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Intentions for this weekend

- 6.30** Aoife Collins, Banard Anniv.
- 10am** David Ward, Ballaugh Anniv.
Eily Lane, New Street Anniv.
Mary Roche, Castlemahon Month Mind
- 12noon** Nicholas (Nicky) Bowden 1st Anniv.
Paddy & Nancy Fitzgerald, Meenahela
Mary Flynn, Banard Anniv.

Intentions for the week.

Mon 7pm Eileen O'Connor & Anne Keating
John Mullins 1st Anniv.

Tues 10am Pro Populo

Wed 10am Bernadette O'Connor

Thurs 10am Daniel Sheehy

Fri 10am Purgatorial

No Saturday morning Mass

Intentions for next weekend

- 6.30pm** Willie (Pa) O'Connor, Collins Park
Jerry O'Riordan, Dromtrasna Collins
- 10am** Mary & John Shannon, Main Street
- 12noon**

Death

We offer our sympathy to the family of Marion Oakley, Killarney Road whose funeral took place on Saturday. May she rest in peace.

Readers lists and Missal are available from the sacristy.

St Anthony Novena take place each Monday evening during the 7pm Mass

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each Friday during the 10am Mass

Celebrating St Brigid's Day

Monday, 1 February 2021, is the Feast of Saint Brigid, Abbess and Secondary Patron of Ireland. Saint Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. Saint Brigid was born in Faughart, Co. Louth in 454. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her, but she insisted on giving her life to God. She received her formation from St Mel in Ardagh, Co Longford. Other women followed her example and Brigid went on to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. The Saint Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection. Many families traditionally make a St Brigid's Cross for the feast day and pray to St Brigid for God's blessings as we enter the season of Spring. We will celebrate Mass for the feast of St Brigid on Monday evening at 7.00pm. During the Mass St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Blessings of Candles). Tuesday 2nd of February: Candles will be blessed at Mass on Tuesday morning. This blessing will extend to any candles you may wish to have blessed at home. Link into Mass on Tuesday morning for the blessing.

Feast St Blaise Wed 3rd February (Blessing of Throats). Due to the Coronavirus throats will not be blessed this year. On Wednesday we will celebrate Mass for all the sick in our parish.

Blessing of Saint Brigid's Crosses

Father of all creation and Lord of Light, you have given us life and entrusted your creation to us to use it and to care for it. We ask you to bless these crosses made of green rushes in memory of holy Brigid, who used the cross to recall and to teach your Son's life, death and resurrection. May these crosses be a sign of our sharing in the Paschal Mystery of your Son and a sign of your protection of our lives, our land and its creatures through Brigid's intercession during the coming year and always. We ask this through Christ our Lord. The crosses are sprinkled with holy water: May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be on these crosses and on the places where they hang and on everyone who looks at them. Amen.

Prayer for the Blessing of Candles

Lord Jesus,
 You are the Light of the world:
 we praise You,
 and ask You to guide our steps each day.
 Help us to love You and serve You faithfully,
 and to carry our daily cross with You.

We ask your blessing on these candles,
 and let them always remind us
 that You are our Light in darkness,
 our Protector in danger,
 and our saving Lord at all times.

Lord Jesus,
 we praise You and give You glory,
 for You are Lord for ever and ever. Amen.



Anois teacht an Earraigh,
 beidh an lá ag dul chun síneadh,
 Is tar éis na Feile Bríde,
 ardóigh mé mo sheol,
 Ó chuir mé i'm cheann é,
 ní stopfaidh mé choice,
 Go bhfillfidh mé ar ais ar
 Chontae Mhuigheo.



Funeral guidelines must be observed to avoid further lives being put at risk – Bishop Leahy

On Tuesday last, The Bishop of Limerick Brendan Leahy along with the bishops of Munster announced updated guidelines for the celebration of funeral Masses and burials during this period of lockdown. Bishop Leahy said “while we must preserve our great culture of compassion towards the bereaved, we must stay away from funerals or further lives will be put at risk.

He said that in offering these five points, it must be recognised that the vast majority of Catholics have been careful in their observance of the public health guidelines. The five points are:

1. Public Health guidelines are clear: attendance at funerals is to be restricted to 10. We appreciate there are some who believe that for the sake of accommodating the immediate family it would be better to allow a number higher than 10 for the funeral liturgy in a church. We too look forward to when that number can be increased. However, it is important that undertakers and priests clarify with bereaved families as early as possible regarding the limit of 10 people in the church.
2. As recommended in our statement last March, there should be no removal to the church the evening before.
3. People not attending the funeral liturgy should avoid congregating immediately outside the church building or around the hearse. For the sake of the great majority trying to keep to the public health guidelines, we ask people, difficult as it is, not to approach the bereaved in the church grounds or cemetery to sympathize.
4. As per the public health guidelines regarding social and family gatherings, there should be no wakes or large gatherings for prayers in the house of the deceased nor gatherings in cemeteries.
5. Support for the bereaved can be expressed through social media as an alternative to attending the funeral. Often it is possible to link to a local church for a funeral ceremony via a webcam/ Facebook Live. We invite people to pray for the deceased and family of the deceased in their own homes at the time of the funeral Mass.
6. Bishop Leahy said, “In restating the guidelines around funerals. We do so for the benefit of all concerned – mourners, undertakers, neighbours and friends as well as priests and public authorities – that we might have a common understanding of good practice around funerals aimed at keeping people safe from the virus.

The bishops concluded “We wish to express our thanks to priests and sacristans as well as the many volunteers in our churches who ensure that all the requirements around the sanitising of our churches are observed. We also acknowledge with gratitude the care and help of undertakers in implementing the restrictions. May our deceased loved ones rest in peace and may the bereaved be comforted.”

Prayer to St Brigid

You were a woman of peace.
 You brought harmony where there was conflict.
 You brought light to the darkness.
 You brought hope to the downcast.
 May the mantle of your peace
 cover those who are troubled and anxious,
 and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts
 and in our world.
 Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
 Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
 Strengthen what is weak within us.
 Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
 May we grow each day into greater
 wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

St Brigid's Blessing

May Brigid bless the house wherein we dwell.
 Bless every fireside, every wall and door.
 Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.
 Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.
 Bless every foot that walks portals through.
 May Brigid bless the house that shelters us.