

# CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA

## INCH-KILMALEY-CONNOLLY NEWSLETTER

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### **PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION --"Year A" 5th April 2020.**

Parishioners are encourage to join spiritually in the celebration of HOLY WEEK either on parish radio or on webcam. Parishes in the diocese that have web-cam facilities include Kilrush, Roscrea, Ennis, Quin, Nenagh, Shannon, Clar-ecastle and Barefield for times of ceremonies in each of these churches check relevant newsletters.

#### **RTE BROADCAST OF LITURGIES DURING HOLY WEEK**

Holy Thursday @ 4.40pm on RTE1 (Fr. Ray Kelly)

Good Friday @ 3pm on RTE 1 (Fr. Derek Darby)

Holy Saturday @ 10pm on RTE 2 (Bishop Deenihan)

Easter Sunday @ 10am on RTE 1 (Eurovision Mass)

Pope Francis Easter message @ 11am on RTE 1

**PARISH OFFICE:** is closed to the public, but parish business is continuing by way of telephone on 065 6839735 or by e-mail [kilmaleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:kilmaleyparish@gmail.com). Alternatively Fr Martin can be contacted by phone on 087 6720287.

**CLOSURE OF CHURCHES:** All churches in the parish are currently closed.

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY WEEK:** While it is in order to bless palms on Palm Sunday and Bless Easter water on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, during the actual ceremonies, it was felt by the diocese it would not be a good idea to have either available for public collection due to possible infection risks.

**GROUPED ANNIVERSARY MASSES:** booked for this month will not now go ahead and can be rescheduled for a later date.

**FUNERAL GUIDELINES:** Due to current Government and HSE guidelines regarding public gatherings it is recommended that only immediate family (max 10 people) attend funeral liturgies.

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** There is currently no Daily Mass in any of our three churches.

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES: MAY:** Kilmaley Sat. 9th & 23rd @ 7.30pm. Connolly Sun. 10th & 24th @ 10.30am. Inch Sun. 10th & 24th @ 9.15am.

**BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS:** Sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously every weekend to all the various collections:

**CLARE HOSPICE AT CAHERCALLA:** Weekly Draw Result — 1st Prize €650.00— Catherine Carmody. 2nd Prize €200 — Aileen Doohan. To join contact Fundraising Office 065 682196 or [www.cahercalla.ie](http://www.cahercalla.ie)

**KILMALEY LOTTO:** Numbers Drawn 16, 20, 22, 31. Jackpot next week €16,000. €30 winners; Chrissie Talty, Eileen Pyne, Pauline O Connor, Mary Downes, John Mc Mahon. **Please Note:** In light of the recent outbreak of COVID-19 and in the interests of public safety of our volunteers who sell the lotto each week, lotto tickets will no longer be available to be purchased in shops and pubs in Kilmaley. Tickets can be purchased on line at [www.kilmaleygaa.ie](http://www.kilmaleygaa.ie) or alternatively contact **Kieran 086 3145604, Cathal 087 4179056 or Clare 085 1705286**. The cut off time for the purchase of tickets is 6pm each Saturday evening. The draw will continue to be completed weekly with the draw being conducted via Facebook Live at 9pm each Saturday evening. The winner of the jackpot and/or the €30 weekly prize winners will be contacted directly and the prize money will be transferred via EFT.

**MASS CARDS:** Selection of signed Mass Cards, Sympathy, Get Well, Thank you, Special Occasions Mass Bouquet, Birthday Wishes, Exam Success, Wedding Day, etc. all available from Parish Office. Due to COVID—19 the parish office is closed to the public but cards can be purchased by phone on 087 6720287, or by e-mail [kilmaleyparish@g-mail.com](mailto:kilmaleyparish@g-mail.com).

**KILLALOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** It is with great regret that we announce that the Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on June 26th 2020 will not go ahead. The pilgrimage has been rescheduled to June 29th 2021. This decision was taken by the Diocese in consultation with Joe Walsh Tours in light of the Covid 19 Coronavirus Pandemic. A decision on the Autumn pilgrimage will be taken in due course.

***May Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Bernadette keep us all safe from danger and protect us over the coming weeks & months.***

**PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE:** Kilmaley, Inch, Connolly Parish - Follow the link at the bottom of our parish website [www.kilmaleyparish.ie](http://www.kilmaleyparish.ie)

**KILMALEY DAY CARE CENTRE:** Due to COVID-19 the day centre is closed. Please contact the centre on 065 68 39768 should you require shopping, medications to be collected or a dinner delivered.

