

17th & 18th October 2020



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Anniversary Masses

Knockerra Church

Saturday 17th October at 6pm (webcam)

Saturday 24th October at 6pm (webcam) Nancy Casey, Trellig

Killimer Church

Sunday 18th October 11am (webcam)

Bridie and Jack Browne, Carradotia Michael and Hannah Browne, Derrylough Mary Francis Faulkner, Chicago & Derrylough

Sunday 25th October 11am (webcam)

Percy & Annie Cooper

Thought for the Day

Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person



Mother Teresa

nearest you.

Level 3 Restrictions

As we head into Level 3 restrictions from Midnight on Tuesday 6th October, church services are no longer available for public attendance. All christenings are postponed. However in Level 3, an exemption will apply to funerals of up to 25 mourners. The following are the times for Mass on the Parish Webcams. Monday to Friday Mass will be at 8.55 am from St. Senan's Church Knockerra. On Saturday Mass will be broadcast at 6 pm from St. Senan's. Mass on Sunday will be from St. Imy's Church Killimer at 11am. St. Senan's Church will be open daily for private prayer from 10am until 6pm We would like to thank Fr. Larkin and Fr. Sheedy for their service to our parish, which we feel is above and beyond the call of duty. May we all stay safe and protect each other in this hour of need.

Community Alert

Recently some strangers have been calling to houses in the parish selling goods.

We would ask everyone to report anything suspicious to Kilrush Garda Station.

If you call 065 905 0550 to advise the guards of any strange vehicles or persons, your report will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. Please look out for your neighbours as the evenings get darker.

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.



"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is.. Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.. Pope Francis

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People :

ALONE manage 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 seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

World Mission Sunday Day 18th October

World Mission Sunday is Pope Francis' annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so the life-giving work of overseas' missionaries can continue. Worryingly, it is in jeopardy. The pandemic will mean less offerings for this vital collection. The implications for overseas communities in the months ahead will be devastating. In many of our poorer parishes in Africa, Asia and Latin America, it is missionaries who are on the front line. They already do so much. Walking hand-in-hand with struggling communities, long before and long after any emergency. COVID-19 adds even more challenges for these women and men, many of whom are in war-torn countries, remote areas where political conflicts, violent protests, extreme poverty, malnutrition and diseases are rife. These are crises faced on a daily basis and looking beyond COVID-19, sadly these crises will remain. Your support of World Mission Sunday will play an enormous part in easing suffering by providing overseas' missionaries with essential aid. Overseas' missionaries are in urgent crisis and need both our prayers and financial support.

Shoebox Appeal– Online For 2020

This year's drive will be a little different. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the entire shoebox campaign will take place online, virtually filling a shoebox on the Team Hope website and send it to a child - all from the comfort of their own home. As always, every shoebox counts. But this year's campaign may be the most important the charity has ever run. You can fill a virtual shoebox online for \notin 20, which will then be sent directly to a child in need. Visit: www.teamhope.ie

<u>Oldest Lady in Ireland living in her own</u> <u>home</u>

Her niece has asked all parishes to think of her on her birthday and to read some of her story and advice below

"My name is Nancy Stewart and I was born on the 16th of October 1913. This weekend I turn 107 years of age. Imagining turning 107 in a world pandemic. This definitely is something very unusual even for me and all I have been through.

"I live in Clonard in County Meath and have lived in my home for over 83 years. I lost my husband in a car crash in 1989, and lost my twin daughters Margaret in 2007 to Motor Neurone and Anne in 2010 to utter heartbreak of losing her sister. I've lost all my friends throughout the years which comes with living so long on this earth. I'm very lucky to still have three daughters Kathleen, Mary and Olive and one son Finian and I have 84 grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. I have faced many heartbreaking moments and also have seen many hard times in our country witnessing world wars, division in our people and numerous sad times for our nation. I write to you today to send you my love and to offer you my prayers. I know you are here participating in mass on your phone or on your computer and in a very different way than we are used to since we were moved into a new stage of the virus. But I promise you, we will get back to our seats in the church when everything is safe again. I thank you for keeping your faith through this hard time. I'm very lucky to have been given a great faith by my parents many years ago and I have kept it all these years. I believe in God above, Mary and Joseph and little baby Jesus. I also have a great faith in St. Anthony, Padre Pio and of course my little flower St. Theresa. It's not easy to keep your faith these days. We are in a very hard time where we no longer can stretch out to a friend and embrace them nor can we call to each other's houses. But I am here to share my story. I have been in lockdown in my house since March, alongside my granddaughter Louise and even though it has been a tough time, we have got through it together. If you are feeling low, make sure to try call someone or even go for a walk. I also ask God to help me if I'm feeling low. This is a hard time for everyone but please make sure you keep yourself well and wear your mask. If you keep healthy, your mind will stay healthy too. Keep talking to one another, keep talking to God, he is always there. To all who are listening to me today, keep believing and keep being good. This hard time will indeed pass like all the rest and all that matters is that we helped each other through.

Many blessings and much love, Granny Nancy x "