

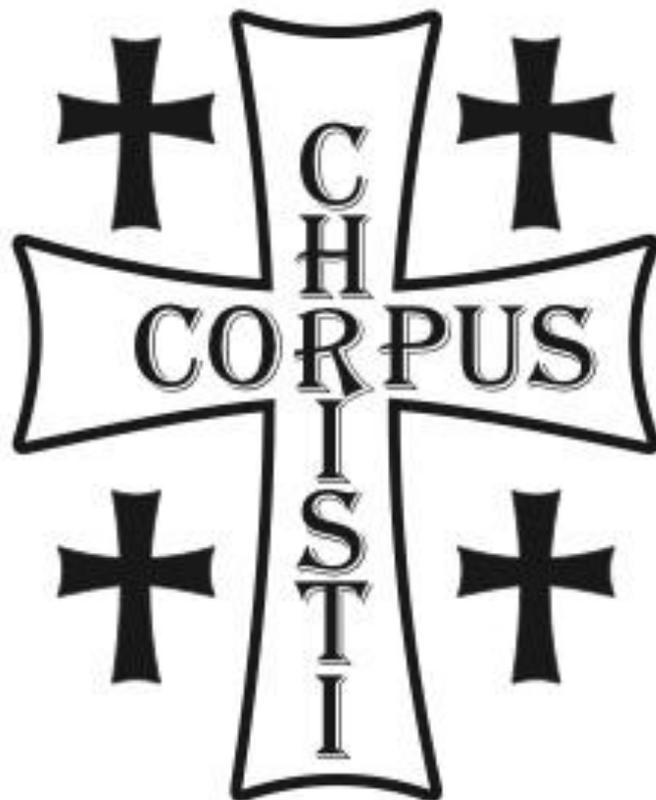
Parish Newsletter

Parish of Aghaval

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

Sunday June 14th 2020

Solemnity of Corpus Christi Year A



**'I am the living bread which has come down
from heaven.'**

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

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PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEK - FR. GERARD QUIRKE

DAILY READINGS: Monday 15th - Friday 19th June 2020

Mon 15 th June	1 Kg 21:1-16. Ps 5:2-3, 5-7, R/ v 2. Mt 5:38-42.
Tues 16 th June	1 Kg 21:17-29. Ps 50:3-6, 11, 16, R/ cf v 3. Mt 5:43-48.
Wed 17 th June	2 Kg 2:1, 6-14. Ps 30:20, 21, 24, R/ v 25. Mt 6:1-6, 16-18.
Thurs 18 th June	Eccles (Sir) 48:1-14. Ps 96:1-7, R/ v 12. Mt 6:7-15.
Fri 19 th June	Deut 7:6-11. Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 10, R/ v 17. 1 Jn 4:7-16. Mt 11:25-30.

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**MASSES WESTPORT CHURCH Saturday
Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th June 2020**

Drummin Masses: Peter & Mary Duffy & Nora Durkan	
SUNDAY 14th June 2020	
10 a.m. Mass	
MONDAY 15th June 2020	
10 a.m. Mass	1. Michael & Margaret Giblin, Leenane Rd 2. William O'Connor 3. Michael Walsh, Widnes, U. K.
TUESDAY 16th June 2020	
10 a.m. Mass	1. Dennis Harris, Reek View 2. Pakie Moore & DFM, Carrowholly 3. Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 17th June 2020	
10 a.m. Mass	1. John Joe Geraghty, his brother Joe and Parents Broddie & Nora
THURSDAY 18th June 2020	
10.00 a.m. Mass	1. Frank & Molly Moran, Church Lane & DM Of Moran & Kenny families 2. Carmel Berry, Angelus Park
FRIDAY 19th June 2020	
10.00 a.m. Mass	1. Pat Halpin & DM of Halpin & McGuire Families 2. Marie Gillivan, Golf Course Road
SATURDAY 20th June 2020	
	Lecanvey: Kathleen Staunton
SUNDAY 21st June 2020	
10.00 a.m. Mass	1st Anniversary: Michael Burke, Drumminwonagh, son-in-law Frank Barnett Months Mind: Michael King, Newport Road

Please Pray For:

1. Marvin Kennedy, Belclare
2. Mary Caulfield, Kilmovee, Aunt of Colette Lavelle Carrabawn.
3. Ben Duffy, Tourmakeady
4. Robert Mc Adoo, Malahide, brother of Ann Murphy, Thornhill, Lecanvey

May they rest in peace.

