



Sunday 14th February 2021 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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Bishop Martin Hayes-A Pastoral Letter for Lent 2021 - Walking together in hope.

The facts as they are now.

We are enduring a longer lockdown at home; working or not working account of the recent reports of the Mother and Baby Homes and listen from the heart, home-schooling or alone, in hospital or nursing home. It is difficult hearing news of the high level of 4 positive cases of Covid-19 and sadly of more deaths – our sympathies are with the grieving families. The roll-out of the vaccines is welcome and offers hope. In the midst of suffering due to the pandemic, it is important that we take to the pain endured by mothers and their children. As Church, we ask forgiveness and resolve to always act in accord with the compassion of Jesus Christ. We must begin again in a spirit of repentance trusting in the merciful love of the Good Lord.

What is important now? As a People of God, we are called to reach out to others. We can be visible to each other in taking our necessary physical exercise outdoors on our streets and our roads to offer encouragement to each other in these difficult times. With less possibilities of meeting with extended family and friends, going for a walk may be just the opportunity for some much-needed social interaction by way of a nod, a smile, a greeting, or a brief chat at a safe distance. Our healthcare and frontline personnel have become our sources of inspiration in this regard. Also, a phone call to those who cannot be outdoors makes all the difference. Covid-19 is teaching us an appreciation of each other and of the usefulness of online communication technology. It is encouraging that an increasing number of parishes have had webcam and radio links installed as parishioners value keeping in touch with their own faith community. Also, there is greater contact between the older more vulnerable generation, thanks to the technological 'know-how' of our younger generation. While we cannot be present to each other as we would like and we do feel isolated, yet online platforms are ways of keeping in contact with each other as well as with our faith being celebrated at home.

What can we be doing now? We are about to begin our Lenten journey of accompanying Jesus on His forty days of isolation in the desert wilderness. In this current lockdown, we find ourselves isolated from normal social interaction and in the midst again of a kind of wilderness experience. Covid-19 is becoming our teacher. We are being called again to take time to consider and to contemplate what is most important in life. During Lent we are invited to journey with Jesus to feel His suffering which He endured on our behalf. On that spiritual journey we can come to a realisation of how Jesus is with us in our struggling with this ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. This year, our Trocaire Lenten Campaign invites us to walk with two women, Awat and Ajak, brought together by the horror of war in South Sudan and whose families are now sharing their lives with love and kindness. Your practical support for the Trocaire campaign of social justice is much needed and appreciated. Every effort will be made by parishes to ensure the availability of the Trocaire boxes for collection in a safe way. Finally, I invite you to gather around the Gospels of the Sundays of Lent aid living with Covid-19 to break open the Word of God and to share your insights with each other. In staying on the Lenten journey, we can come to Holy Week with a deeper appreciation of the story of Jesus and experience the joy and hope of new life, of the Resurrection which we will celebrate at Easter. In being nourished at the level of the spiritual we are sustained and made resilient in our reaching out to others.

Liturgies in our Parish

Public worship has been suspended until further notice. All liturgies will be broadcast locally on FM108 and streamed live on www.churchtv.ie/bawnboy and also on the Corlough-Templeport Parish Facebook page.

Sunday: Mass - 11am (Followed by the Rosary)

Monday: Mass - 8pm (Followed by the Rosary) (Facebook and FM108 only)

Tuesday: Mass - 9:00am (followed by the Rosary)

Ash Wednesday: Mass - 9am

Guided Holy Hour: 8:30pm

Thursday: Mass - 9am

Guided Holy Hour: 8:30pm

Friday: Mass - 8:00pm

Guided Holy Hour: 8:30pm

Saturday: Mass - 8:15pm (followed by the Rosary) (Facebook only)

Sunday: Mass - 11am (Followed by the Rosary)

Mass intentions

Saturday: Hugh and Molly McGovern, Knockmore

Sunday: Lena and Thomas McGovern; Marie and Nicola McGovern, Killyneary.

Monday: John Patrick, Mary, Phil and Joe McAvinue, Lisnover

Tuesday: Elizabeth and John McKeon, Drumlea

Wednesday: Fr Eugene Clarke

Thursday: The People of the parish

Friday: George Plunkett, Airmount (months mind)

Saturday: Patrick and Margaret McGovern, Derryconnessy,

Patrick and Margaret McGoldrick, Ballinamore;

Pat-Joe Cassidy, Dernacreive and deceased members of the Cassidy

and Mulvihill families

Sunday: Mary Anne O Reilly, Port (months mind)

Guided Holy Hour will take place each Tuesday night at 8:30pm during this time of pandemic. All are welcome to tune in via ChurchTV, FM 108 or Facebook.

