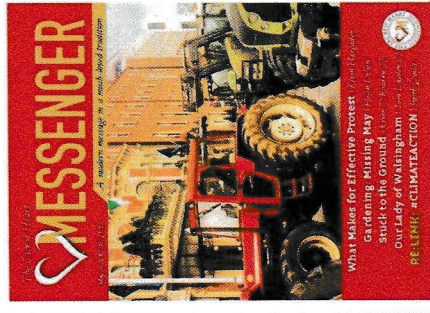


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What is Spiritual Communion?

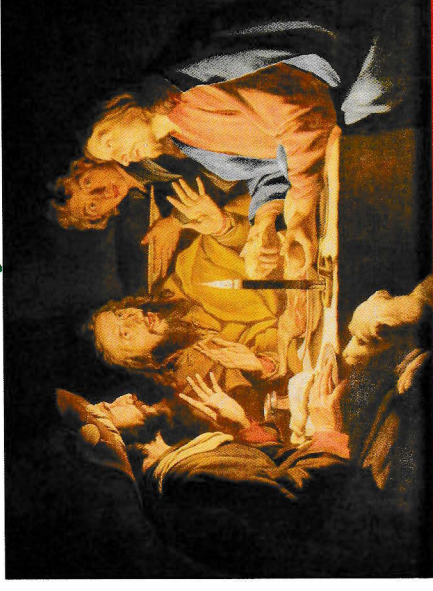
Spiritual Communion is a way to be united with Christ when we are not able to physically receive the Eucharist. St Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament, and a loving embrace as though we had received Him." This was a practice very dear to the heart of St Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorist Order. In this time of uncertainty, when we are encouraged to practice "Social Distancing," let's use St Alphonsus' practice to be united in Spirit and in Prayer with one another and with Christ.

How to make a Spiritual Communion:

- Start with the Sign of the Cross.
 - Read and reflect on the readings of the day (you can go to <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/readings/>) or follow us livestreamed on www.clonduffparish.com
 - Mass times: **9.00am (Monday to Friday) Saturday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 11.00am in St John the Evangelist Church, Ballymaghery**
 - Pray an Act of Spiritual Communion, such as this one inspired by St Alphonsus Liguori
- My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen**
- Offer a Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Clonduff Parish Newsletter

Sunday 26th April 2020
Third Sunday of Easter



....he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

Luke. 24: 13-35



The pandemic reminds us there are no differences or borders between those who suffer. We are all frail, all equal, all precious. May we be profoundly shaken: Now is the time to eliminate inequalities and heal the injustice undermining the health of the entire human family!

Pope Francis tweet April 2020



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PARISH OF CLONDUFF 26th APRIL 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Sunday Readings Cycle A – Weekday Readings Cycle 2)

ANNIVERSARIES: BALLYMAGHERY, BALLYGORIAN, CABRA & DRUMGATH PARISH	
Sat 25th Apr 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	MM Sean Fegan, Bryansford Road; Phelim Shields, Cleomack & Deceased members of the Caulfield Family, Cleomack; Michael Taylor, Billings, England; Donal & Luke McGurk, Drogheda
Sun 26th Apr 11.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	John Curran, Kennedy Drive; Shane Gribben, Ballyweely Road; Edward & Mary Gribben, Ballykeel;
Mon 27th Apr 9.00am	DRUMGATH PARISH: Cis & Alex Toner, Rathfriland
Tue 28th Apr 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Wed 29th Apr 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY: Special Intention
Thur 30th Apr 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY: Special Intention
Fri 1st May 9.00am	BALLYMAGHERY: Special Intention
Sat 2nd May 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Lena McAvooy & Pat & Mary Rose Fitzpatrick, Yellow Road
Sun 3rd May 11.00am BALLYMAGHERY	Annie McShane, Spelga Park; Maureen & Patrick, Rathfriland Road; Sean Darby

Your continued financial support to Parish life and Parish upkeep is very much appreciated during these anxious and challenging days due to the on-going Coronavirus Pandemic.

Envelopes may be deposited through the Letter Box at the Parochial House, Castlewella Road on Sunday 9am to 12 noon and Monday 9am to 12noon.
Thanks for your support last week £2,502.00

A Prayer for Healthcare Workers

during this time of the Coronavirus

Loving St Anne. We place into your care all doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.

Give them courage of heart

and strength of mind and body. Keep them safe from harm.

May they know our deep gratitude for all they are doing to heal and help those affected by the coronavirus.

God of all consolation may they know your protection and peace.

Bless them in these challenging days

and Bless their families.

Amen.

PLEASE NOTE In light of the current situation with the Coronavirus, I will not be visiting the sick and housebound, but if someone wishes to have a visit ring my mobile 07764941606. Thank you for your understanding as we try to keep safe at this difficult time. *Fr Charles Byrne*

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Diocese of Dromore Safeguarding of Children, young people and vulnerable adults: Dromore Designated Person Patricia Carville 07789917741. A copy of the Dromore Diocese "Safeguarding Policy and Procedures" is available for reference in the Parish Rooms.

GIFT AID – if there is anyone who has signed a Gift Aid Declaration with the Parish but who has ceased to be a taxpayer during the Tax Year ending 5th April 2020 please let us know.

Hospital Chaplaincy in the Southern Trust in These Days

While chaplains are not permitted to do routine hospital visits at the moment, they are still available for emergency or urgent visits. To call a chaplain at any time, just ring the relevant hospital and ask for the chaplain on call. In addition, if you or a family member are in hospital, or indeed if you work in the hospital, and you would like to chat with a chaplain, there is a chaplaincy phone service available daily:

From 10am - 12 noon, call 028-38334444 From 2pm - 4pm, call 028-30835000

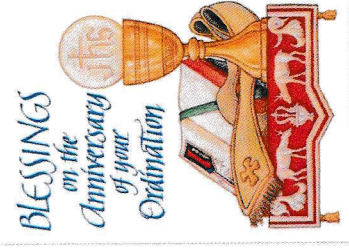


Rosary Initiative

Archbishop Eamon Martin invites and encourages families in our Parishes to pray the Rosary, or even a decade of the Rosary, every day during the month of May.

This year the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes has been cancelled due to concerns around the Coronavirus. Maybe when we pray the Rosary or even a decade of the Rosary we could remember the sick and all who had hoped to make the Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

We remember too those in our Parishes who are sick, housebound, those in Hospital and Hospice, those feeling lonely and isolated at this time and all who care for them.



On Wednesday 29th April Rev Fr Charles Byrne PP Clonduff & Drumgath celebrates 41 years of priestly life.

May the Anniversary of your Ordination be especially happy for you and may the happiness it brings continue all year through.