

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”
(Romans 12:12).

Third Sunday of Lent

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St. Michael's Church, Castletown Geoghegan

ALL MASSES WILL BE OFFERED WITH NO CONGREGATION PRESENT

Saturday	14th	7.30pm	Av. Birdie Porter.
Sunday	15th	11.30am	Sunday Morning Mass for protection from Covid 19.
Tuesday	17th	11.30am	Feast of St. Patrick.
Saturday	21st	7.30pm	Ellen Sheerin and deceased family members Anniversary George Bouabbse Elizabeth Farrell, Adamstown.
Sunday	22nd	11.30am	May Kirby and her daughter Dionne Acton Stephen, Michael and Theresa Maloney and deceased family members

St. Stephen's Church, Tyrrellspass.

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Saturday	14th	6.30pm	Bernadette Byrne Deceased members of the Kelly family, Meedin Annie and Patrick Doonan and their son Patsy, Killavalley Deceased members of the Carney family, Cloonagh Kevin Cuffe and deceased members of the Cuffe family
Sunday	15th	10am	Catherine O'Brien. Bernadette Martin. Mrs Agnes Cunniffe Late of the Crescent. Paddy and Catherine Arthur. Larry Jack and Kathleen Arthur.
Monday	16th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass for the Feast of St. Patrick.
Tuesday	17th	10am	Feast of St. Patrick
Thursday	19th	6.30pm	No Mass
Friday	20th	9am	No Mass.
Saturday	21st	6.30pm	Anniversary Alice Mallen. John Joe Murphy. Bert Fitzsimons
Sunday	22nd	10am	Anniversary James Gill also his sons Eugene, Adrian and Pat Anniversary Joe Gavigan, his parents Aloysius and Mary Kate Gavigan and Kevin Martin

St. Peter's Church, Raheenmore

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Sunday	15th	9am	Sunday Morning Mass
Sunday	22nd	9am	Sunday Morning Mass

HSE advice. Reduce social interactions where possible. Keep a distance of 2 metres from others. Avoid personal touch/handshakes. Wash your hands especially after handling objects/money and before eating or touching your face. Hse live **1850241850**. hse.ie.

Parish celebrations in the light of coronavirus: Dear Parishioner, I send you my warmest greetings and best wishes for your wellbeing.

As many of you are already aware all public daily and Sunday Masses are suspended until March 29th. I will continue to offer private weekend Masses for your intentions in all churches of the parish but with no congregations present. I must specifically and kindly request you (Even families of the Mass intentions) not to attend these Masses.

Some people will be able to tune in to Mass on the parish radio. In Tyrrellspass you can tune in to 106.6fm. In Castletown, only those with the special radio receivers will be able to listen in. Sadly no such facility is available in Raheenmore. You are also encouraged to avail of religious services and unite in prayer via radio and on-line facilities. I remind you of the services provided by EWTN (Sky 588) and Radio Maria (Irish Saorview, Channel 210 or by downloading their free app – Radio Maria Ireland). There are several parishes in the Diocese with webcam facilities. Mcn media website or church services tv website will have full details.

For the moment First Communion and Confirmations will be celebrated on the days that they are scheduled to take place. If I am instructed otherwise, we will reschedule the dates, but I want to reassure families and our children that we will be celebrating their special day.

I will be contactable at the above numbers for all Parish business and am available to you at all times. Should any funerals arise they would take place only with family members and very close relatives present. In such an event we would also discourage wakes, books of condolence (in any community location) and shaking of hands with mourners in any location even cemeteries. Small Baptisms may take place at the discretion of the family. There are no weddings due to take place before the end of the month.

In these extra-ordinary circumstances all parishioners are dispensed from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass. During this time of unprecedented uncertainty and worry we will endeavour to bring out the best in each other, to help and support one another and to ensure that the elderly and those who live on their own are checked on. Let us be kind and good to each other. If you or anyone you know needs assistance of any kind please contact me on 0879253366. There are also many others in our community who are available to help or even just to talk. Do not hesitate. We are in this together. Local shops have assured us that they have plenty of stock. Please support our local businesses and shops who provide safer crowd free shopping and our local restaurants who are already helping many people with take away meals so that they can eat in the safety of their homes. Let us remain calm. We will get through this. Once again I remind you that our Churches will remain open. Please use the sanitiser at the main entrance. I invite you to visit and say a pray for each other and our nation, or to light a candle (with no charge). I will also make our Sunday and St. Patrick's Day newsletters available from local shops. All of the above is subject to my own health remaining good. May God bless you, our parish and our country at this time. Keep safe. Fr. Barry Condon.