



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.

Recently Deceased: you are asked to pray for **Francis (Fran) Connolly**, Lattinalbany, Carrickmacross & formerly Cornenaugh, **Tommy O'Neill**, New York & formerly Drumrooske & **Mary Ward**, Fethard, Co Tipperary, who died recently.

First Friday Visits as usual on Friday next, 4th September.

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

Anniversary Masses during Covid-19 Pandemic.

All areas of life, including all areas of parish life has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Since June 29th & the Return to Public Celebration of Mass and with the co-operation & understanding of our parishioners, **we have confined Anniversaries for Deceased Family Members to Month's Memory and First Anniversary Masses.**

We regret the restricting of Anniversaries to **Month's Memories & First Anniversaries only** but it is to ensure that none of the 9 Mass Gatherings would exceed the stipulated numbers or compromise the 2 Metre Social Distancing guide-line and thankfully this has been working well so far.

We have noticed individual families, **without having an Announced Anniversary**, attending Mass around the time of the Anniversary (**limiting numbers to immediate family**) and this is a practice that other families may wish to do.

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 with 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 30th 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.

Saint Vincent de Paul: The local Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul thanks everybody who so kindly donated to their charity during these challenging times, including the recent Church Gate Collection. Thanks also to those who are making use of the specially marked Envelopes for donations (available in Church porches) which can be dropped in any day of the week along with the Parish Envelopes. All donations much appreciated and can make a big difference to someone who may be struggling at this time.

Prayer for the beginning of the New School Year.

Lord, as we begin our new school year, we pray for each other and for the whole school community. We ask your help Lord with our study, our friendships and everything that is part of our school life. Some of us might be feeling a bit afraid of the coming year, especially if it's an exam year, or if we feel we don't get on too well in the class. We might also feel very confident and glad to start again. No matter what, we place ourselves in your presence Lord and ask your help for the coming year. **Amen.**