



## Parish of Tullycorbet Newsletter

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### Return to Public Celebration of Mass and the Sacraments

Instead of being confined to the 4 Weekend Masses - parishioners now have **9 MASSES TO CHOOSE FROM**, when we include the **Monday to Friday Weekday Masses in St. Patrick's Church.**

(1) Monday, St. Patrick's, 7.30pm.

(2) Tuesday, St. Patrick's, 9.30am

(3) Wednesday, St. Patrick's, 7.30pm

(4) Thursday, St. Patrick's, 9.30am

(5) Friday, St. Patrick's, 7.30pm

(6) Saturday, St. Patrick's, Vigil 6.30pm

(7) Sunday, Tullycorbet, 9.30am

(8) Sunday, Ballintra, 11am

(9) Sunday, St. Patrick's, 12.15pm. - live-streamed at the following link:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/tullycorbet>

**Recently Deceased:** you are asked to pray for **Una Toomey** (née Brennan), Mitchelstown, Co. Cork & formerly of Keenoghbane, Ballybay, who died recently.

**Confirmation 2020: Congratulations to the girls & boys who were**

**Confirmed in St. Patrick's, Ballybay on Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> & Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> August –**

Annie Carroll, Megan Comiskey, Francis Conlon, Eunan Connolly, Kate Duffy, Nathan Duffy, Niamh Duffy, Owen Duffy, Stephen Duffy, Tomás Goodman, Kamilla Grigaityte, Chloe Hamilton, Grace Hamilton, Deimante Jonusaite, Jerome Lavelle, Anna Leonard, Fiona Markey, Nathan McDermott, Macey McKenna, Patrick McDonnell, Áine McEntee, Adam Montgomery, Gita Norbutaite, Austėja Paskeviciute, Karolina Porebska, Andrea Quinn, Ellen Quinn, Alicia Rutledge, Eoin Sheridan, Tegan Sheridan, Andrea Sherry, Malachy Smith, Séan Ward & Edvardas Zumaras.

**Confessions in St. Patrick's on Saturdays at 12noon.**

**A new pilgrimage on Lough Derg's lakeshore.**

Lough Derg invites you to 'Walk and Pray' along the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, on either of these two remaining dates in August - Wed. 26 & Sun 30. Contact 071 9861518 or [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) for details. Numbers are limited. Advance booking essential.

## **Bishop Larry Duffy urges Mass-goers to wear face coverings to reduce the spread of Coronavirus.**

At this time, both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland, the governments have not formally made mandatory the wearing of face coverings at services of worship. This is, in part, due to the fact that as churches we are committed to maintaining 2 metre physical distancing between household groups and strict adherence to all government guidance on hand hygiene, cleaning, ventilation etc.

It, however, remains our responsibility to ensure that our services of worship are safe places for all who join with us. It has become increasingly clear that the wearing of face coverings, in conjunction with hand washing etc., is likely to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, thus helping to protect others. Their use is therefore one way in which we can evidence protection for the most vulnerable, support for our health workers, and practical love for our neighbours.

Following further recent consultations with public health authorities, I, along other Christian church leaders all over this island, am formally recommending and encouraging the use of face coverings at all Masses and other liturgical celebrations, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing, from Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020, and earlier if practicable.

I understand that some people are exempted from the wearing of face coverings, as outlined in the two jurisdictions.

I also recognise that whilst it may not be appropriate for the celebrant and some others (for example ministers of the Word) to wear face coverings, they should at all times continue to maintain at least 2 metre physical distancing from one another, and 4 metre physical distancing from the front row of the congregation.

### **COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Saint Vincent de Paul:** The local Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank everybody who so kindly donated to their charity during these challenging times. Thankfully, we have now **recommended our monthly Church Gate Collections, beginning last weekend.** Due to restrictions on Church attendance we foresee that numbers attending weekend Masses will be low for the foreseeable future, so we have also make available **specialty marked Envelopes for donations (available in Church porches)** which can be dropped in any day of the week along with your Parish Envelopes if you wish to do so. All donations much appreciated and can make a big difference to someone who may be struggling at this time.