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**St. Senan's Parish
Newsletter**

Sunday, 16th May 2021

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Welcome back - it's been a long penitential season!

With a joyful heart and gratitude to God I welcome you back to in-person Mass.

It would take a small book to say all that I want to say! So, for now I will be brief

Let me just say that I am working on a blog-piece that attempts to tease-out the soul-meaning of all that we have been living through. Its central message argues that the coronavirus - whatever its origins - is not a random event with no meaning other than to be overcome and assigned to history. These events are personal to the current generations and intended to direct us to God, to Soul, to reappraise and reassess our very existence and most likely cause us to alter our pre-pandemic path. Once complete the piece will be available in hard-copy (printed on paper), and posted on my blog with links available on the parish website and on Facebook.

Meanwhile, my heart is bursting with gratitude to God, to the people of St. Senan's Parish, and to benefactors near and far. Personally speaking, I have just about managed to pay my bills. I have been squeezed - yes - but I'm not in significant arrears with anything. In saying this, I am so very conscious that many people are now returning to work facing a mountain of bills. Worse again, some may have lost their livelihood.

From the parish's perspective we dipped into the red briefly. Almost immediately we arranged an overdraft facility but remarkably we haven't needed it. This is truly remarkable and testament to the wonderful support we continue to receive.

What can I say? Well, definitely a heartfelt "thank you" at the very least, but more than that, and I think more importantly, a renewed commitment to do my best to direct us all to God using these events as the stepping stones they are intended to be. These are exciting times and God is speaking through all that we have been experiencing. We need to listen and learn. We really do.

Blessings for the days ahead.

Fr. Paddy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 16th May

Vigil

Matty Connolly (A)

Tommy Connolly (Rem)

Patricia Sheehan (A)

Betty O'Brien (A)

11.00am

Kathleen Jordan (First Anniversary)

Weekday Masses

Thursday - 10.00am

Matty Connolly (A)

Sunday, 23rd May

Vigil

Tony Murphy (Months Mind)

11am

Deceased members of the Noctor & Kirwan families
Sinead Carroll (Rem)

Larry Doyle (Rem)

Baby Emma

Heffernan (Rem)



Your life
is an occasion.
Rise to it.
-Suzanne Weyn

RETURN OF PUBLIC MASSES

Protocol means that numbers will be restricted to 50 people indoors per Mass. We will have a small overflow capacity outside - chairs will be provided and we have installed speakers outside - but there'll be no shelter from the weather!

Please note the online Mass booking facility will only be used for weekend Masses.

Reminder if you are not online then call the Parish Office and Linda will book it for you.

Please visit https://www.supersaas.com/schedule/St_Senan's_Parish/Mass to book a weekend Mass.

A face covering must be worn, sanitize your hands on entry and follow the advice of the ushers - a one way system for entering and exiting will be in operation - and you will be shown to and from your seat at all times.

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

Weekend times:
Saturday 7pm
Sunday 9am 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

Anniversary Mass

Please contact Linda in the parish office to make arrangements and book for numbers attending.

Baptisms

Please contact the Parish Office to book or re-schedule Baptisms 053 92 61729 and Linda will give you options for dates, times and guidelines.

Confirmation and **First Communion 2021**

While Mass resumed on May 10th with up to 50 people present the current advice from government is that "other religious ceremonies such as Communion and Confirmations should not take place at this time." Please keep an eye here or on the parish website stsenansenniscorthy.ie for further updates. Meanwhile you're invited to complete a Confirmation/First Communion Registration Form. Forms are available to download from the parish website. Open the "Our Parish" drop-down menu and tap/click the "Parish Forms" tab. Please return completed form to: saintsenan@gmail.com Alternatively post or return the completed form in person to: St. Senan's Parish Office, Community Centre, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

MONTHLY COMMUNION CALLS WILL **RESUME IN EARLY JUNE**

Communion calls will resume from early June 2021.

Please keep an eye out for further details - in the newsletter, on the website stsenansenniscorthy.ie or on the parish Facebook page.

If you require further details, please do not hesitate to give Linda a call in the Parish Office 053 9261729.

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

This Sunday's feast of the Ascension raises the ultimate question: where are we headed? To ever-lasting and loving union with God or to obliteration as if we never existed? Fr Michael O'Shea offers us a homily on this mystery of our faith. This Sunday is also 'World Communications Day' and we feature Pope Francis' message that urges us to communicate with people where they are and as they are. There is news of an online ACCORD counselling service to help couples and a recent statement from the Bishops on the care of Irish prisoners overseas. We have the usual newsletter insert, a reflection by Sean Byrne and another by Br. Solanus on a vocation to the religious life. Finally, we have the first five stations of the cross, seen through the eyes of St Joseph. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

Enjoy the little things, for one day
you may look back and realize they
were the big things.

- Robert Brault

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