

Parish Newsletter

Parish of Aghaval

Saint Mary's Church Westport Saint Patrick's Church Lecanvey
Saint Mary's Church Drummin

Sunday May 10th 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A



'I am the Way, the Truth & the Life'

**ST. MARY'S, WESTPORT & DRUMMIN,
ST. PATRICK'S LECANVEY**

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PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEK - FR. CHARLIE MC DONNELL 086-8193884

DAILY READINGS: Monday 11TH - Friday 15TH May 2020

Mon 11 TH May	Acts 14:5-18. Ps 113B:1-4, 15-16, R/ v 1. Jn 14:21-26.
Tues 12 TH May	Acts: 14:19-28. Ps 144:10-13, 21, R/ cf 12. Jn 14:27-31.
Wed 13 TH May	Acts 15:1-6. Ps 121:1-5, R/ cf v 1. Jn 15:1-8.
Thurs 14 TH May	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26. Ps 112:1-8, R/ cf v 8. Jn 15:9-17.
Fri 15 TH May	Acts 15:22-31. Ps 56:8-12, R/ v 10. Jn 15:12-17.

DRUMMIN/ LECANVEY MASSES IN WESTPORT

10:00am Saturday	
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Please Pray For:

**Jimmy Kerins, London & Liscarney, brother of Hughie Kerins, Liscarney, Bill, Quay & the late Maureen Geraghty Kilmeena.
John Mc Nally, Wales formerly of Westport.**

Rest in Peace

Knock Shrine Prayer during Covid-19 Pandemic

Lord, in 1879 the Apparition in Knock gave comfort and hope to your people in a time of distress and worry. In the presence of Our Lady, St Joseph, St John the Evangelist and the Lamb of God you showed us that we are neither alone nor abandoned in times of great need, personally and as a people.

We ask you Lord, to walk with us again as we face the Coronavirus. Help our medical personnel to bring the virus to a swift end and bless them in their work. We ask healing and recovery to be given to all who are suffering from the virus and their families.

May all of us, Lord, be strengthened by the spiritual support of the Christian community at this time through prayer, fasting and concern for one another. May we never abandon hope in the face of adversity and trust in your love for us. Amen

Our Lady of Knock, pray for us.

St Joseph, pray for us.

St John the Evangelist, pray for us.

MASSES WESTPORT CHURCH Saturday May 9th

Mick & May Kelly, Altamont St & DFM of Kelly & Clarkin families.	
SUNDAY 10th May 2020	
10 a.m. Mass	Months Minds:
MONDAY 11th May 2020	
10 a.m. Mass	1. John Davitt, Belmullet 2. Noel Mulhall & sister Nancy & DFM
TUESDAY 12th May 2020	
10 a.m. Mass	1. James & Margaret Maher & DFM 2. Joe & Brendan Ryan, Carrabawn 3. Paddy O'Donnell, sister Mary Gardner & DM 4. May & Mick Fahy, Tonranny Bridie & Damian Fahy, Sr. Maeve Kelly & Sr. Peggy Eaton 5. Angela Campbell
WEDNESDAY 13th May 2020	
10 a.m. Mass	1.
THURSDAY 14th May 2020	
10.00 a.m Mass	1. Carmel Mortimer parents Ellen & James Hallinan. 2. Eugene Ward
FRIDAY 15th May 2020	
10.00 a.m Mass	1. Marion Moran, Belclare, Parents William & Margaret Gibbons, parents-in-law Tom & Mollie Moran 2. Martin & Nora Jennings & DFM 3. Sheila Mc Kenna, St. Mary's Crescent
SATURDAY 16th May 2020	
SUNDAY 17th May 2020	
10.00 a.m Mass	1st Anniversaries: 1. Frank Gillan, Carrabawn, Son Gary & DFM 2. Patsy Staunton 3. Martin McHale, Murrisk

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.

PARISH OFFICE OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY

10:00AM – 3:00PM

The Parish Office has been busy taking call from Parishioners over the past few weeks and is open by phone or email each Monday - Friday from 10:00am – 3:00pm to take bookings for Masses, Weddings etc. The need to return to five days was very strong and we are delighted at this.

While the office itself will not be available for such bookings there will be a priest on duty at all other times 24/7 on **(098) 28871**

CALLS TO THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Praying with and for those who are ill as well as those who are housebound is a very important ministry. For the foreseeable future the priests will not be in a position to make these visits. However should any of our First Friday Calls wish to have a priest pray privately with them over the phone please contact us.

