Castletown Geoghegan, Tyrrellspass and Raheenmore - Parish Newsletter - 5th July 2020

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time www.ourlittleparish.ie

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St. Michael's Church, Castletown Geoghegan

Saturday	4th	7.30pm	Special Intention
Sunday	5th	11.30am	
Saturday	11th	7.30pm	Mary Kelly, her late husband Tommy and their son Tommy,
			Terrycrew
Sunday	12th	11.30am	

St. Stephen's Church, Tyrrellspass

Saturday4th6.30pmSpecial IntentionSunday5th10amAv. Peter FaganSaturday11th6. 30pmSunday12th10amAv. Mary Theresa Heeney

St. Peter's Church, Raheenmore

Sadly due to the current guidelines Mass in St. Peter's Church, Raheenmore will not resume until it is practicable to do so. Sunday Mass will return in time.

IN MEMORY

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Fr. Paddy Keary, Clara who died during the week. May he Rest in Peace. Damien Muldarry, son of Kathy and Dick Muldarry who died recently in the USA, Memorial Mass next Saturday 12th July at 12 noon in Castletown Geoghegan.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment I receive you sacramentally, Come 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

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL OUR BRAVE AND LIFE SAVING FRONTLINE WORKERS AND REMEMBER ALL VICTIMS OF THE VIRUS BOTH NEAR AND FAR.

Seating at Masses . A family from the one household will be able to have a whole pew. (*Top of Church Tyrrellspass as numbers allow. Side Aisles in Castletown as numbers allow*) Individuals from different households will have to be two metres apart. Once the church reaches capacity no one else will be able to enter. Some may be able to remain in their car, and will be able to join in Mass with the external speaker. (or Parish Radio 106.6fim on car radio or www.ourlittleparish.ie in Tyrrellspass) We have no alternative. Please do not take offence! A Minister of the Eucharist will be at the entrance to distribute Holy Communion to those who had to pray in their cars. Please keep the 2 metres distance in coming to Holy Communion. Thank you for your cooperation.

Return to Public Masses in our Parish this weekend July 4th and 5th 2020

Dear Parishioner, We rejoice that the time has finally arrived for congregations to return to weekend Parish Masses allbeit with some limitations and restrictions. As you know, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass in person was suspended for all Catholics at the start of the pandemic and this suspension will continue for some time to come. If you still do not feel safe or confident coming to Mass in person or if you have an underlying health condition you are advised to stay at home. You can still join in weekend Masses from Tyrrellspass via www.ourlittleparish.ie or parish radio (Tyrrellspass area only 106.6fm). Seating capacity in all our churches will be reduced because of 2metre distancing regulations. St. Michael's Church 75 Approx St. Stephen's Church 50 approx. St. Peter's Church 16 Approx. Revised restrictions as and from this weekend permit over 50 people to gather in any given area of a building provided each area has its own antrance/exit The full Mass Schedule for all our Churches will be restored to its pre pandemic schedule in due time. For now the weekend Mass schedule is 80% restored and is as follows.

St. Michael's Church St. Stephen's Church St. Peter's Church Raheenmore Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.30pm.Sunday Morning Mass at 11.30amSaturday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm.Sunday Morning Mass at 10am.Sadly due to the current guidelines Mass in St. Peter's Church,
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Initially we will provide face masks to all who attend Mass but it is hoped that as mask usage becomes more widespread will bring their own facemasks or face covers over coming weekends. As many of you may be aware, I was recently hospitalised for several weeks and will be receiving further medical attention and respite for some time to come during which I am to take a complete rest from public ministry. I sincerely thank parishioners of all ages for all Masses prayers, well wishes and kindness. I am extremely grateful to all who have kept things going in my absence and for the help of Fr. Sean Deegan and Fr. Liam Carey who have very kindly offered to assist with weekend Masses until my return, a return which I very much look forward to. I thank all of you your continued support of parish and myself.

Covid 19 remains a very real and dangerous threat to us and our community. We must continue to remain vigilant and to exercise great care as a gradual reopening takes place in our churches. While the overall risk of infection is low we must not become complacent. We ask you all to use the **hand sanitiser** and masks provided and to maintain a **2 metre social distance both inside and outside the church** and especially during the distribution of Holy Communion. We ask you not to queue for Holy Communion. Seats will be sanatised after each ceremony. Holy Communion will be available but can only be given on the hand. All collections both building fund and offertory can be placed in the central box at the doorway. Once maximum capacity has been reached we cannot allow any more people into the church. We apologise for this. In the event of this happening in Tyrrellspass, people are free to return to their cars and join in Mass on their car radio on 106.6fm or via www.ourlittleparish.ie. At Communion. Unfortunately no such facility is currently available in Castletown Geoghegan. A ticketing system will be

available in Castletown next weekend. Tickets will be available in Claffeys store during the week.