

# Parish Newsletter

Parish of Aughaval

Saint Mary's Church Westport Saint Patrick's Church Lecanvey  
Saint Mary's Church Drummin

Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A



'You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again but not perceive.'

**ST. MARY'S, WESTPORT & DRUMMIN,  
ST. PATRICK'S LECANVEY**

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**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEK - FR. CHARLIE MC DONNELL 086-8193884**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, READERS**

Assisting in the Liturgy on Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th August  
**Team B**

**READERS WESTPORT:**

<b>Sat. 29th &amp; Sun. 30th August Team B</b>	
6.30 p.m.	Gráinne Berry/Joe Moran
10.00 A.M.	Olga Kennedy
12.00 noon	Tony Varley/Barrie Lowe

**READER DRUMMIN:**

<b>Saturday 29th August</b>	Gretta Carr	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>
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**WEEKDAY 10.00 A.M. MASS READER THIS WEEK:**  
**Monday 24th August, Mary Grady**

**CONFESSIONS: Saturday from 12.15 p.m. to 1.00 p.m.**

**DAILY READINGS: Monday 24th -  
Friday 28th August 2020**

Mon 24th Aug.	Apoc 21:9-14. Ps 144:10-13, 17-18, R/ cf 12. Jn 1:45-51.
Tues 25th Aug.	2 Th 2:1-3, 14-17. Ps 95:10-13, R/ v 13. Mt 23:23-26.
Wed 26th Aug.	2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18. Ps 127:1-2, 4-5, R/ cf v 1. Mt 23:27-32.
Thurs 27th Aug.	1 Cor 1:1-9. Ps 144:2-7, R/ cf 1. Mt 24:42-51.
Fri 28th Aug.	1 Cor 1:17-25. Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 10-11, R/ v 5. Mt 25:1-13.

**DRUMMIN CHURCH MASSES:**

<b>10.30am 22nd Aug.</b>	Richard Mc Donnell
<b>10.30am 29th Aug</b>	Joe Friel & Niall Heraty <b>Months Mind: Patrick Heraty</b>

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**WESTPORT**

Monday to Friday                    10:00am  
**Saturday**                                6:30pm.  
**Sunday**                                    10:00am & 12:00pm

In so far as possible please try to attend Mass on weekdays if you are free, and on Sundays only if necessary.

**DRUMMIN: Saturday 10.30 a.m.**

**LECANVEY Saturday 8.00 P.M.**

**CONNECT WITH US ON RADIO AND ONLINE**

Westport Parish Radio – 104 8 FM

[www.churchtv.ie/westport](http://www.churchtv.ie/westport)

**CONFESSIONS**

Confessions will not take place this weekend due to Confirmation.

**MASSES WESTPORT CHURCH**

<b>SATURDAY 22nd AUGUST &amp; SUNDAY 23rd</b>	
<b>10.00am 6:30 p.m. Mass</b>	<b>1st Anniversary: Jim Toomey Ardygommon</b>
<b>8.00 p.m. Mass</b>	<b>Mass in Lecanvey; Owen, Patrick &amp; Thomas Campbell, Murrisk</b>
<b>SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST 2020</b>	
<b>10 a.m. Mass</b>	<b>Months Mind: ...</b>
<b>12 noon</b>	
<b>MONDAY 24th AUGUST 2020</b>	
<b>10 a.m. Mass</b>	1) Seamus Fair, England & Castlebar 2) Martin Curry, James St & DFM 3) Benny & Maureen Mc Aleer, Rosbeg Jack & Barney
<b>TUESDAY 25th AUGUST 2020</b>	
<b>10 a.m. Mass</b>	1) Johnny Groden, Murrisk 2) Martin, Catherine & Nora Joyce, Owenwee Nora & Tom Navin & DFM, Drummin 3) Seamus Fair, England & Castlebar
<b>WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST 2020</b>	
<b>10 a.m. Mass</b>	1) Mary Reynolds & Son Kieran, Drumindoo 2) Jim Paul Noonan & dad Jimmy, Monamore & South Carolina 3) Paddy & Rita Boyle, St. Marys Crescent
<b>THURSDAY 27th AUGUST 2020</b>	
	1) Michael Walsh, Knockranny 2) David Gibbons & DFM. Willie, Kitty & Nora Mc Namara & DFM 3) Special Intention
<b>FRIDAY 28th AUGUST 2020</b>	
<b>10.00 a.m. Mass</b>	1) John & Kathleen Carroll, Ballinrobe Road Daughter Freeda Staunton, Harrogate 2) Timothy & Ann O'Boyle, Aughagower 3) Special Intention
<b>SATURDAY 29th AUGUST 2020</b>	
<b>6.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Months Mind:</b> <b>1. Geraldine Brett, MI Davitt Park</b> <b>2. Raymond Sheehan, Harbour Village</b>
<b>8.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass in Lecanvey Church</b> <b>Johnnie &amp; Sal O'Toole, Mike &amp; May O'Toole</b> <b>Owen &amp; Mary Campbell, Murrisk.</b>
<b>SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2020</b>	
<b>10.00a.m.</b>	<b>Months Mind: James Roache, Bohea</b>
<b>12 noon</b>	

## ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD

Rev. Shane Costello, who journeyed with us here in the Parish for the past year, and who was so accommodating to us since Fr. Gerard's fall will be ordained to the priesthood this Sunday afternoon in Knock Basilica. We pray every blessing on Shane today and throughout his ministry. Every blessing and good wish to him and his family on this special day for them, and for us as a diocese as we welcome him among us as a priest of the Archdiocese of Tuam. Beir bua agus beannacht.

### PARISH OFFICE OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY 10:00AM – 3:00PM

The Parish Office is open by phone or email each Monday - Friday from 10:00am – 3:00pm to take bookings for Masses, Weddings etc.

Priest on duty at all other times 24/7 on (098) 28871

### SACRAMENTS FOR THOSE WHO ARE CRITICALLY ILL

The priest continues to visit the gravely ill and dying. Please do not hesitate to contact a priest if a close family member is critically ill.

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

**Please contact SVP in Westport on 087 9334960**

Or Regional office in Galway (091) 563 233 or email [info.west@svp.ie](mailto:info.west@svp.ie) or visit our website at [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)

### BAPTISMS

The first, third and fourth (fifth) weekend of the month on Sunday at 2:00pm. Second Saturday of the month at 4:00pm.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to the children who made their First Confessions and First Holy Communion last weekend and again this weekend. First Communions will continue at the 12:00 noon Mass each Sunday until early October. The top half of the church is reserved for First Communions and the rest of the church is open to the public on a first come – first served basis, however it is proving more difficult to accommodate people at this Mass.

### DEVOTIONS & DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS

Divine Mercy has returned to the church.

Devotions have ceased. Adoration returns on September 1st

### FUNERALS

We continue to do our utmost to support families at this difficult time. Unfortunately, it has proven impossible to accommodate Sunday funerals, and we apologise that we will not be in a position to facilitate Sunday funerals for the foreseeable future due to the current Sunday schedule which includes First Communions and a backlog of Baptisms.

### WEEKLY ENVELOPE COLLECTION – Míle BUÍOCHAS

Some have asked to set up a Standing Order, our bank details are as follows:

**Ulster Bank Westport**

**BIC: ULSB IE 2D**

**IBAN: IE40 ULSB 9864 3040 5490 32**

### URGENT NOTICE – ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**We are currently trying to bring back our Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. If you can devote one hour or more per week to the rota please contact Mary Murphy 098 28033 or 0871363141**

## FACE COVERINGS – LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP

At this time, the government has not formally made mandatory the wearing of face coverings at Mass or other liturgies. This is, in part, due to the fact we are committed in the document published by the Western Bishops, *Nothing Can Separate Us from the Love of God*, to maintaining two-metre physical distancing between household groups and strict adherence to all government guidance.

It however remains our responsibility to ensure that our churches are safe places for all who come to pray. It has become increasingly clear that the wearing of face coverings, in conjunction with hand washing etc, is likely to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, thus helping to protect others. Their use is therefore one way in which we can evidence protection for the most vulnerable, support for our health workers and practical love for our neighbours.

**Following further guidance from public health authorities, I am recommending and encouraging the use of face coverings at all Masses and other liturgical celebrations in the Archdiocese, along with the ongoing maintenance of two-metre physical distancing.**

I take this opportunity to thank you very much for the work you have done in preparing your churches for the resumption of Masses, and I thank members of Pastoral Councils, Stewards, Cleaners, other volunteers, and all who assist in keeping the churches sanitised and safe for all.

