

Parish Bulletin

SUNDAY 24 MAY 2020

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

We have no public Mass at this time but the Priests of the Parish will offer daily Mass for the Anniversaries as listed below.

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 23 May

ST MARY'S

Brendan & Kathleen Walsh, Derryloiste
Walsh Family, Derryloiste

Tuesday 26 May

ST ANTHONY'S

Month's Mind

David Culbert, Meadowbrook

Wednesday 27 May

ST ANTHONY'S

Aidan Donaldson, Belfast

Thursday 28 May

ST ANTHONY'S

Margaret Coyle, Belfast/Lisburn

We pray for the happy repose of the souls who have died in the recent months.

Lawrence McAreavey,

Kilvergan Road (29 March)

Gary Turkington, Ardowen (9 April)

Peter Toland, Meadowbrook (18 April)

Patsy McAleese, Ballynery North Road (22 April)

David Culbert, Meadowbrook (26 April)

Tony Moore, Lakeview Park (28 April)

Una Johnston, Carrigart (1 May)

Nicholas Mulholland, Aldervale (3 May)

Kathleen Farnon, Ballynamoney Road (4 May)

John McGurgan, Drumbeg North (8 May)

Marijke Maguire, Gilford Road,

Portadown (11 May)

Nicola (Nicky) McGuigan,

Hillcrest Manor (15 May)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and all the souls

of the faithful departed,

through the mercy of God,

rest in peace.

Amen.

AVAILABILITY OF MASSES

VIA WEBCAMS

The following Churches in the Diocese of Dromore have facilities to broadcast Mass via the web.

Lurgan Parish (St Peter's/St Paul's)

www.lurganparish.com

Newry Parish

www.newrycathedralparish.org

PARISH OFFICE

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the parish office will remain closed to the public until further notice. You can contact us by phone (please leave a message) on:

028 3834 3013

or email: moyraverty@hotmail.com.

Anniversary notices can also be posted into the parish office.

PASTORAL CARE

As parishioners may be aware, Fr John Byrne PP has recently received a serious diagnosis requiring sick leave from his ministry in Moyraverty and Seagoe. He is currently receiving the care and treatment he requires, and together we keep him in our prayers at this challenging time.

In the interim, Archbishop Martin has asked me to assist Fr John in providing pastoral care as temporary Administrator in Moyraverty and Seagoe parishes. I do so willingly and thank the various people in both parishes who have been of great help to me already. Fr Maginn is presently quarantining with his mother, and our deacon, Rev Gerry Heaney is also cocooning. Both Fr Michael and Rev Gerry will continue in their present role for now, assisting me as members of the Pastoral Team in both Moyraverty and Seagoe.

For the time being I may be contacted by e-mail at fr.brian@stpetersparishlurgan.org, and I look forward to us growing in faith and love together. God bless Fr John and all of us.

Fr Brian Fitzpatrick, Adm.

COVID-19 UPDATE

As of last Friday, our church doors are open again for parishioners to visit for solitary prayer. No group prayer or activities are permitted, but the peace and tranquillity of time alone with the Lord are an oasis at the present time.

We have put in place the necessary sanitary measures to make it safe for everyone, and ask the public to observe some simple measures in the churches to limit the spread of Covid-19 during your visit.

* Follow the one-way route while moving around the church as indicated.

* Keep a distance of 2 metres (6 feet) from other people who are not part of your household, including when seated in pews.

* Use sanitiser and wipes provided where indicated.

* Do not touch any surfaces unnecessarily.

Those who are at increased risk from the virus and/or have been advised to shield themselves are also strongly advised to remain at home.

Opening times are as follows:

St Anthony's, Moyraverty

11:00am–5:30pm daily

St Mary's, Derrytrasna

9:30am–4:00pm daily

St Patrick's, Derrymacash

10:00am–8:00pm daily

St John's, Lylo: remains closed

St Peter's and St Paul's, Lurgan

11:00am–6:00pm Monday–Saturday

Adoration Chapel, Edward St

12.00noon–6:00pm daily

St Patrick's & St Ronan's, Magheralin

9:30am–6:00pm

St Colman's, Kilwarlin

9:00am–7:00pm

Thank you for your support and co-operation...and welcome back.

PARISH DRAW

Due to the Coronavirus restriction we are not able to continue with the parish draw at this time. When the office re-opens and restrictions are lifted we will be able to let promoters and parishioners know we intend to proceed. Thank you for your patience at this time.

OFFERTORY ONLINE

Many thanks to all the parishioners who have continued their contributions to the parishes by envelope throughout lockdown. Any envelopes may be dropped in the parish office letterbox. We realise new envelopes are awaited and these will be delivered as soon as it is safe to do so.

We are now also pleased to offer an online alternative to the envelopes. If you are earning and can make a contribution to your parish and clergy, you may now do so via the diocesan website. Just go to www.dromorediocese.org and click on DONATE on the home page. You then select your own parish, and choose either a one-off or monthly donation to parish or clergy.

Thank you sincerely for all your support, especially in these times of economic duress.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION IN YOUR HEART

When we cannot attend Mass, we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in His Presence in the Eucharist. You might like to use the following prayer or similar words:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

TRÓCAIRE

Every year Trócaire asks for our help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it has not been possible to return Trócaire boxes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most.

There is urgent need for your Lenten donations which you may still have at home, so please return them by Pentecost, 31 May, if possible, in the following ways:

1. Online at www.trocaire.org
2. By freephone: **0800 912 1200**
3. By post to **Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD**
4. Through the parish office letterbox in an envelope. (Please do not leave boxes unattended at the back of the church.)

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.