

Kincasslagh Parish Newsletter, 29th March 2020

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Schedule of Masses

St. Mary's Church, Kincasslagh

[Next Weekend](#)

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St. Columba's Church, Acres

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Sunday @ 11.30 a.m. Web Cam only

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11.00 a.m. on webcam. Monday to Saturday.

Without Congregation

The intentions below will be offered during these masses.

Anniversaries and Masses

Winnifred Howson, Funeral, Sunday @ 11.30 a.m.

Eamonn McLaughlin, Monday

Charles McDevitt, Burtonport, Tuesday, postponed from Sunday.

Sarah O'Donnell, Kincasslagh, Wednesday

Neilly McGonagle, Cruit, Saturday

Owen & Sally Gallagher, Meenmore, Sunday

Anniversaries

Phillip Neilly Boyle, Stackamor, Arranmore

Important Announcement regarding Funerals

After the Update from An Taoiseach on Friday evening which brings us to a lockdown situation, Bishop McGuckian has informed us with regret that funeral services should only be conducted at the interment in the Graveyard with no more than 4 family representatives, as per the Covid-19 guidelines.

Unfortunately this means that after Winnifred's funeral tomorrow, people will no longer be able to bring their deceased to the Chapel. This is hard hitting for families of loved ones who have died. But it is important that we win this war against Coronavirus.

I propose that we can still have a funeral Mass in the Chapel for the deceased, with no body present, after which we make our way to the graveyard directly afterwards, I from the chapel and the four family members from the morgue, or wherever the remains are reposing to the graveyard.

Extreme situations need extreme bravery, which we are being asked to have in these coming weeks.

Closure of Chapels

Unfortunately this all means that in this time, we are forced to close our chapels to the public until this crisis has passed.

Becoming a Catholic



Bishop Declan welcomes Ned Kelly into the church by rite of election, one of the steps taken by the catechumenate

One of our online parishioners is Ned Kelly, who has been on a journey to become a Catholic as an adult. We may take our faith journey a little for granted as most of us do not remember not being a Catholic, but Ned made this decision, and for 18 months has been discerning and learning the fundamentals of our faith. It has been painful for him and for others that they are at the moment unable to come into full communion with us because of the restrictions imposed by this Pandemic. He said himself he feels as if 'the rug has been pulled from under him'. He is a catechumen at this moment, awaiting full communion through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Let's pray for him and others who have chosen Jesus, and are now asked to wait for this happy day in their lives.

We pray also for our 14 children who should have received their first Confession during the week in preparation for the sacrament of Holy Communion. We haven't forgotten you! I have a special little cross for each of you to help you

along until we can bring you these sacraments.



Just need to figure out how to get it to you now! ☺

Act of Spiritual Communion

A Prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

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.

Amen.

A word of thanks to you all for the myriad of messages I am receiving regarding our broadcast Mass and Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. I try to answer some of them but realise I may not be able to answer them all.

These are unprecedented times. We are being asked to accept unprecedented challenges and it has shaken us, and shaken what was probably always an undeserved trust in ourselves that we can easily ride out any storm. And in the middle of all this, people are still being nourished by faith, in fact more so than ever.

I am humbled by your words of encouragement, and by your messages of support. I feel lucky that in these days, I have a way of doing what priests are ordained to do, share the joy and consolation of the faith with God's people.

This camera has been in operation for many years now, I nearly forgot it was there. Occasionally, I would get a call or a text to say it's not working, and I would put my IT hat on, and turn it off and on again! Once, Jimmy Bonner said, 'you never welcome the people that are watching on the camera! Others do!' And now you are my only congregation! And you are letting me know the importance of this hour in the day. You have shared locations, stories, suggestions, fears, joys, frustrations and hopes with me, and you have shown me that my virtual parish is extensive and varied, and all are so, so welcome!

So let us pray for each other and, with Christ taking us by the hand, may we walk forward bravely to the day that we leave this crisis behind, but my prayer will also be that, then, you will not let go of His hand.

Finally I want to thank those who have found the Donate button and given a little of their hard earned money to our parish in this time when our only source of income has dried up, or is at least on hold. It means a lot. I feel blessed in this way too.

I would finally ask you to remember to try and contribute something to your own parishes. For many were just keeping ahead of the bills, and this is a difficult time.

God Bless you all.

Fr. Pat