

MASS INTENTIONS 5TH APRIL 2021 - 11TH APRIL 2021

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL:

Morning Mass Mon - Sat 10.30am

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| Mon 6.15pm | Easter Monday— No 6.15pm |
| Tues 6.15pm | Minnie, Rose & Connie Hickey, Kilgarvan |
| Wed 6.15pm | Frank & Catherine Shanley |
| Thurs 6.15pm | Mary & Dan McGough, Woodlawn |
| Fri 6.15pm | James & Margaret Sullivan & their Sons Johnny & Anthony & Daughter Peggy, Allmans Tce & Millwood |
| Sat 6.15pm | Thomas O'Connell, Scrahan Mews (Months Mind) Seamus O'Connor, Killcummin & Killarney (1st Anniversary) Joseph Patrick Clarke, 61 Whitebridge Manor (1st Anniversary) Carmel Kelly O'Gorman, Kinsale, Muckcross Road & Knocknahoe (1st Anniversary) Dorothy Henggeler, Baltimore, Maryland & Ardagh, Muckcross (35th Birthday Remembrance) Maeve O'Connor, Mill Road Betty Queally, Muckcross Road Norah, Jim, Fr Jamie (Msc)& Donie Mannix, New St Netta Mannix, Dublin Tommy Leahy, 24 St. Brendan's Place Maisie Brosnan, Muckcross Rena Leane, Tralee Road Mary O'Donoghue, Knocknahoe Jack, Mary & Ann O'Donoghue, Marian Terrace Jack & Siobhan O'Donoghue Mary O'Donoghue, Woodlawn Park The Lynch Family Donie Doherty & the Doherty Family Sean Hallissy, Park Drive |
| Sun 8.00am | Special Intention |
| Sun 10.30am | Ralph O'Connell, 46 Woodlawn Park (1st Anniversary) |
| Sun 12noon | Billy Moynihan, Dromhall Park & Tiernaboull, (1st Anniversary) |

DEATHS: Please Pray for ...

Ursula Clarke, Ballina, Mayo

1ST ANNIVERSARY....

Seamus O'Connor, Killarney, Kinsale & Kilcummin
Damien Lyne, Cleeny
Billy Moynihan, Dromhall Park
Carmel Kelly O'Gorman, Kinsale
John Noelle O'Sullivan, St. Brendan's Terrace

PARISH OFFICE: Due to further Government restrictions the office will be closed but operating behind closed doors. Contact the parish office by phone (0646631014) or email (killarney@dioceseofkerry.ie) for bookings, weddings etc , and for Mass Card enquiries.

TROCAIRE You can return your gift for Trocaire, to the Parish Office or presbyteries and we will be sending them on your behalf.

EASTER OFFERINGS COLLECTION for the support of the priests of the parish - Envelopes are in the boxes of envelopes, and available also at the doors. We appreciate your continued generosity and assure you of our prayer for you.

LEAP OF FAITH IN TIMES OF TRANSITION; an Online Workshop for Young Adults aged 18 to 30 yrs. on 8th Apr. from 7.30 to 9pm. The workshop will be led by Gerry and Miriam Hussey. Join us for this event planned by Diocese of Kerry "YouthDok" Young Adult Group for Young Adults. For more go to www.dioceseofkerry.ie

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be celebrated in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Sunday 11th April at 3pm. Rosary at 2:40pm. All Welcome

Easter Message from Bishop Ray

"If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, how much more should you wash each other's feet?" Jn 13:14

What a year! Together all of us have lived through a year of the corona virus, each has experienced it in our own unique circumstances. The Winter months have been particularly difficult. The light and new green growth of Springtime has never been so welcome, and it has coincided with the season of Lent. Let us keep our spirits up and encourage one another in following public health guidance.

Thank God for the way so many people have been there for each other. Thank God for the way front line workers have sacrificed themselves to provide essential services. We are full of gratitude and acknowledgement of how important it is to live lives of generous service. Individually we are at our best when our communities are at their best.

With government guidance at level 5, and with a genuine concern that we could have another major wave of the virus ahead, it is understandable but sad that we have our Easter ceremonies without a congregation. It is a blessing that you can join in the ceremonies so easily from your home via modern technology. What we miss is the dual presence: the presence of the community gathered in church, and together receiving the Real Presence at the altar.

In some ways it seems like the past year has been one long Lent! If so, what word has God spoken to your heart through it?

Here are three points to reflect on this Easter 2021:

~ Live every day putting your trust in God. In times of great difficulty, in times when life gets us down, we look to Jesus for peace. Jesus' word to us always is: "Fear not, have peace in your heart, I am with you". In time of difficulty, regarding health or death, employment or finances, loneliness or depression we sense in our hearts: 'God is with me, God will see me through, - all will be well'. Have basic Christian hope in your heart and trust in God in all things!

~ This Holy Week and Easter, joining in Mass from home, seek nourishment at the table of God's word. The introduction to the Roman Missal speaks of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass: "When the Sacred Scriptures are read in church, God himself speaks to his People, and Christ, present in his own word, proclaims the Gospel" (29). When you go forth from the Easter ceremonies carry words from the scriptures in your heart: the Last Supper, 'you should wash each other's feet'; the commemoration of the Passion, 'This is my body, given up for you'; Easter morning, 'You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, He is risen ...'.

~ This year has reminded us that home is where we pray each day. Home is the place where we first received our faith and where we live it. In the home God is present with us. Prayer in the home is the time we spend turned towards God talking to him about our lives and asking his help; giving praise and thanks; asking forgiveness and renewing our trust. Has prayer in the home helped you and your family over the past year? It will be a great blessing if, when this virus is finally a memory, we have a new awareness of prayer in the home.

A word of thanks to our priests and deacons, and all who have contributed to the life of our parishes over the past year. A word of thanks to our schools for the great work they have done. A word of encouragement to all young people looking forward to First Confession, First Communion or Confirmation. We cannot make any plans until we know when we will have congregations in church. The situation is disappointing, but the ceremonies will be worth waiting for. Another group who have suffered are the Leaving Cert. students. May they trust that all will be well and, come the Autumn, they will be satisfied with the options that come their way.

Thank you to all who have continued to contribute to parish funds and the parish dues for our priests. Keep up the good work. Priests have been greatly encouraged by your faithfulness. Please remember other local charities and voluntary bodies over the Easter season, so much fundraising has not been possible. All need funds to pay for the basics like insurance, heating, and the overheads of an office. Please, let us not forget the Lenten campaign of Trócaire. If the corona virus has been hard on us, how much more difficult has it been for the communities Trócaire supports?

Finally, every time we pray over the Easter season let us all, people and priests, remember the deceased of the past year, and their grieving loved ones. Have a comforting word for the bereaved when you meet. In this world and in the next our hope is in Christ: "Christ is Risen, alleluia". Be assured of my prayers.

Bishop Ray Browne

Wishing you every blessing and peace this Easter Time. May the Risen Lord bring joy and hope to you, your home & your loved ones.

Bishop Ray, Fr Kieran, Fr Jim, & Fr Niall