

St. Augustine's Church, Clontuskert

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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If the dreaded Virus does not hit me there will be 10am Mass every morning this coming week except Saturday next when there will be a marriage at 12.30pm. Only the small number of invited family members will attend, with a maximum of three people in every second row of seats.

As there are no Masses booked for this coming week, I will announce the intention each morning before Mass.

Please come to visit the Church to pray and to pick up newsletters as well as a little booklet with prayers that can be said at home when not possible to have Sunday Masses. We should also pray for the frontline people who are fighting this Coronavirus which is very heavily contagious. Please look out too, for the elderly and those living alone.

Remember next Sunday 29th March – Summer time begins. Please change your clocks and watches.

To-day Sunday, 22nd March is Mother's Day - if you are lucky enough to have a mother be especially kind to her and take great care of her to ensure that she will not get the Coronavirus.

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.

COVID 19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Upcoming Event in Ballinasloe Library 25th March 2pm-4pm: Event cancelled due to the COVID 19 Flu Virus.

Radio Maria at the service of the Church in Ireland during the Corona Pandemic: are broadcasting 24 hours each day according to our threefold mission of prayer, catechesis and human formation. Daily Mass will be aired at 10am each day from our studio chapel, including Sundays for those who would like to tune in. Radio Maria Ireland is to be found on television Saorview, Channel 210. By downloading our free app for mobile devices – Radio Maria Ireland. Through our Website or Facebook page on the Listen Live Link.

DIOCESE OF CLONFERT - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Our Churches are open - Call to say a Prayer:

Remember that during these days Churches throughout the Diocese of Clonfert will be open excepting during Mass times.

Why not call to say a private prayer, light a candle or pick up the Parish Newsletter or other spiritual material that may be available.

Please obey the social distancing rule – keep at least two metres apart and don't congregate in close groups. If lighting a candle do so safely.

Please pray for protection, pray for all those who are sick, pray for our medical staff who are working so hard, pray for our priests, pray for our civil leaders and pray for our scientists who are working to try and understand what is happening.

Diocese of Clonfert Prayers at Home when Gathering for Mass is not Possible

In these extraordinary times when we cannot gather for Mass, Prayers are available for use at home. Copies may be available in our local church or they can be downloaded from the Clonfert Diocese Website – www.clonfertdiocese.ie

While they can be prayed at any time, a good time to do so would be at the time Mass is normally celebrated in your local parish.

If, as a faith community, we cannot be together physical let us join together spiritually.

Parishes Reaching Out

Bishop Duignan has urged all parish communities in the Diocese of Clonfert to organize themselves to reach out, as appropriate. To those who are living alone or isolated, offering to do some shopping, get medicines or run other errands or simply telephoning people to assure them that someone is there and cares.

Televised Mass or Mass via Webcam

Weekday Mass is available via Webcam at www.loughreacathedral.ie every day at 11.00am and 8.00pm and Mass is broadcast every day on RTE news from now at 10.30am.

Sunday Mass

Mass is available every Saturday evening at 8pm and Sunday at 10.00am and 12 noon from Loughrea Cathedral via webcam at www.loughreacathedral.ie

Galway Bay FM will broadcast Mass, celebrated at 11.30am www.galwaybayfm.ie

Shannonside Radio will broadcast Mass at 10.00am www.shannonside.ie

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