RATHVILLY PARISH OFFICE

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CORONAVIRUS: YOUR SUPPORT IS SAVING LIVES - TRÓCAIRE

They say people are at their best during a crisis. Today the world faces an unimaginable crisis, but never before has the decency of people been so clear. There is barely a corner of the world not affected by the Coronavirus crisis. People in Ireland are suffering greatly. We are being denied the touch of loved ones. So many have lost their jobs.

But people are rallying together to support each other in whatever way they can. The people Trócaire works with in the developing world are particularly at risk from this virus. Many of them have no access to clean water to wash their hands with. Many more live in crowded slums or camps where a virus can cause devastation.

They are defenceless against contracting the virus. If they do contract it, the medical care to treat them simply isn't there. Think about how this crisis has stretched European countries, including Ireland, to its limits. Now think about this: Malawi has one intensive care (ICU) bed for every one million people Sierra Leone has no ICU beds—South Sudan has two ventilators for 12 million people. These figures brought home to me just how bad this crisis could get in the world's poorest countries. I lived in Malawi. It is a country I know and love. The people there are so warm, so generous and so kind. I can't imagine the fear they are experiencing right now.

The Coronavirus has been confirmed in 17 countries where Trócaire works. We have never faced a crisis across so many of the communities we support. It makes me so proud to see how our supporters are responding to this terrible situation. The Coronavirus knows no borders but neither does the love and compassion of people all over Ireland. With your support, we are making a difference. We have already launched programmes to help keep people safe from this virus. Our teams are on the ground getting vital messages to communities on how to protect themselves. In the weeks and months ahead, we will be keeping people safe and supporting those who fall ill. Your support will make this happen. As we approach the end of Lent, people would usually start returning their Trócaire boxes through their schools of parishes. This year, this won't be possible, at least not yet. If you have a Trócaire box, please hold onto it until such a time as it is safe and possible to return it. But this crisis needs a response today. We know lots of people in Ireland are suffering. We know not everyone can donate at this time. But if you can, we really need your help today.

Please consider making a donation online or phoning 1850 408 408 (RoI) This crisis affects us all. But together we will defeat it.

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's St. Patrick's The Assumption Talbotstown Rathvilly Tynock 11th & 12th April, 2020 EASTER 2020

Pray for Olive Fahy, nee Corcoran, Trim and late of Ballyhackett and Dan Lawlor, Ballykillduff who died recently. To their family and friends we offer our sympathy.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday, 11th/12th April

Dan Byrne, Lisnavagh Mary Gahan, 18 Collins Park Mick Connors, 3 St. Patrick's Park

Eilish McGrath & deceased members of the Coady family, Station Rd., Rathvilly

Saturday/Sunday, 18th/19th April

Jane Guthrie, Bough Matthew & Anastasia Murphy

Maureen & Joe Deering, Patrickswell Tom & Nancy O'Toole

Charlie Lawlor, St. Patrick's Park

Kate Lawlor, Phelan St. & deceased family members

Kathleen Lawlor, Phelan Street

Dermot Byrne

Jack Kehoe

Jack Doyle

Stephen & Maura Murphy Bill & Mary Doyle

Tom & Mary Coleman Clarke Family, Williamstown

Tom Sibbald, Ballyoliver and deceased members of the Sibbald family

Keogh Family, Tullowland Mag & Bill Byrne, Waterstown

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 p.m. **followed by one hour of Eucharistic Adoration.**

Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Novena at 4.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil will be celebrated on Holy Saturday at 9.00 p.m.

Easter Sunday – Mass at 11 a.m.

All Anniversaries Masses will be included on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

Easter Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – Mass at 10.00 a.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION -Thursday & Friday - 10.30 a.m. -11.30 a.m.

VIEW ALL MASSES ON OUR WEBSITE – rathvillykilteganparish.ie

The Parish FACEBOOK page is constantly being updated – Rathvilly Kiltegan Parish

THANK YOU - CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARISH

These are very challenging times for all of us - spiritually, emotionally and financially. Thank you to all our parishioners who sent in weekly contributions, Easter Stations and Easter Collections. Any financial contribution you can make will be very much appreciated.

We wish all the families in our Parish a Healthy and Happy Easter.

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 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.

MORNING PRAYER WITH BISHOP DENIS

In these unique times, as we are finding new ways of being Church, you are warmly invited to share in the praying of Morning Prayer with Bishop Denis at 10 am on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. These Morning Prayer liturgies will be broadcast live on the <u>Diocesan Facebook page</u>, <u>Rathangan Facebook page</u>, <u>iCatholic Facebook page</u> and <u>iCatholic Youtube Channel</u>

Bishop Denis's Holy Week schedule, as well as the schedule for all parishes who are able to broadcast their liturgies this Holy Week, are available for view on the following link. https://www.kandle.ie/holy-week-parish-schedules/

GOSPEL READINGS – 12th – 19th April, 2020

Sunday: Jn 20: 1-9 Mon: Mt 28: 8-15 Tues: Jn 20: 11-18 Wed: Lk 24: 13-35 Thurs: Lk 24: 35-48 Fri: Jn 21: 1-14

Sat: Mk 16: 9-15 Sunday: Jn 20: 19-31

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Novena will be recited for the nine days – Fr McEvoy will lead the Novena at the following times and can be viewed from the Church webcam.

Good Friday – 4.30 p.m. Holy Saturday – 3.00 p.m.

Easter Monday – Easter Friday after 10 a.m. Mass at 10.30 a.m.

Easter Saturday, 18th April – 3.00 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday – 3.00 p.m.

The Novena will be posted on our Website and Facebook page for you to follow.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

The Club would like to express their deepest sympathy to Lar Corcoran and family, Ballyhackett on the death of his sister Olive Fahy who died recently.

COVID-19 COCOONING FOR OVER 70'S

Carlow County Council through the 'Carlow Covid-19 Community Response Forum' has established a helpdesk that will respond to the needs of the vulnerable members of our community by linking State agencies, the community and voluntary sectors to vulnerable peoples needs. Freephone in confidence 1800-814-300 from 8am – 8pm Monday to Sunday or Email: covidsupport@carlowcoco.ie

One important measure in preventing the spread of Covid-19 is cocooning. This is a measure to protect people who are over 70 years of age or those who are extremely medically vulnerable not leaving your house. Freephone 1800-814-300 to arrange shopping and pharmacy deliveries.

MY THANKS by Helen Steiner Rice

Eithne Condon would like to dedicate the following poem to so many people for all their help and kindness in recent times.

People everywhere in life from every walk and station, From every town and city' and every state and nation Have given me so many things intangible and dear, I couldn't begin to count them all or even make them clear . . . I only know I owe so much to people everywhere And when I put my thoughts in verse it's just a way to share The musings of a thankful heart, a heart much like your own, For nothing that I think or write is mine and mine alone . . . So if you found some beauty in any word or line, It's just "Your Soul's Reflection in Proximity with Mine."

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