

### Getting Back on Track Financially

Most of us have some level of debt, but when unpaid debt becomes such a burden that it prevents you from getting out of bed in the morning, brings a sense of dread when answering the phone or opening the post, it is time to take control of the situation.

The unfortunate reality is that due to the impact of COVID-19 many more people in Ireland may be struggling to pay their debts having recently lost their jobs or struggling to make ends meet on reduced incomes.

The effects of problem debt on a person's wellbeing and mental health can be severe and can prevent them coming forward for help but there is a solution to every debt problem and this is where the Insolvency Service of Ireland (ISI) can help.

The ISI is the independent government body with four debt solutions to help people with all levels of problem debt - from credit cards to mortgages. It regulates debt advisors called Personal Insolvency Practitioners (PIPs).

You could be insolvent if:

- you can't pay your bills in full when they are due
- You're paying a little off each bill trying to keep creditors at bay
- You've had calls and letters about missed repayments & threats of repossession.

If you are insolvent and in arrears on your home mortgage you could also be eligible for a free consultation with a PIP under the State-funded Abhaile Scheme. The purpose of that Scheme is to help people in serious arrears to find the best available solutions, with the help of professional advisors. The priority will be to find a sustainable solution that keeps a person in their home, where possible.

For more information visit [www.backontrack.ie](http://www.backontrack.ie) or freetext GETHELP to 50015 for a callback.

### HORESWOOD PARISH INFORMATION

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### MASS TIMES

#### HORESWOOD

Saturday 7.00pm

Sunday 10.30am

Weekdays 9.30am

Confessions 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 7.00pm

Baptisms Horeswood: First & Third Saturday of the month 3:00pm

Baptisms Ballykelly: Second & Fourth Saturday of the month 3:00pm

Marriages: A minimum of three months notice must be given to both Church & State.

#### BALLYKELLY

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 11:30am

Tuesday & Friday 9:30am



## PARISH OF HORESWOOD

### Church of St. James, Horeswood

### Church of St. Brigid, Ballykelly

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## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers

### HORESWOOD

Saturday 7pm

Kieran Whitty, Killesk, anniversary.

Sunday 10:30am

Patrick Malone, Fisherstown and Jim & Jack O'Neill, St. James' Villas, anniversaries

Pray for Kathleen Cullen, Horeswood, anniversary.

Wednesday 9:30am

Mass for the Parish

### BALLYKELLY

Saturday 6pm

Paddy Shannon, Ballymaclare, anniversary.

Sunday 11:30am

Carmel Nolan, Ballykelly, anniversary

*Mass Intentions September 19th & 20th*

**Horeswood:** Saturday September 19th The deceased members of the Ryan Family, Grange, anniversaries. **Ballykelly** Saturday September 19th Frank Long, Ballykelly, anniversary. Sunday September 20th Berna Molloy, Oldcourt, anniversary.



### MASS FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Horeswood:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9:30am.

live stream on the Webcam on [horeswood.myparish.eu](http://horeswood.myparish.eu)

**Ballykelly:** Tuesday & Friday 9:30am

### THE IRISH CATHOLIC

There are copies of the Irish Catholic available at the back of the Church at a cost of €2 each.

### THE HOOK OF FAITH

We have a new feature on the Hook of Faith website beginning this week that will be useful for parish newsletters with less content due to less public events because of the ongoing restrictions. Each week there will be a newsletter insert that teases out the theme of the Sunday readings and will come from an inspired source from our Catholic Tradition. As always there is the homily for this Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time which focuses on forgiveness. Our interview this week is with Sr. Louise O'Rourke, a young Sister based in Dublin who shares her vocation story with us. We also have an article on Vocations and mark Grandparents Day which falls this Sunday. Finally, as we move through the Season of Creation, we feature some of the best quotes from Laudato Si, that was written by Pope Francis over five years ago. [www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)

Facebook - The Hook of Faith

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES & DONATIONS**  
**HORESWOOD : 06/09/2020 €1025.10**  
**BALLYKELLY: 06/09/2020 €173.00**

**Credit Card donations made to the Diocese in recent months and transferred to the church accounts**

**HORESWOOD: €528.85**

**BALLYKELLY: €97.97**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**READERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020**  
**HORESWOOD**