**MASS ON LOCAL RADIO:** Details of Masses which can be heard or viewed on line during the coming weekend. **Clare FM and Tipp FM at 9.00 am on Sunday morning.** Hope this helps in some way to keep a praying community together

**RADIO MARIA IRELAND:** a Catholic radio station can be found on saorview 210 on your TV and also app can be downloaded and also on Facebook. Spread the word, people need reassurance at this time. Mass celebrated every day at 10am. Fr Eamonn and all the staff are doing brilliant work. Anyone can visit the station as well for Adoration.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Due to the coronavirus there will be no adoration until further notice. Visits to the Blessed sacrament can always be done even at a distance from the church building in an act of recollection and prayer at home. The practice of spiritual communion is recommended to all who cannot receive the Eucharist at this time.

**ENROLMENT FOR CONNOLLY N.S:** Connolly N.S. is now enrolling for September 2020. Expression of interest forms and Enrolment forms can be obtained by contacting **Seán O'Neill (Principal)** via email at [connollynationalschool@gmail.com](mailto:connollynationalschool@gmail.com)

**CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT:** The Irish Red Cross Clare with the support of Clare GAA Clubs & Local Community Groups are offering assistance to anyone who may find it difficult to get access in getting your medications, food supplies and household essentials. We are here to support you where possible; please watch out for neighbours. If you or someone you know requires this support please contact our Community Support Officer **James Lafferty on 086 8323456.**

**TROCAIRE:** On the sixth week of our Lenten Journey of helping the poor. Despite the challenges we are facing as a nation at the present time, we continue to reach out to the poor and especially during Lent with our Trócaire envelopes. "Nobody gets to Heaven without a letter of reference from the poor" **Every cent and euro do make a difference.** We will go back to laughter together. Strength and courage. See you soon."

**IRISH RED CROSS & AGE ACTION:** COVID-19 Hardship fund 2020. Grant value is €500 per person / household and is now available for those vulnerable over 65 year olds in our communities. The grant will cover small household maintenance repairs and safety improvements, food and basic provisions and associated delivery costs, upgrade of small essential electrical appliances - cookers, washing machine, fridge, freezer. Provide digital equipment, cover telephone bills and security alarm costs, also covers essential travel expenses for medical appointments. Closing date for application is 28th August 2020. For more information contact **James Lafferty, Irish Red Cross Community Support Officer— 086 8323456**

**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 Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

**VICTIM ASSISTANCE:** We are all overwhelmed by the Corona virus outbreak and we hope that you and yours are all safe and healthy. Now more than ever we need to stay calm, be resourceful, and do what we do best: focus on supporting each other. As a national charity that offers "emotional" and "practical" support to all victims of crime and those and their families that have experienced a "traumatic" incident, we want to reassure all concerned that we at Victim Assistance are committed to continuing our services to those that need us. Whilst some of our staff are working remotely, we can be contacted through our **NATIONAL HELPLINE at 1800 277 477**, our office telephone 094 9000251 or by **email at [support@victimassistance.ie](mailto:support@victimassistance.ie)**. Our offices are manned Monday-Friday 9.30am-5.30pm during these difficult times. Remember – social distancing doesn't mean social isolation – we are here to help and support!

**CLARE SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** continues to offer phone and text support to people who have been bereaved by suicide in Co Clare in these exceptional times. You are welcome to call or text 087 3698315 or 086 0565373 and speak with a volunteer. You may find our website helpful at [www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com](http://www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com).

**CLARECARE SUPPORT** has launched a dedicated telephone and e-mail support service to provide parents with a listening ear, parenting guidance and practical assistance. The Parent Support Line is operated by professional, experienced Family Support Staff who ordinarily facilitate the parenting programmes supporting parents and carers during Covid-19. Contact **065 6828178 Monday to Friday from 10am – 4pm. Or visit [parentingsupport@clarecare.ie](mailto:parentingsupport@clarecare.ie)**

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE POPE**

"Tonight before falling asleep think about when we will return to the street.  
When we hug again, when all the shopping together will seem like a party.  
Let's think about when the coffees will return to the bar, the small talk, the photos close to each other.  
We think about when it will be all a memory but normalcy will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift. We will love everything that has so far seemed futile to us.  
Every second will be precious. Swims at the sea, the sun until late, sunsets, toasts, laughter.  
We will go back to laughing together.  
Strength and courage.  
See you soon! "  
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#popefrancis

**Notices for Newsletter to Parish Office by 1.00pm on Wednesday**  
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