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# **St. Senan's Parish Newsletter**

**Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Sunday, 30th August**

#### ***Vigil***

Edward & May Cahill (A)

Edward Cahill Jnr. (Birth Rem)

Julia Crean (A)

Deceased members of the Cahill family

Kathleen Wickham (A)

Aidan O'Brien (Birth Rem)

Catherine O'Connor (A)

Grace Diver (Recently deceased)

#### ***11.00am***

Bridget Roche (A)

### **Weekday Masses**

#### ***Friday – 7.00pm***

Mary Kickham (A)

### **Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September**

#### ***9am***

Mary Buttle (A)

#### ***11am***

Seamus Moynihan (A)

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

*We commend to the fullness of eternal life:*

Eliza Quigley, Crefogue

Mary Anne Dunne, Clonhaston

## **COMMUNION CALLS**

I have written to all those on the existing list of calls for the First Friday, about how I might return to bringing Communion to the sick and housebound safely.

Gentle reminder if you have not already contacted the Parish Office and you would like me to visit then please do so. I fully appreciate that some people may want to wait a little longer and that is not a problem, just contact us when you are ready to arrange a visit.

## **CONFIRMATION**

In line with regulations we can only facilitate class celebrations over several weeks as opposed to one large gathering and the dates are listed below:

11.00am Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – 6A

11.00am Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – 6B

11.00am Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – 6C

11.00am Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020

*(Optional date if the date assigned doesn't suit)*

Unfortunately, due to the current regulations (50 people indoors), it will be strictly 1 child with 2 adults, parents, or parent/sponsor. I realise this greatly impacts on what should be a shared family gathering but for the safety of all we must follow the guidelines.

The ceremony will be about 45 minutes long and a gentle reminder adults are asked to wear a face covering on the day.



## **ST. SENAN'S PARISH MASS SCHEDULE**

Weekend times:

Saturday 7pm,

Sunday 9am (small numbers) and 11am.

Consider fulfilling the Sunday obligation on one of the other days of the week.

Monday/Thursday 10.00am

Tuesday /Friday 7.00pm

Wednesday 8.15am

We are on facebook  
**St. Senan's Parish Enniscorthy**  
All Masses are broadcast live.

## ***The SCIENCE behind how we can reopen schools***

*The following explanation is provided by Professor Philip Nolan. He acknowledges that it's a simplification, but nonetheless illustrates the principle.*

- *The virus spreads by finding ways to transmit from the very small number of people who have it (fewer than 1 in 2000 right now) to all those who are susceptible to it. What matters is the total number of contacts at a population level.*
- *We have about 5 million people in the country. If each of us had, as we would have this time last year, say 10 close contacts per day, that's 25 million opportunities per day for the virus to transmit. (5 million x 10 contacts / 2 to remove duplicates).*
- *About one million of the population are of school-going age. If the other 4 million reduce their close contacts to, say, just 2 per day, we are down to 9 million close contacts per day. We have reduced the opportunities for the virus to transmit by more than 60%.*
- *If we also reduce the risk that our close contacts might lead to transmission (physical distancing, hand/respiratory hygiene, face coverings where appropriate) even if these measures only reduce the risk by half then we have reduced the risk of transmission by about 80%.*
- *If the basic reproduction number of the virus is between 3 and 5, then this 80% reduction in transmission will be enough to bring R below 1, and the number of infections will decline.*
- *Simply put, if older adults starve the virus of opportunities to transmit (limiting our contacts and being careful) the young can have the higher numbers of contacts that classroom education requires; the sum total of all contacts for the population level remains low.*
- *The risk is even lower if (i) the level of disease in the community is minimised (ii) appropriate precautions are taken in schools. We can all contribute to the first, and teachers and principals have done extraordinary work to make schools as safe as possible.*

### **Back to school Prayer**

Heavenly Mother, to you we entrust our children, teachers and school staff as they begin a school term in this pandemic. Heavenly Mother shelter them all under your maternal mantle that they remain safe. Replace their fear and anxiety with peace and confidence in God's love and care for each one.

Amen.

Poor Clare

Sisters

## **THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK**

The Gospel for this Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time sees Jesus call Peter 'Satan' after the leader of the Apostles tried to dissuade Jesus from the path that leads to the cross. The homily this Sunday explores the implications for us fellow Christians. On a related theme, our interview this week is with Fr Pat Collins – a Vincentian priest who works in the ministry of exorcism. We speak to Fr Pat about his new book 'Freedom from Evil Spirits' as he talks openly about the presence of evil in the world. We have an article on the 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation' and another on the positive aspects of human loneliness. Finally, we have a very interesting podcast on 'Asceticism and Speaking God's language' as Jesus tells us that self-denial is an inevitable part of following him. Check out these and other resources available at [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)