

St. Augustine's Church, Clontuskert

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15th March 2020 Third Sunday of Lent
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As priests are allowed to say Mass privately, I hope that I can have Mass behind closed doors in the Church so that people can listen to it on the radio.

There will be no public Masses in Clonfert Diocese for the next few weeks at least. I will try to have Masses that are booked behind closed doors with only the immediate connections of the deceased admitted through the sacristy and can be listened to on radio.

Mass booked for Patrick Colohan for Sunday 15th March postponed.

Mass St. Patrick's Day: Mary, Gerry, Siobhán & Tony Horan.

Thursday 19th March: Daniel O'Neill & Brigid McDonagh.

Sunday 22nd Maureen Frehill & Pat Joe.

Galway Bay FM are broadcasting Mass live on their radio station on Sunday 15th March at 11.30am and live via their Facebook page.

Please collect your Trocaire Box and be as generous to Trocaire this Lent as you possibly can.

Annual Clontuskert Spring clean-up will take place on Monday 6th April; your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Gloves, Hi-Viz jackets, refuse bags will be provided.

Art Competition under way for Community Games, collection day is Monday 23rd March. See flyers in schools. Swimming & Athletics will be coming on stream in a few weeks, please keep an eye out for details on CKL fb page or contact any Committee Member. Maria Brennan 087 2919760, Antoinette Stephenson 087 2859167, Teresa Gately 086 8440994, Jackie Nevin 087 6724842, Mags Kilkenny 087 4119868, Caroline Lynch 087 6827029.

Creideamh Children's Art Competition (3rd - 5th Class pupils). Closing date, Friday 20th March. See www.creideamh.ie/art for details.

Bereavement charities Anam Cara in collaboration with Féileacáin and Pieta House are hosting a Bereavement Support Evening in Galway on Tuesday 24th March 2020 at the Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit, Galway.

DIOCESE OF CLONFERT

COVID-19 (coronavirus) as of 12th March 2020

In order to comply with current Government advice and in the interest of the entire community especially those who are most vulnerable **the public celebration of all Sunday Masses and Weekday Masses (including St. Patrick's Day) in the Diocese of Clonfert will be cancelled until further notice.**

During this time the obligation to be physically present at Mass on Sunday / Holy Day is suspended for everybody.

Priests will continue to celebrate Mass privately on weekdays and on Sundays. The faithful are encouraged to join spiritually in the celebration of these Masses in their own home or by means of parish radio or web-cam or through television and radio broadcasts.

After the private celebration of Mass, each day churches throughout the Diocese of Clonfert will open for individual prayer until normal closing times.

Participation in **Funeral Masses and Services /Wedding Masses and Services and the Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism** are to be limited to close family and friends not exceeding 100 people. During the liturgy additional health and safety measures will be in place. Your co-operation for the good of all is gratefully appreciated.

Please pray for those affected by the virus and for our civil leaders that they may make wise decisions. Pray also for all our health professionals, our carers and clergy who are working with those affected and for our scientists who are trying to understand what is happening.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; in thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Over the coming days and weeks updates will be issued in line with any new developments.

Ballinasloe Golf Club - Ladies Beginner's Golf. 8 weeks introductory lessons with professional. Equipment provided. Information evening in Clubhouse Mon March
Progressive 25 Card Games every Thursday, at 9pm in the School Hall. €10 entry with refreshments and spot prizes. All funds raised go directly to the school. Everyone welcome.

Progressive 25 Card Game in Ballinasloe Golf Club every Tuesday at 9pm.

Kiltormer GAA Lotto – Jackpot €11,400. Numbers Drawn: 9,19,29,32. No winner. Lucky Dips: Stephen Markham, Brian Darcy, Ciaran/Shane/Gearoid Finnerty, Gerry Gately, Lorna McKeigue/Lisa Fenton. House Prize: Patricia Reilly. Seller's Prize: Doreen Glynn. Jackpot next week: €11,500. Venue: The Hill.