



Parish of Kilmovee

"A family of families"



MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish of Kilmovee is a Christian Community, committed to making everyone welcome through meeting in liturgy, prayer and friendship as we bear witness to the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. Fáilte roimh gach éinne.



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19th Sunday of The Year – 8th August 2021

There has been a lot of discussion around the celebration of the sacraments at this time. Bishop Paul issued a statement on this during the week (see inside) and the hope remains that we will celebrate the sacraments as planned during the month of September.

Over the past number of Sundays the gospel has focused on Jesus feeding people, referencing "the bread of life" and assuring people that it is only in this bread that eternal nourishment is found.

It might be a good time for us all to reflect on what First Holy Communion means. The key word is "first" for it implies other receptions when dresses and suits give way to the everyday clothes we wear but what remains the same is the gift so freely given and the one receiving that gift.

Sadly, it is fair to say that quite often First Holy Communion Day can become a social event – more to do with gathering family and friends in celebration than celebrating Jesus' gift of himself to us in Eucharist. The day may well be judged, in terms of success, more on gifts received – their total and kind – than the GIFT that is the "bread of life".

It is surely possible to combine both without lessening either. Maybe the delayed celebration of the sacraments gives us a chance to refocus and reconnect with these milestones of faith that have little to do with rites of passage and everything to do with coming to value the Lord's presence in our lives.

Take time with it this year. Please God September will be a month of celebration but the groundwork for it has already begun in the classroom and in the home. Let us build on that, day by day, prayer by prayer, through encouraging words, through good example so that this year's celebration may be truly worthy in name and in fact.

The Body of Christ. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR



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Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace.

SHAMROCKS NEWS

The numbers drawn for Shamrocks' Lotto for Saturday July 31st were 8,11,29,42. There was no winner.

TURLOUGH INVITATION

Enjoy a free guided nature tour of the beautiful gardens and grounds of the National Museum of Ireland at Turlough Park, Castlebar, for National Heritage Week 2021. These tours take place on **Saturday, 14th August**, at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm; **Sunday, 15th August**, at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm; **Saturday, 21st August** at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm; and **Sunday 22nd August**, at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm. Booking is required. Email educationtph@museum.ie to book your place.

DONATIONS ONLINE

Please remember that you can support the parish online through achonrydiocese.org/donateonline. If you choose to do this, please include your Offertory Envelope Box Number, Name and Parish so that the donation may be forwarded by the diocese to our parish. Thank you for your support.

DAILY MASSES

Please remember that from the beginning of August, daily Masses in the parish will be celebrated at 9.30am. Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Kilmovee and Tuesday and Thursday in Kilkelly.



To ask a prayer;
to evoke a memory;
to say thanks.

Dear Friends,

I will begin and end these words with a single word – “thanks”.

It is such a great word and, in it, lies the truth of how I feel at this moment of farewell. I am sad of course but so thankful to all of you who have been family to me for the past dozen years. You have welcomed me, affirmed me, encouraged me, laughed with me, sang with me, forgiven me and prayed with and for me constantly since I came to live among you. I will never forget you for the kindness shown and the support given. It means more to me than I could ever adequately put into words.

I am grateful to Bishop Brendan for asking me to move out the road from Ballaghaderreen and to make my home here. Not once have I regretted that journey. From the first day, you made me feel as if I were coming home – home to that parish I shared with Carracastle in my first year of being a priest.

Through the years, I have had the privilege of sharing many of life's moments with you all – moments rooted in joy and sorrow. In more recent years, since Fr John was re-assigned, my involvement with Glann and Kilkelly increased and it was a happy and blessed journey of discovery that served only to convince me this is a wonderful parish with four distinct church areas and communities that I wanted to bring together without them losing the identity that is Urlaur, Kilmovee, Kilkelly and Glann – four strong legs supporting the Altar of God and calling us to be one - to be parish.

When Bishop Paul asked me to consider moving to Tubbercurry, he gave me the choice but I know that his own choices are limited, given the small number of priests available to him. It did not cross my mind to say anything other than yes, but I knew there would be pain in that yes. Many of you are dealing with pain too, pain of having to say “yes” to situations in life that are difficult for you. Let us pray for each other that we find the strength needed each day to speak that “yes” again and again until peace flows in our hearts and strength in our limbs.

I will never forget the people of this parish. In my memory, so many of you will have a place and become part of the script of the story I shape in trying to live and preach the gospel. Your faces, your words, your encouragement will long remain with me and remain embedded in my heart. I believe that Tubbercurry and Cloonacool will come to know you in a way that I have known you and I am hopeful that I will find in these new surrounds the peace with which you – all of you – have blessed me through the years.

Please know that forever, I will ask God to bless you and I ask you to pray for me as I know you have done through the years.

For now, let me say again, and often, “thanks”

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Vincent". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a personal style.

