



23rd & 24th January 2021

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Anniversary Masses

Knockerra Church

Saturday 23rd January 6m (Webcam)

Month's Mind: Tom O'Dea
Frances & JJ O'Dea

Saturday 30th January 6pm (Webcam)

Month's Mind: Patrick Boland, Knockerra
Michael Carrig, England

Killimer Church

Sunday 24th January 11am (Webcam)r

Sunday 31st January 11am (Webcam)

Presentation Of The Lord – Candlemas

Tuesday 2nd February is known as the Feast of Candlemas. It is a day for blessing candles. Candles for use in the home & church should be left on the front seats of Knockerra Church with your name on them and they will be blessed at mass that morning. Faith in the Church has traditionally been regarded as a light. At baptism a lighted candle represents the faith the newly baptised child has received. We use them in our liturgies down through the ages.

Catholic Schools Week 2021

Catholic School Week begins on Sunday, 24th January, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and its theme is 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience'. In light of the challenges and uncertainty we have collectively faced over the past year, this year we are presented with the opportunity to reflect on how our faith sustains us and how we as a community support and care for each other. In the coming week let us keep in prayer our teachers, pupils, parents and all associated with our schools in the community both at primary & secondary level. Further resources are available at www.catholicbishops.ie

Condolence

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Carrig, England brother of John Carrig Kilcarroll, who died recently in England. May he rest in peace.

Church Opening For Private Prayer

St. Senan's Church, Knockerra will be open daily for Private Prayer from 12 Noon until 4pm. St. Imy's Church, Killimer will not be open during Level 5 restrictions.

Knockerra Liturgy/Eucharistic Rota

New rota for the coming year is now being prepared. If anyone would like to change or any new readers would like to join and be added to the rota, please text Kathleen on 0876525354.

Cuil Gael's

On Saturday night last, Cúil Gael's held their AGM via zoom for the first time. There was a great number involved between players, parents and the committee.

The following officers were elected:

Patron: Fr Tom McGrath

President: Tommy Haugh and Helen Flanagan

Chairperson: Fiona Cleary

Vice Chairperson: Emer McMahon

Secretary: Carmel Bohannon

Assistant Secretary: Maria Kelly

Joint Treasurers: Caroline King and Siobhan Shannon

Registrar: Lisa Farrell

Children's officer: Sandra McCarthy

PRO: Michelle Madigan and Geraldine Kelly

Delegates to county board: Caroline King, Sandra McCarthy, Carmel Bohannon, Eimear O'Connor and Lisa Farrell.

It was a very positive meeting with good discussion and plans for the club for the following year. Under age structure and management of all teams was put in place for our return to play, which will hopefully be in the not so distant future. We just want to thank all that were involved and especially those who have volunteered to give up their time in helping out this year in any format.

Covid-19 Prayer – A Spiritual Reflection

**“Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and your neighbour as yourself.”**

God our Father you constantly call on us to drop our masks and show our true selves. As we put on our face coverings and watch others wear theirs, help us not to see in this action a hiding or covering of our true selves. Help us to see it as an image of who we really are; people called to do things for love of neighbour. As I protect my neighbour by wearing my mask and they protect me by wearing theirs may our masks become symbols of mutual love.

You call us to walk with one another. And yet, in these times we are called to maintain a safe distance from one another. In the safe spaces created by social distancing, may we be enabled to see each other in a new way. May the new perspective it creates enable us to take a second glance and see something new in myself, in others and in life. May we take nothing for granted. May we be surprised and enriched by what we notice from our new view on life. In this sense of space may we all be given the grace to grow in new and creative ways.

You call us to stretch our hands in friendship and love and yet we are encouraged not to touch and to keep our hands sterile. In the washing of our hands help us to be reminded that it is one hand that washes the other. Like our hands we too need the each other, we cannot do this alone. Help us to see that in our hands we hold the potential to do good and to harm. May this realisation enable us to use our hands in loving, caring, gentle and safe ways. While we might not be able to take another's hand, we might be able to help them lift their load.

It is more than a virus that has the potential to grow in these time. Anxiety, suspicion, prejudice, paranoia and loneliness can all thrive under the cloak of this pandemic. In those moments when we feel overwhelmed calm our fear. In those moments when we find it hard to keep a grip on reality help us to be grounded. In those moments when we find it hard to trust and we feel unsure, give us the support we need. And when we feel alone remind us of who those who truly love us and of your promise to be always with us as our friend and companion.

Amen.

Fr. Michael Collins, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth

***The most powerful thing we have in life is our
own attitude which has the ability to change
any situation***

Irish Grinds

Online Irish grinds for Leaving and Junior Certificate available.

Contact (087) 6811653.



Tax Efficient Parish Donations

Under the terms of the Revenue approved Scheme of Tax Relief on Donations to charities, if you are an Irish taxpayer (PAYE or Self Assessed), and you donate a total of €250 or more to your parish in a calendar year, your parish can claim back the related tax relief of 31% on your total donations.

That means that your donation of €250 could be actually worth €362 to your parish – at no extra cost to you. All you have to do is complete a CHY3 form (Enduring 5 years form) and return it to your local parish office and they can do the rest.

Further details are available on the Revenue website.

<https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/parish/killimer-and-knockerra/donate/>

<https://www.revenue.ie/en/companies-and-charities/documents/charities/chy3-enduring-certificate.pdf>

Continuous Rosary in Ireland for Peace and Charity

Continuous Rosary in Ireland for Peace and Charity beginning Ash Wednesday, 17th February 2021. To make this work there needs to be a minimum of two parishioners per parish, one with surname beginning A-L and one with surname M-Z to say the rosary twelve times per year. For more details see www.continuousrosary.com

The West Clare Mini Marathon

The West Clare Mini Marathon is going virtual!!!! Unfortunately we will not be doing our normal route this year, instead we ask that people take to the roads within your own region to complete the 10k. We are giving people the weekend of the 30th and 31st of January 2021 to complete the distance. Please tag us in all your fun on the day!!! Now that we are gone virtual we are not limited to just Ireland, register for the event. €20 P.P.S

<https://westclarecancercentre.ie/.../west-clare-mini.../>

