not having their usual activities and hobbies, sporting, musical and  
cultural, available; to finding solutions to accommodate parents going to  
work or working from home.  
Besides contact with children of my nieces and nephews, my glimpse of  
family life is through the Sacrament of Confirmation. When the schools  
closed, one third of the Confirmations ceremonies had already taken  
place. At each Confirmation I see so many beautiful moments: twins or  
cousins being confirmed; the warmth and closeness between a  
candidate and a baby sister, or an older brother already in third level; a  
granny so proud of her grandchild. Such beautiful family relationships!  
What wonderful moments are happening in homes these weeks as  
children and parents spend so much time together? What fun, what  
growing as individuals, and at times what rows! It may not be easy, it  
still is very special. So much that will be recalled fondly in years to

come.

The pandemic impacts on all homes hugely and I am going to highlight  
three particular situations. It is no exaggeration to say that **the Leaving  
Cert** is the most intense exam you ever do. Think of the pressure  
and stress from before Easter right through to the last exam in mid-  
June. All the more pressure and stress this year when, because of the  
Covid-19 virus the exam is put off until an indefinite date in July /  
August.

All our hearts go out to the Leaving Cert class of 2020. God bless you  
all. God help you keep calm. It is vital is that you take care of each  
other, keep in touch with each other (without actually meeting), journey  
together and be there for each other. At different times each will have  
their bad day or week, or their moment of panic. Together you can cope  
with the journey ahead. The students know that their teachers will guide  
them through the three months ahead. The day will come in October or  
November when the vast majority will happily start a third level course,  
just as the class of 2019 did last Autumn.

The other two groups are the Confirmation and First Communion  
classes. For those in sixth class, **Confirmation** is part of final term in  
Primary School, and in a way a marking of the end of childhood. The  
candidates are so full of life and so positive about the future.  
Confirmation proclaims the unique God-given goodness of each of  
them and the unique path in life ahead of each. They all would have so  
enjoyed every day of the final term just beginning.

**First Communion** is different. The children are full of innocence  
and fun, fond of their teacher and delighting in their families. They are  
full of wonder at creation. They are full of love of family, school and  
everybody, and of God who is Creator and Lord of all. The image of the  
white First Communion dress captures it perfectly. First Communion  
tells them that God is love, that love is the secret of happiness, and that  
love is what really matters.

Communion and Confirmation are highpoints for children, their families  
and extended families, and for their schools and communities. Dates  
were set back in September. New dates will be set, plans will be made,  
and in due course all will enjoy these wonderful occasions.

Meanwhile may children enjoy the wonder of extended home life. Being  
unable to meet their friends, may they appreciate how friends really  
matter to us all. And remember what Pope Francis said is the secret to  
a happy home: "The ability to say please, thank you and . . . I am  
sorry".

**St Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family, watch over all families  
everywhere.**

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

• *Bishop Ray Browne Diocese of Kerry 21st April 2020.* •

### **A PRAYER FOR SUSTAINABILITY**

As we breathe the very air which sustains us,  
We remember your love, God which compels us.

Fill us with the spirit to seek understanding.

Empty us of apathy, selfishness and fear.

Fill us with compassion and generosity.

Empty us of all pessimism and hesitation.

Breathe into us solidarity with all who suffer

beneath the crossroads of pollution and poverty.

Breathe us into action building your sustainable kingdom.