Living our Faith through Prayer and Action

Faith is a divine gift, one that needs to be valued and nurtured and made vibrant. So, even when we cannot get to Mass, we nourish our prayer life in many ways. The following are some possible suggestions:

Our churches are open for private prayer; it's always good to pay an occasional visit for a few quiet moments.

If we can't get to Mass, can we make time for Mass online, perhaps in a quiet room, away from distractions and with a lighted candle, or a favorite icon? Can we gather the family together-welcoming Jesus in spiritual communion?

We can be attentive to small daily practices in our family life: encouraging children's morning and night prayers., grace before meals, blessing ourselves at a font by the door, the Angelus, a decade of the rosary.

The Covid-19 has helped many people to slow down and appreciate more the beauty and fragility of all God has created for us. Perhaps this is a good time to finally read Pope Francis' Laudato Si' (On care for our common home).

The liturgical seasons give us great richness in our prayer. November is traditionally a time for visiting cemeteries, for remembering our departed loved ones. Advent begins next Sunday, bringing us over these next four Sundays to the season of Christmas. How can we capture these seasons and themes in our homes? And, especially, how can we make our local churches the real focus of Christmas in our local communities this year?

In the Diocese of Clogher, I have asked that resources for Advent and Christmas be made available from next weekend via our diocesan website and social media pages. Resources are also being made available to all our schools. Central to this will be the celebration of an online **Service of Hope**, which I will lead next Saturday at 5pm, and over the four weekends of Advent we will light the candles on the Advent Wreath. This is a time to reflect on our needs and the coming of the light that Jesus brings to our world at Christmas. In addition, I am asking parishes to make an extra effort this year in decorating our churches, and the cribs especially, and to invite people to visit and pray, and to leave prayer petitions that will be included in the Masses over the season of Christmas and on 1 January 2021, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God and the World Day of Peace.

Bishop Larry Duffy



Parish of Clones

Sacred Heart, Clones St Alphonsus, Connons St Macartan's, Aghadrumsee

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Thirty-fourth
Week
in
Ordinary Time

		Masses and Intentions for the Week Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Vigil	7.30pm	Charles & Frances McDermott, Bishopscourt; Leo & Caroline Toye, Legar Hill; Anthony McCaffrey, Cherry Park
Sun 22nd	10.00am	Angela Fox, Millbrook (First Anniversary);
	11.30am	Jimmy Maguire, Tully & Dec'd Callaghan Families People of the Parish
Mon 23rd	10.00am	Kate Maguire, O'Neill Park, Joseph Maguire O'Neill Park Margaret Duffy O'Neill Park Anna Campbell, Bangor Paddy & Margaret McManus, O'Neill Park,
Tue 24th	10.00am	Novena Mass for Deceased Relatives and Friends
Wed 25th Thurs 26th	10.00am 10.00am	Helen Donaghy, O'Neill Park John Maughan, Scarva (Month's Memory)
Fri 27th	10.00am	Novena Mass for Deceased Relatives and Friends
Sat 28th	10.00am	Novena Mass for Deceased Relatives and Friends
Vigil	7.30pm	First Sunday of Advent Sheila McCabe, Analore Street Seamus McBreen, Castlemahon (Month's Memory)
Sun 29th	11.30am	People of the Parish

Parish Mobile (in case of emergency): 085 817 6203.

Masses for the week

Saturday 7.30pm Sacred Heart, Clones

.Sunday 10.00am St. Macartan's, Aghadrumsee

11.30am Sacred Heart, Clones

Weekdays: Mon-Sat in Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am

(When there is a funeral in Clones, the Mass will be at 11.00am)

Baptisms are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on the second Saturday of each month at 4.00pm and in St. Macartan's Church on the third Sunday at 1.00pm.

Adoration: Postponed until further notice. **Confessions:** Postponed until further notice.

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian Faith Community

Eabha Bridin Cunningham

Death: We pray for Peggy McCabe, Magheraveely

Sacred Heart Church, 28th & 29th Nov:

Readers Vigil Mary Nicholl

11.30am Josephine O'Neill

An Act of Spiritual Communion

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 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

All Liturgies in Sacred Heart Church are broadcast on the Parish website.

Schools in Clones Parish

St Comgall's 55329 St Tiarnach's 51398 St Macartan's 677 51100 Gael Scoil Eois 52162 Largy College 51132

Holy Hour led by Bishop Duffy from St Joseph's Church, Monaghan this Sunday evening at 5pm, Feast of Christ the King. You are invited to bring your needs and petitions to the Lord in this moment of prayer via https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-josephs-church-park-street-monaghan

Lough Derg Memorial Service of Prayer on this Sunday at 7pm, to remember dear departed pilgrims and supporters of Lough Derg via the link **https://www.churchservices.tv/pettigo**

Advent Service of Hope Led by Bishop Duffy This online service will be broadcast at 5pm on Saturday next, the Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent via www.clogherdiocese.ie and the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page as well as local parish Facebook pages. This is a chance for us all as the Church here in Clogher to be united spiritually. Let us join together in prayer as we turn to God and place before Him, in hope and expectation, the cares and worries of this time.

Cavan General Hospital – Mass for Deceased The Chaplaincy Department of Cavan General Hospital have arranged a Remembrance Mass, for those who passed away in the hospital during the past year and also for departed relatives and friends of Staff on Monday 30 November at 10am from Cavan Cathedral via https://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral

Mass of Remembrance at Knock for all who have died from Covid-19 this Sunday at 12 Noon, led by Archbishop Michael Neary of Tuam. *Petitions may be placed online* on the Knock Shrine website. These will then be placed on the altar and prayed for during the Mass. Join us online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

Monaghan Toastmasters are hoping to lift the lockdown blues this December. Practice your speaking skills and develop confidence in a fun, friendly and supportive setting. Observe a free demonstration meeting, Tuesday 1 December, 8pm on Zoom. For login details, text 086 066 0270 or email: eileen5067@gmail.com. Toastmasters is for everyone.

Government Restriction in N Ireland: Due to new government restrictions there will be no Mass celebrated in St Macartan's Church from Sunday 29th November 2020