



**PARISH OF TEMPLEMICHAEL & BALLYMACORMACK.**

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

*24<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020.*

**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.**

8.00am: Holy Souls.

10.00am: Special Intention.

**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September. Our Lady of Sorrows.**

8.00am: No Intention.

10.00am: People of the Parish.

**Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September. St. Cornelius.**

8.00am: No Intention.

10.00am: Eddie O'Reilly and deceased family members (A).

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September. St. Robert Bellarmine.**

8.00am: No Intention.

10.00am: No Intention.

**Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September.**

8.00am: Julia and Michael Hegarty (A).

10.00am: Agnes and Paddy Gilchrist and their daughters Agnes and Rose (A).

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September. St. Januarius.**

8.00am: No Intention.

10.00am: Thomas Campbell (Month's Mind).

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September. 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

6.00pm: (Vigil) No Intention.

7.30pm: (Vigil) Seamus and David Flaherty (A).

8.00am: Mary Griffin (1<sup>st</sup> A).

10.00am: Billy McLoughlin (A).

11.30am: Shared. Edward Sheridan (A).

James and Moira Quinn. (A).

1.00pm: Pam Rogers (A).

6.00pm: Mary Brigid Gilheany and James Gilheany (A).

- To comply with Government and HSE guidelines on social distancing, the Cathedral has been divided into 3 sections A, B, C, and entry will be by the main door at the front of the Cathedral. Exit from section B will be by the door at the Holy Family Chapel. Exit from section C will be by the door at the Chapel of Repose. Exit from section A will be by the main door, the same door that you entered the Cathedral.

- You are encouraged to wear a face covering / mask during Mass.

- You are strongly advised to stay at home if you are feeling ill or are medically vulnerable, but you can continue to participate in Mass through [www.longfordparish.com](http://www.longfordparish.com) or channel 84 on Cablecomm.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** We thank you for your contribution to last Sunday's Offertory Collection that amounted to €4,750.00. Thanks to all parishioners who have opted to contribute to our collections electronically.

**HARVEST DUES:** In support of the Bishop and the priests of the parish are now due and may be handed in at any time.

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** We welcomed Helen Marie Lucia Stokes and Aleksej Kazemaks into the Christian Community last weekend.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Michael Hilliard, Clonahard, whose funeral took place in the Cathedral during the week. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020:** We are pleased to announce that the boys and girls who were hoping to receive their First Holy Communion in May will finally come to the Table of The Lord very soon. The following are the dates and times:

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September: 11am, St Joseph's N.S. - Group 1

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September: 2pm, St Joseph's N.S. - Group 2

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: 11am, St. Michael's B.N.S. - Group 1

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: 2pm, St. Michael's B.N.S. - Group 2

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October: 11am, Scoil Eimear.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October: 11am, St. Christopher's.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October: 11am, Stonepark N.S.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October: 11am, Melview N.S.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October: 2pm, Gaelscoil Longfoirt.



Because of Government regulations due to the corona virus the following guidelines will be in place for First Holy Communion:

- The reduced capacity of the Cathedral will mean that each child can be accompanied by no more than 4 adults. One seat will be allocated for each child and there will be no additional seating available.
- Ceremonies will be kept as simple as possible with just 7 children involved in readings and bringing forward of the gifts.
- There will be no opportunity for photographs in the Church - this will help to reduce the risk of crowds gathering in close proximity.

**PATTERN DAY CLONMACNOIS:** Because of the continued restrictions on gatherings, the Diocesan pilgrimage to Clonmacnois, scheduled for this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September, will not take place. A short video of the Pattern will be available on the Diocesan website. It was recorded on St. Ciaran's feast day 9<sup>th</sup> September.

**TOTUS TUUS MAGAZINE:** Due to Covid 19 Totus Tuus magazine is now being delivered straight to your door. If you would like to receive a copy please phone Fiona at 086 876 0058.



**Gospel Matthew 18:21-35**

***To be forgiven, you must forgive***

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the

servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not

agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

***Prayer for Grandparents written by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI***

Lord Jesus,  
you were born of the Virgin Mary,  
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.  
Look with love on grandparents the world over.  
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment  
for families, for the Church and for all of society.  
Support them! As they grow older,  
may they continue to be for their families  
strong pillars of Gospel faith,  
guardian of noble domestic ideals,  
living treasures of sound religious traditions.  
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage  
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits  
of their mature human and spiritual experience.  
Lord Jesus,  
help families and society  
to value the presence and roles of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded,  
but always encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed  
in all the years of life which you give them.  
Mary, Mother of all the living,  
keep grandparents constantly in your care,  
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,  
and by your prayers, grant that all families  
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,  
where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen.

**The date for the National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept but will not be taking place this year because of Covid-19 restrictions on gatherings..**