

St. Colman's Parish 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Mission Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

# Pastoral Message to the people of the Diocese of Kerry. Our New Situation.

All of us are saddened by the new restrictions that are now in place in our region from the whole country being placed on Level Three. It makes things so difficult for so many. It is upsetting that once more we do not have congregations at Mass. Thank God we have streaming and parish radios in so many of our parishes, Mass on Sunday on Radio Kerry, and daily on television with RTE News Now.

Many people and priests feel that it would be good to allow congregations, however small, in Level Three. A small congregation can represent all of us. Our hearts go out to families who are postponing baptisms or having funerals and weddings with very small numbers.

The Blessing of prayer. Our faith is not confined to the church. Let us all not forget that God is ever with each of us through the Holy Spirit received in baptism and confirmation. Christ's final words on earth were, "Know that I am with you always". When we turn to God in prayer, we unite with each other in Christ. Wherever we pray we pray with and for each other.

Our daily prayers, alone or as a household, have always been important for us. Have time for God on Sunday and daily. Especially pray with young children each day. They have beautiful prayers from the 'Grow in Love' programme. In October pray to Our Lady, pray as she prayed. Pray the Rosary. Reflect on the truth of Jesus words in St John's gospel:

# The Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. Peace I bequeath to you. (chapter14)

Prayer soothes troubled hearts; prayer reminds us to be thankful for the positive things in our lives; prayer calls on us to be there for each other. Be assured that God is with you always. Turn to God often, especially when you are feeling down, troubled, or worried. "Le Cúnamh Dé", with his help we can cope well with the months ahead.

# **An Appeal**

One great appeal I make to all in the diocese. This is the most important part of my message. Please, let us all give 100% cooperation with what our country asks of us regarding the Public Health

Guidelines: social distancing; face covering; washing / sanitising our hands. As a united, loving, caring people let us give full cooperation to NPHET and our Government. It is the key to our controlling the virus.

We know how deeply any further deterioration in the current serious situation will affect the lives of all of us, young and old. Think of how important the hospitality and tourism industry are to employment in our region. Think of all front-line staff.

## **United in Prayer**

I will remember all in our communities in all the prayers and Masses I offer in the days and weeks ahead. Thank you for all the good you are doing. Let us pray for each other. Our Lady health of the sick, pray for us.

Bishop Ray Browne Diocese of Kerry

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Recent Deaths: Please pray for Kitty (Catherine) O' Connor, Lahard James McCarthy Muckross/Knockavota

#### **Masses & Intentions.**

Mon	Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass
Tues	Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	
Wed.	Oct. 21st	9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Thurs	o. Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>		No Mass
Fri.	Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Billy Kerins, Castlemaine Road
Sat.	Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Patrick McCarthy Steelroe/Lissivane
Sun.	Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	11:15 a.m.	Liam O' Shea, Farran

#### **Reminder:**

Mass is broadcast on 106fm Mass on weekdays is also broadcast on 106fm (unless there is a funeral Mass)

# **Adoration and Rosary:**

Will take place on Monday Evenings at 7:30p.m. and will alternate between Milltown and Listry Church. This will be broadcasted via 106fm and streamed on-line:

- Go to www.milltownlistryparish.com
- Click on live stream
- Click on sign in You Tube

Please take this opportunity to speak quietly with God and reflect on his word, allowing him to speak to us in our own lives.

#### Reflection

Dear God, as I arise today:

**I give thanks** for the gift of life, that I can enjoy every day to the full.

**I give thanks** for the gift of hearing, that I can appreciate the goodness of others.

**I give thanks** for the gift of sight, that I can admire the beauty of creation.

**I give thanks** for the gift of touch, that I can feel both sunshine and rain.

**I give thanks** for the gift of speech, help me to use it to spread kindness and positivity.

**I give thanks** for the education that is available to me so that I can reach my potential.

**I give thanks** for the food that nourished me every day.

**I give thanks** for the talents with which I have been gifted, help me to be confident in using them.

**I give thanks** for the roof over my head and the floor under my feet when I wake to greet each new day, help me to be mindful of those who do not.

**I give thanks** for the love shown to me by those around me, help me to show affection in return.

I am grateful for all that I have, help me to appreciate all that I have and not to get distracted in chasing the things that I don't.

I am blessed

#### Amen

## **Helpful Contact Numbers**

- **COVID-19 Community Response:** Freephone 180 080009.
- ALONE: Mon to Fri, 8 a.m. -8 p.m. Tel. No. 0818222024
- St. Vincent De Paul: (064) 6622668
- **Aware:** 1890 303 302. Website: www.aware.ie
- **Jigsaw Kerry:** (066) 7186785. www.kerry@jigsaw.ie
- **Pieta House:** (01) 6010000 or <u>www.pieta.ie</u>
- **Samaritans:** (066) 7122566 Lo Call 24hr: 1850 609090
- **Senior Help Line:** 1-850 440 444 -10am-1pm / 7pm-10pm