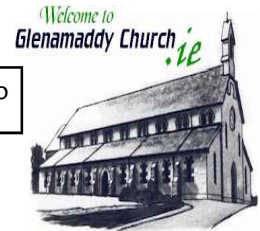


Glenamaddy Parish Newsletter



3rd May 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Church Radio
106.6 FM



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MASSES AND PRIESTS IN OUR CLUSTER AREA OF GLENAMADDY

Saturday	Glenamaddy	7.00pm
	Kiltevena	7.30pm
	Clonberne	7.30pm
Sunday	Garrafrauns	10am
	Williamstown	10.30am
	Kilkerrin	11am
	Dunmore	11.30am

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Saturday 2nd May

7pm James, Bridget & Vincent McHugh & decd McHugh & Kelly families. John Keaveney & decd Keaveney family, Esker. Willie Connelly parents Daniel & Mary & brother Tommy, Ballinamona

Weekdays

Mon 10am People of the Parish
Tues 10am People of the Parish
Wed 10am People of the Parish
Thurs 10am People of the Parish
Friday 10am People of the Parish

Sunday 10th May

10.30am Michael & Rose Halloran, Ballymoe Road.

Please pray for Sean Geraghty, Ballymoe Road Martin Lyons formerly of Cashel who died in New York and Kathleen Rattigan, New Jersey formerly Conneely from Shannagh sister to Joe & John Conneely who died during the week.

PARISH BAPTISMAL DATES: All dates suspended for the moment: Attendance at a Baptism meeting by the parents is necessary and these meetings will take place the Wednesday before the Baptism. Also a copy of your child's Birth Certificate is required and two weeks notice. To book your child's Baptism please phone (087) 2805241.

CHURCH INCOME LAST WEEKEND

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, DUNMORE helpline (086) 4169828

GLENAMADDY BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP is a parish based group ministry whose aim is to help those bereaved and grieving. If at any time you feel a need to talk we are here to listen.

Adoration every Monday 9am-12noon & 6pm-10pm (except Bank Holidays) in Convent
Divine Mercy Devotions at 3pm every Friday.

Padre Pio Devotions 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Marriage and Family Life Adoration 2nd day of each month 7pm-8pm.

Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Service 1st Saturday of the month at 9.30am.

**ALL
CANCELLED
AT PRESENT**

Pope Francis' letter for month of May

The month of May, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view. For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

THE PARISH OFFICE is closed but we are taking calls for anyone who wants to book a Mass, get Mass cards, or any other general office enquiries. Please phone Breda on 087 2805241.

May, God bless it, is a wonderful month. May, traditionally the month of the cuckoo and the swallows, the month of flowers and wildlife. In the ancient Irish Calendar May or 'Bealtaine' is the first month of summer. May is the month of new beginnings, often celebrated in folklore and proverbs. The Celtic year was divided into two halves, darkness and light. November or 'Samhain' began the period of darkness. May or 'Bealtaine' was the beginning of the Season of Light.

We welcome the month of May, the month devoted to Our Lady. The home in Nazareth reminds us that the most important thing that people can do in a family is to mind each other. Love in the life of a family always tries to understand and when it can't, love makes allowances and when allowances aren't enough, love forgives. Someone once remarked that we have to learn to be good fathers or good mothers or even good children. It is something that we have to work at daily. Having children doesn't make one a mother or father any more than having a piano makes one a musician!

Help us, Lord, in these times to do each day a little more than we think we can. Help us to love a little more than we think we can. Help us to forgive a little more than we think we can. Lord be with us during this month of May. Rescue us from our anxiety about the future and from our regrets of the past. Help us to find joy in the life we have been given, even when that life is very challenging! Fr Paddy.

SUNDAY COLLECTION/PRIEST'S COLLECTION

We wish to acknowledge and thank all those who have sent in their Easter offerings and weekly envelopes and all those who paid on line. Anyone who has envelopes if you wish you can throw them into Fr Paddy's letterbox at his house.

COVID-19 GLENAMADDY RESPONSE TEAM During this extraordinary time we ask all our parishioners to keep an eye on their elderly neighbours and those living along. The local Covid-19 Glenamaddy Response Team are providing a valuable service helping with funerals, delivering dinners, groceries and helping collect medical prescriptions to the elderly and vulnerable in our area. They can be contacted on 087 2805241.

FEED THE HEROES FUNDRAISER Many thanks to all who donated so generously to this fundraiser held last weekend in Ballyhard at the home of Anita Bruneteau. The sum of €638 was raised and was greatly appreciated by the 'Feed the Heroes campaign'.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS We want to help a Chaplain looking for crochet or knitters to make small hearts for two hospitals. As a memory for families whose loved ones are at the end of life—one for patient and for one for the family. Pattern on YouTube 'How to knit a heart shape' Puffy Heart Shapes – small. Red wool only please. Please contact the Parish Office here if you would like a pattern and if you are willing to help from the comfort of your own home.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

We need to imagine things before we can reach them. We need to imagine the future before we truly inhabit it. Covid 19 has taught us that the old system is dying, the vast majority of the Priests in Tuam Archdiocese are cocooning. The Spirit is pointing us to something new but we will need imagination and courage to go there. Not to keep going back or thinking that we can go back to what was there. Before each of us have been called at baptism, called and gifted to become involved in our community, throughout this crisis we see so many people "ministering" to each other, caring, giving and reaching out. We need to discover our giftedness to become involved in our community and to enable others to also become involved. The future is in all our hands. We are called to become aware of our own gifts and to encourage and enable the gifts of others. I conclude with a prayer from planetary prayers. I am too young to be dead, to be stagnant in Spirit. Inspire me to speak original and life giving words, and to creatively give shape to the new. Come and teach me how to dance with delight, whenever you send a new melody my way.