7pm **Dick Devane**

10:30am **Rose Breen**

**BALLYKELLY**

6pm September 12th **Pat Brennan**

11:30am September 13th **Tommy Lennon**

6pm September 19th **Niamh Dempsey**

11:30am Sept. 20th **Geraldine Molloy**

6pm September 26th **Agnes Flaherty**

11:30am September 27th **Joe Bridges**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS HORESWOOD**  
**SEPTEMBER 2020**

7pm September 12th **Eileen**

**Furlong**

10:30am September 13th

**Susan Devane**

7pm September 19th & 26th

**Trish Hayes**

10:30am September 20th **Catherine Breen**

10:30am September 27th **Katrina**

**Dawkins**



**NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE**

The National Grandparent Pilgrimage will be broadcast live on Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm from Knock Basilica. The grandparents pilgrimage will be streamed online. We invite grandparents and their families everywhere to join us online at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch)

**THE DEEP END**  
**INFINITELY LOVED**

The parable of the unforgiving servant highlights the generous love of God and sets a blueprint for our treatment of others. The master who cancels the servant's large debt does so out of compassion, and the servant is grateful – but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just a small amount. It seems he has learnt nothing; he has neither appreciated the gift he has been given, nor is he willing to pass it on to others.

We are each loved infinitely by God. He has provided us with every good thing, and we are expected to live accordingly. Because we have been loved, we must love. In this Season of Creation we focus in particular on our relationship with creation. We have been gifted with this wonderful world, with all its beauty and natural resources. Yet in so many ways, we have failed to appreciate this gift. We depend entirely on the earth's resources, yet instead of respecting them we have plundered them, causing great harm to the earth and its inhabitants. We have built comfortable and cheap lifestyles at the expense of the world's poorest people. If we carry on this way, there will be no gift to pass on to future generations. We are like the servant in the gospel – taking, but giving nothing in return.

Today, we are called to act as people who are loved infinitely by God. All of creation speaks of God's love for us. We are deeply connected with the earth and all of its people. We must live a life which is not centred exclusively on ourselves, but on the needs of others.

*'Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion.'* - (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*)

**Triona Doherty**

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**First Holy Communion 2020**

Please take note of the following arrangements for First Holy Communion on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 2020.

- Two ceremonies will take place that day. The first ceremony will begin at 11.00am and the second ceremony will begin at 2.00pm.
- Attendance at the ceremony is limited to the First Holy Communicants and their parents **only** to comply with existing COVID-19 guidelines.
- Each child will sit with their parents
- Each family will be assigned a seat. People are asked to sit in the designated seats only.
- Please use hand sanitiser on entry and exit to the church.
- Adults are asked to please wear a face covering.

**Ceremony**

- 4 children per ceremony will be chosen randomly to participate in readings during the ceremony.
- The readers will be allocated seats at the front of the church.
- There will be no choir as due to government restrictions singing in the church is not allowed.
- Both parents /guardians will go to receive First Communion with their child.
- Both children and adults will receive Holy Communion in their hand.
- Parents are asked to please practice the Mass responses and the prayers of the Mass with children in advance of the ceremony. The prayers for the Mass and responses are in the Do This in Memory of Me booklet which your child will have received.
- Please follow directions of the stewards & teachers on the day.
- One booklet for the ceremony will be distributed per family.
- There will be no official group photograph on the day. All photographs are to be taken outside the church. Parents may arrange a photographer themselves if they wish.

*The ceremonies will be live streamed on the parish webcam on [horeswood.myparish.eu](http://horeswood.myparish.eu)*

**CHURCH DISINFECTION**

During these days of the Coronavirus we are doing our utmost to keep parishioners safe. The churches are disinfected after each Mass and the doors and shrines are disinfected during the day. We all have a part to play in keeping one another safe. Please keep up the good work of wearing masks, sanitising your hands upon entering and exiting the church and maintaining social distance of 2 metres.

**Let our motto be: "Maximise distance and minimise contacts."**

**CHARITY TAX RECLAIM**

Horeswood Parish as a recognised charity can reclaim tax from revenue. If any parishioner supports the parish by €250 or more & are paying income tax, the parish can reclaim tax on the amount paid. Recently we sent out letters & CHY3 forms to parishioners to advise us on their tax status. Not all letters/forms were returned. So we are appealing to parishioners to return those forms. If you are eligible please complete & return the CHY3 form. If you are not eligible please tick the appropriate box. Thank you for your continued support.