### MARK QUINN

Sincere thanks to our seminarian Mark Quinn who has been a highly valued member of the Parish Team throughout the summer. Every blessing to him as he completes his time with us. *Please continue to keep him in your prayers.*

### CARE OF CREATION/ECO CONGREGATION

**The Season of Creation 2020 runs from 1st September to 4th October. The members of Eco Congregation have planned to run a Laudato Si book club (Via Zoom) during this special season.**

**It will commence on Tuesday 1st September, and end on Tues. 6th October.**

**The duration of each session will be 1 hour, commencing @ 7.30 p.m. on each of the 6 Tuesdays.**

**To register contact [ktfriel@gmail.com](mailto:ktfriel@gmail.com) or 087-8520602**

### ATTENDING CHURCH

- The Sunday Obligation remains dispensed with, meaning you do not have to go to Mass on Sunday.
- Please do not participate in congregational singing at this time.
- Church doors will open 30 minutes before the start of Mass. PLEASE COME ON TIME.
- Please insofar as possible attend the toilet before leaving home.
- Anybody who is feeling unwell with flu like symptoms should not attend Mass.
- Follow correct respiratory etiquette – cover your face while coughing or sneezing.
- Holy Communion should only be received in the hand or in a pyx which can be purchased in McGreevys & Morans.

## **GUIDANCE FOR THOSE RETURNING TO CHURCH WITH EFFECT JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2020**

### **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ATTENDING CEREMONIES**

- There are two separate sections available each taking fifty people.
- **Section 1:** Enter and leave through James Street door and use the top half of the church.
- **Section 2:** Enter and leave through Mall doors and use bottom half of church.
- **The maximum number permitted at any ceremony is 100.**
- As soon as this number is attained there will be no further admission to the church.
- This number does not include priests, choir or volunteers who can be accommodated separately and safely.
- The directions of the stewards **MUST** be followed at all times.
- You may **ONLY** sit where you are instructed to so.
- A ceremony can only begin when full co operation has been attained.
- This document applies to all ceremonies, scheduled Masses, Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals.
- **PLEASE TRY TO BE SEATED TEN MINUTES BEFORE MASS.**

#### **GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

- The Sunday Obligation remains dispensed with, meaning you do not have to go to Mass on Sunday.
- Parish Live streaming and radio facilities will continue as during the Pandemic.
- While there will be music hopefully from soloists and musicians, full choirs cannot attend initially.
- Please do not participate in congregational singing at this time.
- Church doors will open 30 minutes before the start of Mass.
- Newsletters may be collected as you **LEAVE** the church.
- There will be no offertory baskets, boxes will continue to be left in church for envelopes.
- Please insofar as possible attend the toilet before leaving home.

#### **WHO CAN ATTEND**

- We encourage parishioners in Westport to attend Mass on weekdays at 10:00am insofar as possible.
- Weekend Masses should be reserved for those who genuinely cannot attend weekdays.
- A limited amount of seats will be held for families with Masses booked.
- **These MUST BE FILLED FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE MASS.**

#### **COVID PROTECTION / SELF & OTHERS**

- The wearing of masks is **STRONGLY ADVISED** as part of best practice.
- Anybody who is feeling unwell with flu like symptoms should not attend Mass.
- Follow correct respiratory etiquette – cover your face while coughing or sneezing.
- Please comply with the instructions of stewards at all times.
- There is no longer any such thing as your **'usual seat'** – this will be difficult.
- Those who do not obey the **'stewards'** instructions will be asked to leave.

#### **ENTERING AND LEAVING SEATS / CHURCH**

- Entry to the church in Westport will be through the Mall door for bottom half of church and James Street for top half.
- Please sanitize your hands on entering the church.
- Maintain the correct social distance of two metres at all times.
- There must be four metres between each section.
- Stewards will show parishioners to their seats, filling the churches from the top.
- When the church has reached capacity no further members of the congregation will be admitted.
- All members of the congregation are asked to be in their seats five minutes before the start of Mass.
- Congregation will be asked to leave seat by seat using all doors.

#### **RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

- All lay ministers and volunteers will be required to sign a return to work form and complete a checklist.
- Eucharistic Ministers **MUST** wear provided face coverings and sanitize hands thoroughly.
- For the time being, those who wish to receive Holy Communion are recommended to do so only on the hand.
- Those receiving Holy Communion may also bring their own pyx if they so wish.
- Follow the instructions of the stewards for Holy Communion and stand on only clearly marked socially distanced places.
- One way system only for Holy Communion.