Ashes will be blessed at Mass on Wednesday and will be available in sachets at the door of our 3 churches from 11am for collection throughout the course of the day. The ashes are a public sign of our need to repent. This year, ashes are to be sprinkled on the head of the person and the following formula is said: 'Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return'.

Trócaire boxes are available at the back of the church.

Lenten Holy Hours From Monday to Friday during the season of Lent, there will be a Guided Holy Hour each evening at 8:30pm. The first Holy hour will take place on Ash Wednesday. All are welcome to tune in via ChurchTV, FM 108 or Facebook. The Holy Hour will consist of prayers like the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Night Prayer, St Joseph devotions, and the Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

Consecration to St Joseph: Pope Francis announced that this is a special year dedicated to St Joseph. We will consecrate ourselves and the parish to St Joseph on the feast of St Joseph, the 19th March. In preparation for the feast day, you are invited to take part in a 33-day retreat, which will begin on Monday. Hopefully we will learn more about St during these days. You will get a summary of the daily reflections on our parish Facebook page, the newsletter and at Masses during this period. St Joseph, pray for us!

Kilmore youth ministry is offering an online workshop for Lent 2021. Each week you would be emailed a piece of writing or scripture on the Monday and then have a group video or call on a Thursday to discuss it. Each week would have a different theme. You must be 16+ to sign up. Any questions please feel free to contact Francis Keaney on 086 3977872.

Data Protection Notice: As you know, a webcam has been installed in St Mogue’s Church, Bawnboy. Please log into www.churchTV.ie/bawnboy to check out the exact area that is covered.

Level 5 - Living with Covid-19

Religious services move online. Places of worship remain open for private prayer. Funerals are limited to 10 mourners. 6 guests can attend a wedding from the 3rd January. Baptisms cannot take place at this time.

Mass intentions: If you have a Mass intention booked in the coming weeks and would rather wait until the restrictions are lifted, please contact Fr Sean. The Mass intentions booked for Kilnavart and Bawnboy on the coming Sunday mornings will be offered at the 11am Mass.

RTE NEWS NOW broadcasts Mass each weekday at 10:30am. Mass is broadcast on Sundays either on RTE 1 at 11am or at 2pm on RTE NEWS Now.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday	Corlough	No Adoration
Friday	Bawnboy	5:00pm-7:00pm

**Dates for your Diary 2021
(Subject to guidelines from the diocese and government)**

- Diocesan Pilgrimage - Knock – Sunday 20th June - 2:30pm
- Blessing of the Graves - Kilnavart – Sunday 25th July - 9:30am
- Bawnboy, Port and the Workhouse - Sunday, 25th July - 11am
- St Mogue’s Island - Monday, 2nd August - 3pm
- Corlough - Sunday, the 8th of August - 12:30pm
- Mass for Fr Greg McGovern SMA - Corlough - Sunday, 31st October - 2pm (Archbishop Okolo, Papal Nuncio)

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. You might particularly like to join us Monday – Friday from 9.15am with live Morning Prayer followed by daily 10am Holy Mass. Angelus and Midday Prayer. Live Evening Prayer at 5pm is followed by News and the Rosary prayed from the studio at 5.30pm. You can listen in via Saorview TV Channel 210 or download the “RADIO MARIA IRELAND” App.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

North West STOP provides FREE Counselling in your area with **No** Waiting Lists. Please phone or text our Counselling Coordinator on 086 777 2009 to arrange to speak with a counsellor.

St. Mogue's National School: Enrolment is now open for September 2021. You can download the enrolment form from the homepage of our website www.currinschool.com. Please post the completed form to the school or email to currinschool@gmail.com.

St. Aidan’s GAA: Lotto results **8th February 2021** Numbers Drawn 1 4 15 21. No Jackpot winner. 3 Lucky Dip Winners - Donal Maguire, Munlough. Mary Rose Murphy, Bawnboy. Mel O'Reilly, Bawnboy. Next week’s Online jackpot is €5,300. Draw closes at 6pm on Monday 8th February. Draw will take place on Monday night.