**A Mhuire na grás, a Mháthair Mhic Dé,
go gcuire tú ar mo leas mé.
Go sabhála tú mé ar gach uile olc,
go sabhála tú mé idir anam is chorp.
Go sabhála tú mé ar muir is ar tír,
go sabhála tú ar lic na bpian.
Gárda na n-aingeal os mo chionn,
Dia romham agus Dia liom.**

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.

St. Alphonsus de Liguori

PARISH OFFICE OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY

10:00AM – 3:00PM

The Parish Office is open by phone or email each Monday - Friday from 10:00am – 3:00pm to take bookings for Masses, Weddings etc.

Priest on duty at all other times 24/7 on (098) 28871

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS

We hope to resume First Friday Calls in early August.

SACRAMENTS FOR THOSE WHO ARE CRITICALLY ILL

The priest continue to visit the gravely ill and dying. Please note in advance that it is policy for priests to wear personal protective equipment on these calls. Please note that this also applies to the Parish of Kilmeena which Fr. Charlie is currently covering. Please do not hesitate to contact a priest if a close family member is critically ill and wants the sacraments.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Please contact SVP in Westport on 087 9334960

Or Regional office in Galway (091) 563 233 or email info.west@svp.ie or visit our website at www.svp.ie

CONFESSIONS

12:00pm – 2:00pm each Saturday. Please observe distancing.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Today, Sunday is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. While Today is Corpus Christi and the Procession takes place at 11:00am. Please stand along the route – South Mall, Mill Street, Shop Street and James Street at a social distance.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE COLLECTION – Míle BUÍOCHAS

We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity of so many people in distributing the Parish Envelopes in the last few days. To those who have been distributing for many years and to those who came on board this year a sincere thanks!! It's a tremendous testament to the great sense of community that exists at the moment. There are a small number of areas left and we hope to get them out during the week. Again please know how grateful the Parish Team is for all your support throughout the pandemic and always and please know that we are here for you.. 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

CALLS TO THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Should anyone require a priest to pray with you, please contact the presbytery.

CONNECT WITH US ON RADIO AND ONLINE Westport

Parish Radio – 104 8 FM

Parish Facebook – St. Mary's Church Westport
www.westportpsrish.ie click on Facebook icon.

DEVOTIONS & DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS

Rosary and Devotions each evening at 8:00pm. Please join us. Divine Mercy daily at 3:00pm on on Facebook & Parish Radio.

FUNERALS

We continue to be as sensitive as we can around the area of funerals and we ask for as much co-operation and understanding as possible at what continues to be a very difficult time for families.

Westport Eco Congregation Care of Creation

Recent events in the US have amplified for us the interconnectedness between all of us humans. We cannot fail to be affected by the brutality suffered by our fellow humans.

It was this awareness that prompted one woman, Natalie Isaacs, an Australian to change her life completely. Once she became aware of the connection between the hardship suffered by so many in the developing world, caused by Climate Change, she knew she had to do something. She could not stand by. She eventually set up *1Million women*, encouraging women all over the developed world to change their way of life, to lower their carbon emissions, in support of women in poorer countries who are most affected by Climate Change. "If women and children of developing countries are the most vulnerable to climate change, then women from wealthy countries have so much to contribute to the solution through the way we live. This is about lifestyle". (Natalie Isaacs)

Today the membership of this movement, *1Million Women* stands at 800,000!

