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Palm Sunday

Following a meeting of the Munster Bishops, it was established that it may not be healthy and safe to have Palms and Holy Water available for distribution because of the possibility of the virus being contained in them. Instead it is recommended that people at home would be encouraged to have a sprig of palm or a branch taken from the garden, given to each member of the family and that they could unite the blessing of them with the blessing given via webcam, Facebook-live or the TV or radio Mass.

“GROW” Mental Health Recovery

We have set up a six-week programme designed to help people look after their mental health during the current crisis. The initiative is entitled ‘Creating Hope and Staying Positive while facing Covid-19’ and Week 1 is now on our website at

<https://grow.ie/category/covid-19-support/>.

The idea is that we are facing the reality that this is a long-term process and we need advice that will sustain us over the coming weeks. The content, which includes podcasts, relaxations techniques and practical tasks, is designed to be relevant, reassuring and fun.

Irish Primary Principals Network

Fly a flag to support our volunteers and frontline workers. Across the country, children are coming to a new realisation that heroes come in many forms and that many of them in fact are in their own homes. The Irish Primary Principals Network, along with other education and sporting organisations, propose that, as a show of support for those workers and volunteers on front lines at this critical time, all children who have a flag in their national, county or club colours, or whatever team they follow across any code, would hang that flag from their gate posts, windows, or wherever they would normally place a flag when supporting their county club or team ahead of an important match. If they don't have a flag, children could be encouraged to create a flag on a sheet of paper or cardboard. Hanging out the flags will provide colour to lift everybody at a time when people are psychologically feeling the effects of this terrible pandemic.

Holy Week / Easter Ceremonies Via Webcam & Radio Link

Palm Sunday 5th April

Palm & Palm Crosses Blessed at all Masses

Holy Thursday 9th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7p.m.

Good Friday 10th April

Celebration of the Lords Passion @ 3 p.m.
Stations of the Cross @ 8 p.m.

Holy Saturday 11th April

Easter Vigil @ 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday 12th April

Mass @ 10 a.m. & 12 Noon

The webcam is available through Kilrush Parish Website www.kilrushparish.com or through www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-senans-church

RTE Broadcasting Liturgies Of Holy Week

Palm Sunday @ 11 a.m. RTE 1

Celebrant Fr. Michael Mullaney, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth

Holy Thursday 4.40 p.m. RTE 1

Celebrant Fr. Ray Kelly P.P. Oldcastle & Moylagh (Dancing with Stars)

Good Friday 3 p.m. RTE 1

Celebrant Fr. Derek Darby, Cathedral Mullingar.

Holy Saturday 10 p.m. RTE 2

Celebrant Bishop Tom Deenihan, Meath

Easter Sunday 10 a.m. RTE 1

A Eurovision Mass

Urbi et Orbi- Pope Francis' Easter Message

11 a.m. RTE 1

Críost Linn!

At this difficult time, it is good to remember that the whole Church of Christ is present in every Diocese and that each time Mass is celebrated or the Divine Office prayed, it is done in union with and on behalf of the whole diocese.

Our Lady help of the sick, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

St. Brigid, pray for us.

St. Patrick, pray for us.

St. Flannan, pray for us.

St. Senan, pray for us.

Críost liom.

Críost romham.

Amen!

Killaloe Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes

It is with profound regret we announce that the Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 26th June 2020 has been rescheduled to 29th June 2021. The decision was taken by the Diocese in consultation with Joe Walsh Tours in the light of the Covid 19 Coronavirus Pandemic which prevents us guaranteeing the health and safety of all who travel with us.

The agreement is with JWT to carry forward to next year all current bookings so that there will be no financial loss to those who are booked. Please do not at this time contact JWT as staff are working from home and do not have full access to their office. A decision on the Autumn Pilgrimage will be taken in due course.

May our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette keep us all safe from danger and protect us over the coming weeks and months.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:

ALONE has launched 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 Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Burrane National School

Everyone in Burrane NS would like to let their pupils and parents know that we are thinking of them in these unprecedented times.

Keep an eye on the schools website for weekly updates and also our school Facebook page where you will find interesting ideas and links to activities for your children.

As always we are here to help if needed in any way, so please let us know and contact us using the new email addresses we gave you last week.

Finally feel free to share any project or art work with us on our Facebook Page we would love to see it.

Remember: Keep washing your hands and don't forget to practise social distancing to help stop the spread of this terrible virus.

We can't wait to get back to school and see you all.

Clare Covid-19 Community Response Helpline

The helpline can put you in touch with local volunteers who can assist with delivering basic needs such as shopping, medicine, fuel, farming support etc. to those who need it.

Tel: 1890 252943 Email: covidsupport@clarecoco.ie

Lord God,

I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless.

***Here I stand, at the start of this holy week,
This week in which your church remembers Jesus'
passion and death,***

***And I am distracted by many things.
Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your
name***

***The one who opens the gates of righteousness
The one who answers when we call.***

***I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,
And for sending your son to us, in human frailty.
To walk the road we walk.***

Open my eyes that I may see him coming,

***And may praise him with a pure heart.
And may walk in the way of his suffering,
And share also in his resurrection.***

***Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and
ever.***

Amen