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## Paróiste na Dromoda

### Parish Newsletter

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> August / Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2020  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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#### Mass Intentions

**From Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August to Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.**

##### Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August

- 11.00am: Meeting in Presbytery.
- 7.30pm: Mass in St. Finian's for the repose of the Daniel Corkery.

##### Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August

- 7.30pm: Mass in St. Finian's for the repose of the soul of Barry O'Sullivan.

##### Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August

- 12noon. Mass in St Finian's for the sick.
- 7.00pm: Meeting.

##### Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> August

- NO MASS TODAY.

##### Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August

- 7.30pm: Mass in St. Finian's for the repose of the souls of Abbie & Con Kelly, Spunkane.

##### Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August

- 1.00pm: Baptism in St. Finian's of Amelia Faye Farrell.
- 3.00pm: Baptism in the Oratory of Padraig John O'Shea.
- 4.30pm: Baptism in Valentia of Oisín Patrick Dennehy.
- +7.30pm: Vigil Mass in Cillín Liath for the repose of the souls of Mick & Rose Connolly, Monaghan.

##### Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August

- +10.00am: Mass in St. Finian's for the repose of the soul of Maureen O'Sullivan, South View Terrace.
- 11.15am: Mass in Valentia.

**The 12noon Mass on Wednesdays in St. Finian's Church is provided to accommodate our seniors and anyone in need of extra support.**

**Graveyard Masses are cancelled for the summer.**

#### Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness". At your command, the sick were made well again.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side at this time of uncertainty. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, we ask for healing.

#### COVID-19 Kerry Support

- Freephone Service: 1800-807-009
- Text "Support" followed by your name to 50555
- Email: [covidsupport@kerrycoco.ie](mailto:covidsupport@kerrycoco.ie)

These services are available 8am-8pm, 7 days a week.

#### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People – 0818-222-024

ALONE's national support line for older people, who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19, is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice.

#### ACCORD Covid-19 Support Line

ACCORD is now offering over the phone counselling for couples, individuals and family members during this time. Call (01) 531-3331, Monday to Friday, 9am-8pm. All calls are charged at local rates.

#### Samaritans Freephone 116 123

The Samaritans are available 24/7 to offer non-judgemental emotional support to people experiencing difficulties or times of crisis in their lives.

**Offertory Collection for last week was €555.00**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Cleaning the Churches** will continue as per our normal August cleaning rota:

- **Cillín Liath:** Eilís O'Connell.
- **St. Finian's:** Mary Cronin, Mary Fleming & Frances Everett.

**TO ENSURE** the safety of everyone and in keeping with Government guidelines, major adjustments will have to be made with regard to numbers attending mass and how we enter and leave the Church.

#### Numbers

Numbers attending Mass will be drastically reduced. While the 2m distancing remains in force, a little over 50 people will be able to attend Mass in St. Finian's and Our Lady of the Valley Church, at any one time.

To facilitate this, seats will be designated for use. Two people may sit in each seat and seats will be marked accordingly. Family groups may sit together without social distancing.

There will be Ushers in both Churches to help you and we ask you to co-operate with them.

**Live Streaming available on**  
[www.churchservices.tv/waterville](http://www.churchservices.tv/waterville).

#### Can I go to mass any day I want?

Yes, but you must make a booking for the weekend masses.

#### How do I make a booking?

You need to ring Fr Gerard on 087-055-4874 to reserve your place for a particular mass. It would be most helpful if family members or neighbours would help the elderly members of our community with this information.

#### Masks/ Face Coverings

Parishioners attending Mass should wear a face covering in Church. (Note that face coverings are not suitable for children under the age of 13 and that not everyone will be able to wear a face covering).

#### Sunday Obligation

The dispensation from the Sunday obligation is extended for the time being. For this reason, so that everyone who wishes to attend Mass may do so safely, you are encouraged to come to Mass over the course of the week, as opposed to waiting for Saturday & Sunday only.

#### Distribution of Holy Communion

The Host may be received in the hand only.

#### Entering and Leaving the Church

In so far as possible, this will be arranged so that there is a one-way flow of people entering and leaving the Church.

#### Personal Responsibility

We ask the help of everyone in reopening - to use the hand sanitizer at the doors, hand and cough hygiene etiquette, to keep the distancing on the way into Church, in the pews, at Communion time, and on leaving, to follow the direction of ushers who are there to help.

#### Ushers

We need the help to guide people to the available places. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Fr. Gerard.

*This is a new journey for all of us. Le chúnamh Dé, the necessity for these arrangements will soon pass. In the meantime, we will be patient and will co-operate with each other so that we can all worship safely in the House of God.*

#### REMINDER:

##### Key Points for Mass Attendance:

- Wear a face covering.
- Follow recommended Covid-19 etiquette.
- Follow social distancing indicators on and entering the church grounds.
- All members of your household must enter the Church together.
- Sanitize your hands before entry.
- An usher will direct you to your seat.
- Follow the instructions of the usher when coming forward for Communion.
- Again, you are asked to follow the directions of the usher on departure.
- Sanitize your hands as you exit.



Proposed dates for **First Confessions: 18th August & First Holy Communion: 5<sup>th</sup> September**, in St. Finian's.

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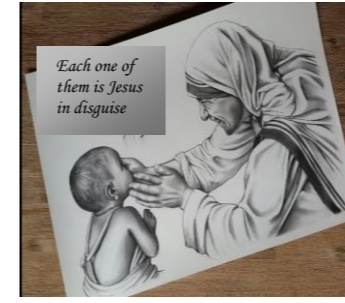
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