Diocese of Achonry First Holy Communion and Confirmation Autumn 2021

During the past number of days, a number of bishops have issued statements in relation to the celebration of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in their dioceses. I have been contacted by some media organisations asking for clarification around the celebration of the Sacraments in the Diocese of Achonry. On the 24th February this year I issued a statement saying:

'In consultation with the Priests' Council, I have decided to postpone the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Penance and First Holy Communion in Achonry Diocese until the Autumn. My hope is that this will give our schools and families more time for the preparation of the children and it will enable families to gather in a safer way to celebrate the Sacraments when the majority of us are vaccinated and restrictions have eased.'

I emphasise the reason for this decision is to bring clarity at this early stage for all concerned and to enable the children have a meaningful and memorable celebration with their families, friends, and parish community when it is safer to do so. I thank the families, teachers, parishioners, and priests for all they are doing to prepare the children for the Sacraments during this difficult year. All of the above is, of course, subject to public health advice.'

Following on from this, Confirmations are due to start in the diocese on the 12th of September 2021. As I understand parishes have postponed First Communion Ceremonies until September also, therefore the celebration of these Sacraments in August was never planned for our diocese. As the vaccination programme continues, we look forward to celebrating the Sacraments with our children and their families in a safe and meaningful way from mid-September onwards.

In the meantime, may we continue to keep vigilant around the virus so that we can emerge out of this difficult time safe and well.

With kind regards and every blessing,

+Paul Dempsey,
Bishop of Achonry.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will not be public Eucharistic Adoration during the month of August but you are always welcome to come to any of the churches and spend some quiet and personal time in prayer.

KILMOVEE HERITAGE TRAIL

As part of National Heritage Week 14th-22nd August 2021, we are offering free guided tours of our magnificent local sites and monuments. Tours take place on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th at 2pm starting at the Community Centre. Come along and learn more about the wealth of history and folklore in the Kilmovee area. Places are limited and are filling up fast so please contact the centre to reserve your place. Call 094 96 49484 or kilmoveeheritage@kilmovee.info

OUR PARISH ON-LINE

During the pandemic, the parish sought to maintain a virtual presence via our website, Facebook and webcam. Thankfully this was a great help in keeping us connected in faith at a very difficult time. Thank God we were able to do this. The webcam is in place now in two of our churches, meaning that daily Mass is available to all wishing to tune in on-line. Our website continues and it is hoped that the weekly parish bulletin and other notices will be included there. However, it may well be the time for us to wind down our Facebook presence. It served us well and maybe is due a rest!! Many thanks to all who have engaged with the parish in this way. Masses will be available on kilmoveeparish.org

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Weekend July August 14th- 15th

Urlaur: Alex McDonnell
Glann: Rita Flatley
Kilmovee: Michelle Jordan
Kilkelly: Ivan Leetch

WEBCAMS IN CHURCHES

GDPR AND DATA PROTECTION

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WEBCAMS IN KILMOVEE AND KILKELLY ARE IN OPERATION ALL THE TIME. THEY FOCUS ON THE AREA AROUND THE SANCTUARY AND TAKE IN THE FIRST FEW SEATS. IN LINE WITH DATA PROTECTION, PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IF YOU ARE IN THESE AREAS YOU WILL BE VIEWABLE.



PARISH LITURGY DIARY

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

CHURCH	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
URLAUR	Saturday 7 th	6.30pm	People of The Parish
GLANN	Saturday 7 th	8.00pm	Edward and Mary Henry and daughter Imelda
KILMOVEE	Sunday 8 th	10.00am	Stephen and Eileen Sheridan, Rusheens and Tim Duffy, Manchester
KILKELLY	Sunday 8 th	11.30am	Bill McEvelly, Knockbrack Johnny Lydon, Goulane (Month's Mind)
KILMOVEE	Monday 9 th	9.30am	Horkan family (Cloonfaulis)
KILKELLY	Tuesday 10 th	9.30am	John and Winne Dalton
KILMOVEE	Wednesday 11 th	9.30am	Edward and Kate Moran, Eamon, Angela and Margaret Moran and Bridie Connaughton
KILKELLY	Thursday 12 th	9.30am	James Egan, Culmore
KILMOVEE	Friday 13 th	9.30am	Deceased of McDermott Family, Aughadeffin
URLAUR	Saturday 14 th	6.30pm	People of The Parish
GLANN	Saturday 14 th	8.00pm	Frank, Bea and Jimmy Harrington, Glann
KILMOVEE	Sunday 15 th	10.00am	Donor's Intention
KILKELLY	Sunday 15 th	11.30am	Tim Duffy, parents Tim and Kitty Duffy, Michael, Mary and Walshe Family

LIVESTREAM MASSES AND LITURGIES

Masses and Liturgies celebrated in Kilmovee and Kilkelly Churches are livestreamed via our Parish Webcams. (If there is a liturgy that people would prefer not to be livestreamed, cameras can be turned off). Where livestreams occur, they may be viewed on our Parish Website at kilmoveeparish.org

Parish Cam



NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Items for inclusion in the weekly Parish Bulletin should be community based or from voluntary organisations. Please submit items for inclusion by lunchtime on Thursday.

Some items may have to be edited for space purposes.

Where possible, please send in your news items, including contact details, by email to news@kilmoveeparish.org

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

for Diocesan Safeguarding Policy

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