What can EACH ONE of us do to show our solidarity with the people of our world who suffer the brutality of life caused by Climate Change every day. Getting fired up when we hear of one horrendous cruelty is good, but how much better would it be if we held that fire for ACTION in any way possible to relieve the brutality of the Climate Crisis in poor countries. To learn more about the *POWER of ONE*, as shown by Natalie Isaacs log into www.1millionwomen.com.au.

Here in Westport why not get involved with Westport Eco-Congregation or perhaps join the Book study group on Laudato Si to become more informed about Climate Change and its effects. For more information, ring Mary Manning at 087 2421330, Caroline Goucher at 0868745314, Kathleen Friel at 087 8520602 or email westportecocongregation@gmail.com.

Twitter: @WestEcoCong

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WestportEcoCongregation/>

Youtube: *Westport Eco-Congregation*

Email: westportecocongregation@gmail.com

Getting Back to Mass – Going to Mass like never before

Over the last number of months people have sacrificed much in so many ways. We are very conscious that for many staying away from Mass was another sacrifice. Now that we have been given the date of June 29th to begin the process of getting back to Masses with congregations present, there is much anticipation, enthusiasm and excitement, as well as anxiety and uncertainty.

The first thing we ask you for at this time is your patience as we navigate the guidelines and the methods we use in reopening our churches. This will undoubtedly be difficult, and at times frustrating, but please stay with us as we work this out together.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Many people continue to cocoon and be shielded for health reasons. We encourage people to continue this practice, please do not feel pressurised to return. People who are feeling in any way unwell with flu like symptoms are asked not to attend. Further instructions regarding public health will be published next week.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – STEWARDS

We request the help of volunteers to steward and direct the congregation at each weekday and Sunday Mass. Stewards are also needed for funerals. Volunteers will be needed at least 30 minutes before Mass and until the congregation have left. Stewards will be given specific training and will have to sign declaration forms that they are well. If you are in a position to help with stewarding please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible 10:00am – 3:00pm weekdays or by email indicating the duty, the church and the times you are available.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – CLEANERS

There is a requirement that all of the seats be sanitized after every Mass. Again if this is to be possible a large number of volunteers will be needed. Training and PPE will be provided and again please contact the Presbytery as above if you can help, again indicating the duty, the church and when you are available.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

Ministers of the Eucharist and readers will be contacted regarding their availability. We fully appreciate that not all Ministers may wish, or be able to return at the moment. Training will be needed in new procedures for Eucharistic Ministers in particular. More details next week.

CAPACITY OF CHURCHES – HOW MANY CAN ATTEND

The capacity will vary in each church. In Westport for example there are 45 seats that can be used. If there are individuals that are not of the same household, each seat will hold two people. If there are families of the one household these will hold up to six people each. In Lecanvey there are 19 seats available and 14 in Drummin. People will not be able to stand at the back of the church. It is hoped that a new committee will meet next week to work out the logistics and we will have more information for you next weekend. Several issues will have to be worked out yet.

COMING TO MASS WEEKLY – SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN DISPENSED WITH

As the Sunday obligation has been dispensed with, it is envisaged that initially we may ask people to come to Mass once a week on a weekday where possible so as to allow as many people as possible to attend. The Masses will continue to be streamed live for the time being to facilitate as many people as possible getting access to Mass. It will be very important that people attend on time at least ten minutes before Mass starts.

BAPTISMS, COMMUNIONS & CONFIRMATIONS

A decision will be taken in due course and we will let you know as soon as we do.

A WORK IN PROGRESS

As stated at the outset, there is still so much uncertainty as to how things will work out, we hope to begin a soft opening on Monday June 29th, and again ask for your patience and understanding going forward. At the moment this feels like a mammoth task. We will keep you informed at every step of the way as we go towards reopening with the best interests, health and safety of all our parishioners at heart. Please keep an eye on our parish website and Facebook page as the weeks go on, as well as on the Parish Newsletter. Sincere thanks again for all your understanding, co-operation and support.