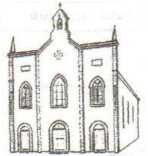




NEWSLETTER

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time 19th July 2020

YEAR A



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish of Bunclody/Kilmyshall shall be a Community:

- Of renewed faith and commitment to Christ expressed in prayer and genuine Eucharistic worship where all participate fully.
- With deep respect for and interest in each and every person.
- Flourishing in love, care, support, co-operation, education and communication, building to the unity of the Body of Christ.
- Reaching out the hand of welcome to all who do not belong to our faith and worshipping community.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK
Sat 18th July - Sun 26th July 2020



Most Holy Trinity Bunclody

Monday 20th July 9:00am

Sarah Sweeney and Edward Nugent Jr.

Sunday 26th July 12 Noon

Anastasia and Thomas Gantly and family.

Mary Doyle, Highhouse, Ballyprecus.

Myles Dunne, months mind.

St Mary Magdalene Kilmyshall

Saturday 18th July 8:00pm

Frances, Byrne, recently deceased.

Sunday 19th July 10:30am

Pauline Kearns, Gurteen, Templeshambo, anniversary.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, we hear many parables about the "Kingdom of Heaven" and what it is like. This might move us to think about the afterlife, but Jesus was describing God's kingdom in the here and now, "on earth as in heaven". Jesus, through parables, is trying to describe what is difficult to comprehend. Parables allow our minds and hearts to ponder, to imagine, to move beyond the constraints of language. Jesus is describing what God's vision for this world is like, in the here and now.

Taking one of these parables, the mustard seed, we can explore a little more. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub would take over. It can go wild, out of control, and attract unwanted birds. Author Shane Claiborn compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas and even crack cement buildings. I like the idea of something so small causing so much mischief, holy mischief! The Kingdom of Heaven is like this? Yes, growing even where it is not wanted.

People in authority during Jesus' time might have had images of the "lofty cedars of Lebanon" representing the "reign of God". Theirs was a grand vision.. As with most of Jesus' parables, he turns things on their head. It is through the smallest of seeds that God's grace affects the world, silently making its way through the cracks.

"Might I," quavered Mary, "might I have a bit of earth?" "Earth!" he repeated. "What do you mean?" "To plant seeds in—to make things grow—to see them come alive." *Frances H. Burnett, The Secret Garden.*

- Jane Mellett

SYMPATHY

We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of:

Elizabeth "Lily" Donnelly
May She Rest in Peace.

Bunclody Parish Office

Following our COVID-19 closure, Bunclody Parish Office has reopened.

Our hours are as follows:

Monday—Thursday: 8:30am—4:30pm

Closed for lunch: 1:00pm—1:30pm

Friday: 8:30am—1:00pm

Confirmation and Communion 2020

The Confirmation ceremony originally due to take place in March will instead take place on August 19th, 20th, and 21st to ensure social distancing can be observed.

The Communion ceremony due to take place in May will instead take place once the new academic year begins. There is no date yet.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is not currently taking place due to COVID-19 and no date to begin again has been selected yet.

Eucharistic Adoration:
Every Monday 9.30am– 8.00pm
Tuesday to Friday 7:30–8:30am,
Saturday 9:30–10:30am.
No Adoration on Bank Holidays



Patron 2020

Due to the risks posed by COVID-19, and in line with government guidelines the **Patron will not take place this year.** Instead, Fr O' Connor will privately bless graves on another date.

Important Reminder:

Emails sent to bunclodyparishoffice@eircom.net will go unseen as we no longer use this email address. Only emails sent to **mostholytrinitypo@gmail.com** will be seen and responded to.

Envelope Collection

Monday 13th July 2020: €1325.10

Thank You for your Generosity



- * **Alcoholics Anonymous:** Meetings held Tuesday & Saturday at 8:30pm in Brennan's Market Square.
- * **Whist:** Monday night 8:45pm in Day Care Centre.
- * **St Vincent de Paul :** Local Confidential helpline 087 3696883, please call if you need help.
- * **S.V.P. request Box now located at back of shop.** There is a new newspaper recycling bin beside SuperValu in aid of S.V.P.

Bunclody Day Care Services

Due to the COVID-19 Bunclody Day Care remains closed and is not opening for Monday Club, or Tuesday and Thursday Day Care Services. We apologise for this inconvenience and will update on reopening as soon as possible.

Bunclody VC Split the Pot Draw:

Next draw Thursday 30th July.
Thank you for your support.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE have 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 seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Reflection for weekend 18th & 19th July 2020

'You sent help more than once.' **Philippians 4:16.**

Charles Swindoll tells the story of the giving tree: When the boy was young he swung from the tree's branches, ate her apples, and slept in her shade...But as he grew up he spent less and less time with the tree. "Come on, Let's play" said the tree. But the young man was only interested in money. "Then take all my apples and sell them" said the tree. The man did, and the tree was happy. He didn't return for a long time, but the tree smiled when he passed by one day. "Come on, let's play!" said the tree. But the man, older and tired of the world, wanted to get away from it all. "Cut me down. Take my trunk, make a boat, then you can sail away", said the tree. The man did, and the tree was happy. Many seasons passed- and the tree waited. Finally the man returned, too old to play, or pursue riches, or sail the seas. "I have a pretty good stump left. Sit down here and rest" said the tree. The man did, and the tree was happy. Swindoll continues: "I stared into the fire, reviewing my life as I grew older with the tree and the boy. I identified with both- and it hurt. How many giving trees have there been? How many people have given of themselves so I might grow, accomplish my goals, and find wholeness and satisfaction? Thank you, Lord, for each one. That night I crawled into bed. I had wept, now I was smiling. "Good night, Lord". I was a humble man. Thankful I had taken time to reflect'. Paul remembered those who helped him - so should we.

Special Ministers for July 2020

Ministers of the Word:

7:00pm:
9:00am:
12 Noon:

Eucharistic Ministers:

7:00pm:
9:00am:
12 Noon:

Altar Servers:

7:00pm : Altar servers
9:00am : are not currently
12 Noon : attending mass.

Flower Society:

Shrine Rota:

Sponsorship of Newsletter for July 2020

**Pat Lennon Bar and Funeral Directors,
Main Street
053-9377341 / 086-8727519**

KILMYSHALL NOTES

Choir: Is not currently being held due to COVID19.
Prayer Group: Rosary 7:00pm followed by Mass & Benediction at 7:30pm.
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays in the Church from 10:00am to 4:00pm. **New Adorers always welcome.**
Hall bookings and use of hall equipment MUST be booked through Denis O' Neill at 087 2196565.
Split the Pot: Split the pot has been suspended due to COVID-19
2nd Collection: 4th & 5th July €255 & 11th & 12th July €135. Thank you for your support.

Eucharistic Ministers - July 2020:

Saturday: Ann Farrell

Sunday: Anne Tyndall

Confirmation ceremony in Kilmyshall will take place on Saturday 8th August 2020.

St. Mary Magdalene Church Kilmyshall

Times for, Rosary, Mass and Benediction

Monday

Rosary at 7:00pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm

Tuesday:

Mass at 9:30am followed by Adoration at 10:00am

Rosary at 7:00pm

Wednesday:

Rosary at 7:00pm followed by Mass and Benediction at 7:30pm.

Thursday:

Mass at 9:30am

Rosary at 7:00pm

Friday:

Mass at 9:30am

Rosary at 7:00pm

Saturday: Mass at 8:00pm - **Sunday:** Mass at 10:30am

PARISH INFORMATION

Most Holy Trinity Bunclody

V. Rev. Laurence O' Connor P.P. 053 9377319.

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 11:00am & 7:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am & 12 Noon.

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 9 :00am.

Confessions: Saturday 11:30am & 6:30pm.

Please inform us if a relative is sick in hospital or at home

Parish Office Opening Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm Friday: 8:30am - 1:00pm

Closed for lunch 1:00 - 1:30pm Mon - Thurs

Contact: 053 9376190 **E-mail:** mostholymostholytrinity@gmail.com

All notices for newsletter to be in before 4:30pm on Wednesday or we can not guarantee inclusion that week. Visit our website at www.bunclodyparish.org

St. Mary Magdalene Kilmyshall

Fr. Pat Duffy C.C. 053 9377188

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 8:00pm & Sunday 10:30am.

Weekdays: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:30am
Monday & Wednesday 7:30pm

There will be no mass or Eucharistic Service on Monday mornings.

Confessions : Saturday 6:45pm to 7:30pm. Anytime by request.

Prayer Group: meets Wednesday after 7:30pm Mass in the Oratory (behind Parochial House)

Visit our website at www.kilmyshallparish.com

Kilmyshall Parish Office is open every Tuesday & Friday 9:00am-1:00pm. Email: kilmyshallparish@gmail.com.

PLEASE LET FR. DUFFY OR THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW IF ANYONE IS SICK OR IN HOSPITAL PHONE 053 9377188.

DESIGNATED SAFE GUARDING PEOPLE

Bunclody: Susan Norris 087 0525440

Kilmyshall: Barbara Murphy 087 9580705