



**THE PARISH OF
BALLIVOR & KILDALKEY**
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**SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2020
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Our Parish Churches will remain open for private prayer each day

*In these difficult and uncertain times, people find strength, consolation
and hope in prayer and lighting a candle*

We remember in this weekend's Mass

Pauline Harmon & Mary McMahon

whose 1st Anniversaries occur at this time

In your prayers please remember...



Peter (Pete) Dixon,

Clonee, Castlerickard

May he rest in God's eternal

Baptisms, Holy Communion and Confirmation

We have received some emails regarding Baptisms, Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish...

The re-opening of church activities will be phased in slowly. The advice given by the government's roadmap available on www.gov.ie - July 20th is one date mentioned.

However, it is important to bear in mind that there will be restrictions placed on the numbers that can attend. And they will still have to keep a responsible social distance indoors.

This will be the new normal for quite some time into the future.

The situation with Holy Communion and Confirmations is difficult to calculate as It will be some time yet before larger groups will be allowed to gather while observing a responsible distance. These sacraments will be celebrated after the schools reopen.

This week, the children from our 3 parish schools should have received the sacrament of Confirmation & First Communion. I ask you to pray with me for all the children of 3rd & 6th Classes and hope they are doing well and keeping safe. I hope it will not be long before I see you again. God Bless you all.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER

*Spirit of God, grant me: The gift of **wisdom** To see the world
through your eyes, The gift of **counsel** To make difficult
decisions, The gifts of **knowledge** and understanding To use my
mind to know you and to love you, The gift of **fortitude** To have
the **courage** to live in the faith Despite the difficulties and
disappointments, The gift of **piety** To be able to express my special
love And commitment to you, And the right kind of awesome
fear That makes me pause to wonder and revere God's Love.*

Amen.

Please support your Parish - Collections and Offerings ...

I want to begin by acknowledging that everyone is struggling in these difficult times for us, including the parish and staff.

Our parish insurance renewal is now due. It amounts to almost €12,000 and among other things this covers public liability which is essential to keep our church open for ceremonies including funerals of which there have been 4 the last few weeks.

I am making a special appeal to you to donate to the parish this week if you can.

A sincere thanks to those who have already answered my appeal!!

Please drop an envelope into the Parochial House Ballivor. Any cheques must be made payable to Ballivor / Kildalkey Parish or online banking using the IBAN:

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Thank You...

Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will not travel this year owing to the corona virus pandemic. And it has been deferred until 12th September 2021. A word of appreciation to everyone who supports the pilgrimage and make it possible. We look forward to being able to travel next year again, please God

'The Voice of Prayer is Never Silent'

Resources for prayer in homes of the Diocese of Meath

Prayer leaflets are available in Church porches

www.dioceseofmeath.ie

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 seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 02

A Covid 19 Reflection

We rushed and raced for far too long,
Now we must stop and perhaps write our own song.
We lived busy lives and nothing would stop,
Until covid appeared and suddenly we could drop.

Our lives changed immediately but we adapted well,
To the new way of living although it wasn't so swell.
Slowing down and admiring nature has been one good thing,
But a negative is that we don't know when we'll have another fling.

Social distancing is a challenge for all,
But it could get rid of corona once and for all.
Our health is so important and this lesson we will learn,
That the rat race we were living wouldn't even get butter to churn.

Go back to basics and appreciate the finer things in life today,
Be content with yourself and you'll go places they say.
Emotionally this will be tough for many indeed,
But together as a nation we can look out for all in need.

We've come together and are standing as one,
So let's stick together because we still haven't won.
Avoid unnecessary stress you may have now,
Everyone is in the same boat so have faith and take your bow.

You've been constantly productive in life so far,
Maybe it's time to take a step back and eat the chocolate bar.
The kids are fed up and want to get back to school too,
Teach them how to cook and sew and practical things to do.

Feeling fed up and anxious is quite normal you see,
But look at the bigger picture and you'll not have to pay the fee.
Far away hills are always greener for sure,
Embrace the simplicity of mother nature so pure.

There is always someone less fortunate than us here,
So let's help one another to wipe the tear.
We've fought before and we'll fight again,
Let's keep it together like Barbie and Ken

Written by an anonymous parishioner