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Third Sunday of Easter

Masses this week

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 26th April 11.30am Mass, **Months Memory:** Eilish Curran, Reyfad. **Anniversary:** Kathleen McSherry, Enniskillen; Pat McManus, Drumaraw; Agnes McHugh, Drumma; John & Annie Burns, Aghakeeran; James & Bridget Carroll, Lisdoonan; Una Buchanan nee Burns, Belfast; Aidan O'Dare, Sandhill and deceased of O'Dare Family, Braade; Thomas & Mary B Murphy, Drumanane; Barney Flood, Sillees Grove; Sonny Haran, Fairview Park.

Tuesday 28th April 7.30pm Mass and Novena to St Peregrine.

Wednesday 29th April **St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church** 10am Mass, **Anniversary:** The Love Family, Rosnarick Close and Holy Rosary.

Thursday 30th April 10am Mass

Sunday 3rd May 11.30am Mass, **Months Memory:** Lizzie McGovern, Portmush. **Anniversary:** Joey Jones, Fairview Park; Eamonn McGowan, Tonagh; Joe McManus, Drumbeggan.

In today's Gospel, the gentle presence of the Risen Jesus is seen with two of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Those days after his resurrection were difficult for his closest followers because, as far as they were concerned, hope had died with Him. Their experience at the foot of the Cross was devastating for them, because Jesus was the one in whom they believed, in whom they placed their trust. We can only but imagine how, as individuals and as a body, they struggled in those days after Easter. Their encounter on the road to Emmaus is presented to us to give us hope. Jesus walks with them, listening to their story and carrying their burdens for them. He stays with them and shares the Bread of Life.

These post Easter days give us a glimpse of how the first disciples were given heart to continue, and the Acts of the Apostles, allow us a window on the beginning of the Christian community. Peter and the other disciples, preach boldly the Good News and their community takes shape. Their struggles and challenges, though in a different time, is our struggle too. In these recent weeks, when confronted with Coronavirus, isolation, distancing and so on, the value of community must be embraced. While attendance at Mass, as a worshipping community, is not permitted in these weeks, community is still happening. It is important to acknowledge all that is going on within our community to ensure that no one is forgotten. I want to acknowledge all who are offering support to older and vulnerable members, those delivering essential supplies, all who are keeping contact with others, those who are working in healthcare and other key services.

A great example of community endeavor was seen during the week in celebrating the 90th birthday of Frank Flood. Keeping social distance in check, members of the Derrygonnelly District Community Partnership, neighbours and others acknowledged this milestone with Frank. That's the essence of community – presence to each other, a smile, a wave, a word of kindness. Congratulations to Frank and thank you to those who made it possible in these difficult times. Whether it was 2000 years ago or today, let us always embrace the value of community.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

*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 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. Amen.*

Parish Contributions: sincere thanks to all who have continued to financially support the parish in these weeks without public services. Mindful of the constraints on everyone at this time, I encourage you to contribute what you can towards the upkeep of the parish. Please either use your parish envelopes putting them through the door of the Parochial House or by the other means available.

I want to acknowledge also, the support given to Trocaire……it is important that we continue to do what we can to help alleviate poverty and suffering in the world. If anyone wants to make a donation towards the Trocaire Lenten Campaign please put it in an envelope and leave in the Parochial House in the coming week so that it can be forwarded to the Diocesan Office.

COVID-19 Community Helpline: to help those in vulnerable groups to access information, advice and guidance in relation to COVID-19. Freephone 0808 802 0020 email: covid19@adviceni.net or text: ACTION to 81025 Open 9.00 am to 5.00pm, each day.

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Community Coordination Hub: will respond to requests received from the NI Covid-19 Community Helpline. The Hub will work with the local community and voluntary sector to ensure access to support services such as food, medication, practical and emotional support. www.fermaghomagh.com and click on the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) banner.

Access to Food: Food Parcels provided by the Department for Communities are available for anyone who: cannot leave their home to access food due to Covid-19 restrictions, do not have support through family or friends or through access to food deliveries from local suppliers, or face food insecurity. A Food Parcel Request Form can be completed on www.fermaghomagh.com

For up to date information and advice on COVID-19, please visit Public Health Agency Website:

www.publichealth.hscni.net or NI Direct Website: www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19

Accord Couples and Relationship Support Line: Accord has set up a support Line where callers can talk to experienced couples and relationship counsellors during this time of Covid-19. Contact: 028 95680151

Some Lessons for Life

1. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
2. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
3. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
4. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
5. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
6. Don't compare your life to others.

You have no idea what their journey is all about.