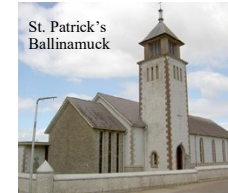


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Your value doesn't decrease based on someone's inability to see your worth

Third Sunday of Lent Year A - 15th March 2020

Mass Intentions etc.

- ✦ All Mass intentions which have been booked over the next weeks have been deferred and may be rebooked at a later date, if and when the situation changes.
- ✦ Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion will be alerted also when the situation changes.
- ✦ Offertory Envelopes for the upkeep of Parish Property and the Dues Envelopes for the upkeep of the priests of the parish can be held over or dropped into the Parochial House Drumlish whenever you are passing by. Thank you for your understanding.
- ✦ The Parish Newsletter will continue to be published with copies available in both Churches, in the local shops and on the parish web: drumlishparish.ie
- ✦ The Thursday Bible Reflections for Lent at the Parochial House Drumlish are discontinued for now.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen.



To receive Holy Communion on the hand, please place your left hand on your right hand (as in picture) and then take the Sacred Host with your right hand and consume in a reverent manner. (If you are left handed you may reverse the order)

What's Happening Community Events

- **Silent Retreat** preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne at Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, Galway from April 13th to April 19th. Cost €380 full board. Contact Helen at 0861678027 or hellywilliams@gmail.com. The theme is: *'If you but knew the gift of God.'*
- **Monaduff Social Club:** A Mass scheduled for the deceased members of our Club in Monaduff on Saturday 21st March **will not** now be celebrated on that date due to the Coronavirus outbreak.
- **Ardagh & Clonmacnois Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020** is from 29th May—03 June—five nights. Fully inclusive €749, Contact Joe Walsh Tours 143 Lower Baggot St, Dublin 2. Tel. 012410812 or 012410811. Pilgrimage Director Rt. Rev. Mons. Bernard Noonan, Moate, Co. Westmeath. 090-6481180. Director for Sick/Assisted Pilgrims: Rev. Michael Scanlon, Cloghan, Co Offaly. 0906457122

St. Patrick's Day



With no St. Patrick's Day parades why not make that special effort to drop into the church at your own time and pray for the intercession of St. Patrick. In Biblical times the people prayed in times of plagues and pestilence for protection. God is just as active in our time, but have we the faith to pray for his protection and the courage to ask? You can make a spiritual Communion as follows: *"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You."*

Diocesan Regulations Updates

Because of the requirements that indoor gatherings of more than 100 people be avoided, and the difficulties that may arise in achieving this, and always mindful of public safety and those with underlying medical conditions, the following arrangements are to be followed in all parishes:

- ✦ Because of the emergency situation, all parishioners are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass.
- ✦ During the period 13th March to 29th March the public celebration of Mass on weekdays and at weekends is suspended with immediate effect. This includes St. Patrick's Day.
- ✦ Be assured that priests will continue to celebrate Mass privately and pray for the needs of their parishioners.
- ✦ Mass will be available by webcam at St. Mel's Cathedral www.longfordparish.com each day 8am, 10am, 1.05 weekdays, 7.30 pm Saturday, and 8am, 10am, 11.30am, and 1.00 pm Sundays.
- ✦ All non-essential pastoral gatherings and meetings, such as formation gatherings, retreats and seminars are cancelled.
- ✦ All Confirmations are postponed until further notice.
- ✦ Every Catholic is entitled to a dignified Christian burial. Attendance at Funeral services and Masses should be limited to close relatives and must not exceed 100 attendees within the Church building.
- ✦ Similarly, Church weddings and baptisms may be celebrated on condition that the attendance in Church does not exceed 100 people.
- ✦ In these difficult and uncertain times, people find strength, consolation and hope in prayer. Churches should remain open for prayer each day.
- ✦ A more complete copy of these norms is available for pick up at the back of the Churches. Please take Sunday newsletter and copy of norms home.

Supporting Trócaire 2020



Moses, in today's reading, is told to take off his shoes for the ground on which he walks is "holy ground". Again on Trócaire's Lenten Campaign this year, we are reminded of land-rights. There remains much injustice in our world. Much of Trócaire's work seems to be

linked with being on the side of right rather than might. The people working for Trócaire abroad are, in most cases, local people who have no stomach for oppression and want to make a difference in their own place. The work done by Trócaire here in Ireland and abroad is crucial. When Pope St. John Paul kissed the ground of Ireland, (Sept. 1979) he made a statement around respect. He knew that he would be here for a limited amount of time but wanted the people of Ireland, like Moses, to recognise the holiness of the ground on which they walked and to leave the world a better place, but in no way damaged, because we lived. Supporting Trócaire enables people in war torn and drought torn parts of the world overcome challenges that we could not ever imagine.

*"If only you knew what God is offering
And who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink,
You would have been the one to ask,
And he would have given you living water."*