SACRAMENTS FOR THOSE WHO ARE CRITICALLY ILL

A central part of the ministry of the Parish continues to be ministry to those who are critically ill and in danger of death. The priests continue to make these personally at the invitation of close family. In order to protect both the families, all parishioners and the clergy, clear protocols are being followed. In the case of nursing homes this has already been established and is working well. In the case of visits to private homes where someone is gravely ill, the priest will first meet the family outside the home, where the family may attend in the doorway and the priest will remain outside (Don't worry about the weather) for a chat with the family. The family will take the priest inside following the chat and attend to the person who is ill, returning immediately outside before continuing to chat to and support the family any way he can.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Sincere thanks to all of you who continue to contribute to the weekly envelope collection at this time. It is so deeply appreciated and means that it is easier for us to keep the church doors open. These are difficult times added to for the Parish by the fact that the final accounts for the church restoration are being settled now. More details on that when we have it, but we do really appreciate your generosity. Many people have mentioned that there are very few envelopes left in the box. We are not in a position to order or distribute envelopes right now. We are asking people who wish to, and are in a position to do so to put their envelope number on an ordinary envelope. Alternatively some have asked to set up a Standing Order, our bank details are as follows:
Ulster Bank Westport

BIC: ULSB IE 2D

IBAN: IE40 ULSB 9864 3040 5490 32

WESTPORT PARISH RADIO – 104.8 FM

Parish Facebook – St. Mary's Church Westport

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

This weekend would be First Holy Communion weekend in Lecanvey & Fahy churches. We keep the children in our prayers in a special way this weekend. As soon as we know rescheduled dates we will publicise them.

MAY DEVOTIONS & DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS

Pope Francis has asked us to make a special effort to pray the Rosary during the month of May. Rosary and Devotions each evening at 8:00pm for the month of May at 8:00pm on Facebook & parish Radio. Please join us. You might also consider setting up a May altar. Divine Mercy daily at 3:00pm on Parish Radio and where possible on Facebook.

Westport Parish –Updated Arrangements

St. Mary's Church Westport - St. Patricks Church Lecanvey – St. Mary's Church Drummin.

In Line with Civil and Church Guidelines – the following is now being implemented in this Parish until further notice.

- Mass will take place each morning at 10:00am Sunday – Saturday. This Mass will be behind closed doors but will be broadcast live on Parish Radio 104.8 FM. and Facebook.
- The intentions for each days Masses will be offered at 10:00am on that day, Intentions for Drummin & Lecanvey will be offered on Saturday mornings.
- The church in Westport will open at 10:30am daily until 8:00pm.
- All other churches in the Parish will be open daily but there will be no Mass celebrated.
- Baptisms are not taking place except in emergencies.
- Funerals are taking place on a 'Private Family only' basis and in accordance with HSE guidelines.
- The church currently meets social distancing requirements, please comply with social distancing requirements.
- Please use sanitizer, gloves and wipes provided on entering and leaving the church and try to avoid touching surfaces, UF LIGHTING CANDLES USE ALL OF THE ABOVE.

COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Well done and thanks to all the volunteers and workers who are keeping the community going at this time all of those services including Meals on Wheels are there for you. The Community Gardaí are also available to call to anyone who'd like a visit. Contact the Garda Station (098) 25555 or the Presbytery who will liase for you.

I am the Way

It's great advice if only we could take it, the words of Jesus in today's Gospel 'Do not let your hearts be troubled.' So many of us are troubled right now, and when you're back is against the wall, it's difficult to listen, let alone hear or heed advice. It begins therefore with genuine trust in God, even still even in the midst of worry, fear and anxiety, trust in God. Hand yourself over to Him and live in the present moment. Do everything through Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. If we trust in him to guide us through every storm, no matter how hard the storm blows or how much damage it does, he will protect our hearts from being troubled or afraid.

THE REGINA COELI

Throughout the year we pray the Angelus, however during the Easter Season we pray the Regina Coeli daily at 12:00pm and 6:00pm.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Muire na nGrás

A Mhuire na ngrás, A Mháthair Mhic Dé

Go gcuire tú Ar mo leas mé.

Go sábhála tú mé Ar gach uile oic;

Go sábhála tú mé Idir anam is chorp.

Go sábhála tú mé Ar muir is ar tír;

Go sábhála tú mé Ar leac na bpian.

Garda na n-naingeal Os mo chionn;

Dia romham Agus Dia liom.