



**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

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## **Remembrance Mass**

### **Knockerra Church**

#### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 8.15pm (Facebook)**

Tommie Power, Knockerra  
John Cunningham, Molougha  
Siney Cunningham, Molougha  
Sinon Carmody, Molougha

### **Clare Haven Services**

Clare Haven Services are still available to every woman who needs them. They can be contacted on their 24 hour helpline 065 6822435

### **Rosary Intentions**

The rosary is prayed Monday – Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass & again Monday – Friday at 8 p.m. each night in Kilrush. If anyone would like to have the rosary prayed for a particular intention; please feel free to contact Kilrush Parish Office 089-4026161 or Fr. Pat 087-2300627 and let them know.

### **Funerals And Cemetery Masses**

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin wishes to remind everyone that the current norms regarding a maximum of 10 people attending in Church are still in force and disrespect for this norm could lead to even tighter restrictions.

**Cemetery Masses** From my consultation with individual bishops, there was considerable agreement that Cemetery Masses should in general be postponed until later in the summer, when it will be possible for larger gatherings to take place as well as the family reunions linked to Cemetery Masses.

### **A Prayer for Inner Strength**

*Dear God, Please give me strength to endure this situation, and to find the blessings and lessons that it contains. Please give me the endurance to continue ahead. Please guide my thoughts, words and actions, so that I walk your path of peace and love.  
Amen.*

### **Mass from Kilrush**

Weekday mornings 10am mass

Sat @ 10am & 7pm

Sunday @ 10am & 12noon.

Mass intentions are still welcome, just ring the parish phone @ 0894026161 & they can arrange it for you.

The webcam is available through Kilrush Parish Website [www.kilrushparish.com](http://www.kilrushparish.com) or through [www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-senans-church](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-senans-church)



### **Pope Francis- Letter to the World for May**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing. (Pope Francis)

## **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.

## **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

## **Covid-19 Helpline For Farmers**

Call 076 111 3533 in association with Teagasc

## **First Prayer**

O Mary,  
You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.  
"Protectress of the Roman people",  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.

We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

## **Second Prayer**

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".  
In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is  
prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of  
God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your  
protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid  
this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are  
distracted and mourn their loved ones who have died,  
and at times are buried in a way that grieves them  
deeply.

Be close to those who are concerned for their loved  
ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the  
spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill  
with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of  
the future and the consequences for the economy and  
employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the  
Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and  
that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your  
divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of  
the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts  
be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and  
volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency,  
and are risking their lives to save others. Support their  
heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and  
continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and  
to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to  
the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.  
Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women  
engaged in scientific research, that they may find  
effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude  
and generosity they may come to the aid of those  
lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise  
social and economic solutions inspired by  
farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the  
enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling  
arms will instead be spent on promoting effective  
research on how to prevent similar tragedies from  
occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all  
members of one great family and to recognize the bond  
that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and  
solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations  
of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith,  
persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your  
children in distress and pray that God will stretch out  
his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible  
pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal  
course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of  
salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O  
Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen