



# NEWSLETTER

1st Sunday of Advent

29th November 2020

YEAR B



## 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 28th Nov - Sun 6th Dec 2020

#### Most Holy Trinity Bunclody

#### Saturday 28th November 11:00am

Rev. Fr Brendan Cantwell, Anniversary.  
Eamon Griffin, Drumderry.

#### Sunday 29th November 11:00am

Michael & Mary Kate McGrath.  
Eamon Griffin, Drumderry.  
Patricia Roche, 4th Anniversary.  
Margaret Hanrick, Main Street.  
Clíodhna Quinlivan, 5th Anniversary.

#### St Mary Magdalene Kilmyshall

#### Saturday 28th November 8:00pm

Kate Harrison, recently deceased.

#### Saturday 5th December 8:00pm

Margaret & James Dreelan, Ryland Lower, Anniversary.  
Paddy Murphy, Anniversary.



### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It can be very hard to live with uncertainty. Back at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, a counsellor was interviewed on radio about how people were coping with the 'lockdown'. People were anxious and fearful, she said. Many were experiencing loneliness, as their normal routines and social life came to an abrupt halt.

Another thing that people really struggled with was the inability to make decisions. They felt trapped and stuck, unable to plan ahead. They couldn't make plans to visit family or go on holidays. They didn't know if their jobs were secure, or if their children would return to school. When things are up in the air, it is hard to find your feet and feel grounded. Many of us are still struggling with these feelings.

Today we enter a new church year, and our first Advent season since the pandemic hit. Many of us are feeling more subdued than normal as we begin our preparations for Christmas. It will be very different from the usual family and social occasion, and we are saddened and worried by this.

In today's gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to 'stay awake'. We might feel we have no choice at the moment - the feeling of not knowing what is coming is very familiar. We are on our guard, on edge, waiting for the latest news. Yet already, there are initiatives springing up to support those who are vulnerable or in need this Christmas. In our own families, we are plotting ways to ensure no one is alone or isolated. We are 'awake' to the strange circumstances, and we are finding ways to cope. We pray today for the strength to guide us through the coming weeks, and for the peace and joy of Christ to lift our hearts and carry us onwards.

*'In this time of tribulation and mourning, I hope that you will be able to experience Jesus, who comes to meet you, greets you and says: 'Rejoice'. Pope Francis*

Jane Mellett

### THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Colette Doherty reflects on the Gospel that encourages us to stay alert and focused in our faith commitment. We also feature an innovative Advent Calendar brought to us by the Irish Bishops website. The Hook of Faith has organised a Mini-retreat on Zoom for 1st, 2nd and 3rd December on the themes of faith, hope and love. All are welcome to take part. We have an article by Ronan Mullen on Christian values in politics and a video by Bishop Paul Tighe on faith and culture. We feature Saints Andrew and Francis Xavier whose feast days fall this week and finally, we have the last of our videos on the 'Evangelising Irish Culture' series, this time with Bishop Denis Nulty. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

### First Friday

Fr. O' Connor will visit the sick and housebound of the parish on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December 2020.

**MASSES WILL RESUME ON  
WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER,  
PROVIDING RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN  
LIFTED.**

### Livestreaming

Mass is available to watch online. To view go to [mcnmedia.tv](http://mcnmedia.tv) and search: **Bunclody**. All masses available live. Contact the Parish Office on 053 9376190 with any queries you may have.

### Envelope Collection

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.

### **Mount Leinster Community Employment Vacancies**

Bunclody Tidy Towns – General Operative (1)  
Job Reference – 2164609

Caretaker/Maintenance Castledockrell (1)  
Job Reference – 2164608

**Contact:** Employment Services Bridgepoint  
Enniscorthy and quote reference to check eligibility  
Local D.E.A.S.P (Intreo) Office Enniscorthy  
053-9239300. Garda vetting will apply.  
D.E.A.S.P eligibility criteria applies  
(MUST be in receipt of D.E.A.S.P. payment)

### **Reflection for weekend 28th & 29th Nov. 2020**

**Fratelli Tutti..Pope Francis**

#### **Chapter 2 – A Stranger on the Road**

After the lament of the first chapter, Pope Francis offers an extended reflection on Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan as a "ray of light in the midst of what we are experiencing" (56). The Holy Father sees in the parable a reminder that the natural love we experience for family members should be consciously extended to those who are strangers to us. This call to care for strangers in need has its roots in Judaism, and Pope Francis highlights that this care must be expressed both personally, case by case, and communally, united as a family. Each new day should be seen as an opportunity to "include, integrate, and lift up the fallen" rather than "an arena for [our] own power plays" (77).

#### **Advent ...stay awake !**

Clay can be made into many things (see Rom 9:21).  
How open am I to God's creativity in my own pilgrimage of faith?

#### **PRAYER:**

God, our loving father, when we are absent from you  
and when you seem absent to us, come again, be  
close to us, and let us know your presence and action  
in our lives. We place ourselves in your hands: we are  
the clay, you the potter. We make our prayer through  
Christ our Lord. Amen. ([www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie))

*Brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council*

### **Special Ministers for December 2020**

#### **Ministers of the Word:**

7:00pm: Evelyn Mulrennan

9:00am: Gertrude Rowlands

12 Noon: Liz Whelan

**Flower Society:** Sr Madeleine Ryan & Betty Comiskey

**Shrine Rota:** Sarah Burke & Margaret Barry

### **MINI ADVENT RETREAT ON ZOOM**

For three sessions, during Advent, you are invited to take part in a mini-retreat that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. The retreat will be led by Fr Billy Swan, St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy and will take place from Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd December beginning at 8pm.

To take part, all you need to do is send an email to [thehookoffaith@gmail.com](mailto:thehookoffaith@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link.

Come and join us to prepare for Christmas.

### **Sponsorship of Newsletter for November 2020**

**Brendan Loftus Pharmacy Ltd,**

**Main Street, Bunclody**

**(053) 937 7529**

### **KILMYSHALL NOTES**

**Choir:** Is not currently being held due to COVID19.

**Prayer Group:** Rosary At 7:00pm on Wednesday in the church followed by Mass and 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:** Envelopes available at HWH,

Steemers, Cahill's, D & M Laundrette, Glanbia, Byrnes Hardware Ryland Lower & Kilmyshall Parish Office.

**Winner** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November: Bridie Kavanagh €127.

**Seller:** Cahill's Hardware.

**Parish Finances:** Many thanks to parishioners who continue to donate by dropping their envelopes into the Parish Office or the Church. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

### **Weekly Envelopes 2021**

2021 weekly envelope list is being compiled. If you would like your name included on the list and/or wish to pay by Standing Order/Direct Debit, please inform Kilmyshall Parish Office.

Bank Details: **BIC:** BOFIE2D

**IBAN:** IE90BOFI90652354261070

contact Kilmyshall Parish office at 053 9377188

email: [kilmyshallparish@gmail.com](mailto:kilmyshallparish@gmail.com)

**Thank you for your continued generous Support**

Please visit our website at

**[www.kilmyshallparish.com](http://www.kilmyshallparish.com)**

***Signed Mass cards, Mass Bouquets & cards for all occasions are available from Kilmyshall Parish Office.***

Please inform Fr Duffy or Kilmyshall Parish Office if a relative is sick or in hospital Contact:  
053 9377188 / 086 4460232

### **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:**

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am - 1:00pm

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

**Contact:** 053 9376190 **E-mail:** [mostholyltrinitypo@gmail.com](mailto:mostholyltrinitypo@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](http://www.bunclodyparish.org)**

#### **St. Mary Magdalene Kilmyshall**

**Fr. Pat Duffy C.C. 053 9377188 / 086 4460232**

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

**Weekdays:** Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:30am

Monday & Wednesday 7:30pm

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

Visit our website at **[www.kilmyshallparish.com](http://www.kilmyshallparish.com)**

**Kilmyshall Parish Office is open every Tuesday & Friday 9:00am-1:00pm. Email: [kilmyshallparish@gmail.com](mailto: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 Anne Murphy 087 9580705