



Castletown Geoghegan, Tyrrellspass and Raheenmore — Parish Newsletter - 19th of April 2020

## Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

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*Please continue to pray for all covid 19 victims and their loved ones and all who are being cared for and working in our public and private healthcare facilities. Our emergency services and volunteers and all who keep us going in every way.*

**Saturday April 18th - Kathleen Byrne.**

**Tom O Connor and his Sister Eileen Linnane.**

**Anniversary Mass for Tony Maloney.**

**Sunday April 19th - Paddy and Josephine Daly. Joe Craven.**

**Stephen, Michael and Theresa Maloney**

**and deceased Family Members**

Monday 20th 10am - Stephen Carroll. Kitty Jones. Paddy Morgan

Tuesday 21st 6.30pm - Willie Gavigan. Bernadette Martin. Mary Henry

Wednesday 22nd 10am - Margaret Mc Kerr. Julia Flood. Bert Fitzsimons.

Thursday 23rd - 6.60pm - Brian Sorohan. Vincent Dolan. Lee Wallace.

Friday 24th 10am - Anniversary Mass for Paddy O'Brien

**Saturday 25th - Anniversary Mass for Bridie Feery**

**Anniversary Mass for Bernie Cusack**

**Paddy and Helen Feery**

**Mary Graham.**

**Sunday 26th - Joe and Lilly Reddy and their son Noel**

**Divine Mercy and Saint Faustina.** Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations or messages from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy. Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's *Diary* sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina 20 years in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

**"Saint Faustina,** you told us that your mission would continue after your death and that you would not forget us. Our Lord also granted you a great privilege, telling you to "distribute graces as you will, to who you will, and when you will." Relying on this, we ask your intercession for the graces we need, especially for the intentions we make. Help us, above all, to trust in Jesus as you did and thus to glorify His mercy every moment of our lives. **Amen"**

### IN MEMORY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Sally Glennon** (nee Brennan), The Village, Post Office, Brennans Bar and Undertakers, Castletown Geoghegan who died April 16th. **Kathleen Clavin**, Tullyhill, Castletown Finea. George Maloney Edenderry and late of Ballinagore **Joe Craven** Agall Scraggan. **Tom Gannon** from Ballybrown and Bethany House. **Michael Maher**, Nenagh and late of Tyrrellspass (brother of Liam Maher) **Louisa Sheerin** Portarlinton (Sister in law of Ned Colm and Sean. May they rest in peace.

**Act of Spiritual Communion** My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, And I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

*O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All praise and thanksgiving be every moment thine. (x3)*

**All ceremonies** continue to take place behind closed doors at the present time but can be viewed on the parish webcam [www.ourlittleparish.ie](http://www.ourlittleparish.ie) and on our local radio link in the Tyrrellspass area. **(106.6fm)** All churches will remain open for individual visits or to light a candle. Please use the hand gel provided. Arrangements will be made for Funerals and baptisms. The parish office will remain closed at present. A priest will remain on duty and can be contacted on 0879253366. As a person with underlying health conditions I have been asked by Bishop Deenihan to cocoon. Neighbouring priests will be assisting with administering the sacraments when required. I will continue to say Masses online (see times opposite) God willing. I am also available on the phone to all Parishioners on 087 9253366 and 0449223115. Please call if you are in any need. If I am not in a position to help directly I will find a way.

**Mass cards and Mass intentions.** Many people have been enquiring about having Masses or anniversary Masses offered for the deceased. All intentions will be included in the weekend and weekday Masses (which will all take place in Tyrrellspass for now). As it is difficult to obtain Mass cards or have Mass cards signed at the moment a number of Signed Mass cards will be available at the back of each church in the Parish. Please write the name of the deceased on the page provided and take a card with you. If you wish to leave an offering you may do so at a later stage or you may leave it in the Parochial House or the Parish Office or the Candle shrine wall safe and mark it as Mass card offering. If you have any further enquiries or wish to book Masses or request Mass bouquets/ Get well or Birthday Mass bouquets/Thinking of you Mass bouquets or Mass cards by post please contact me on 087 9253366.

***Lord, bless the sick and all those who suffer. Show them through your suffering on the Cross that in your Passion all suffering is meant to redeem the world. Give them strength, courage and patience. Grant them by your grace to shine in sickness, their suffering which contributes to the love, that transforms the suffering of others. Amen***

**First Communion and Confirmation.** In light of the extended COVID-19 restrictions and the government's anticipated phased relaxation of restrictions throughout the course of the summer, all First Holy Communions are postponed until church services return to their normal schedule. Once restrictions are lifted, the priests will meet with school Principals to reschedule ceremonies possibly in the autumn. Likewise, Confirmation ceremonies will be rescheduled by the Diocesan Office once restrictions are lifted.

Thank you for your generosity and support to myself and the parish. Offerings and envelopes can be dropped into the parish office. Thank you to all who continue to financially support the parish during these difficult and disconcerting times. Please continue to keep all victims and all our heroic frontline workers in your prayers.