

PRAYER

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.
Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.
Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.
Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.
Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.
Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.
Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.
Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.
Jesus Christ, heal us.
(Kerry Weber, executive editor, America Magazine).

HORESWOOD PARISH INFORMATION

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MASS TIMES

HORESWOOD

Saturday 7.00pm

Sunday 10.30am

Weekdays 9.30am

Cessions 1st Thursday 7.00pm

Baptisms Horeswood: First & Third Saturday of the month 4:00pm

Baptisms Ballykelly: Second & Fourth Saturday of the month 4:00pm

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



FOURTH SUNDAY
In Lent

PARISH OF HORESWOOD
Church of St. James, Horeswood
Church of St. Brigid, Ballykelly
Volume 9 No. 12 March 22nd 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers
HORESWOOD

Saturday 7pm

John & Mary Carthy, Ballykerogue, anniversaries.

Sunday 10am

Margaret Dunphy, Campile, anniversary,
Tomás Grennan & deceased member of the Grennan Family, Ballykerogue, anniversaries.

Pray for **Mary Whitty**, Fisherstown whose funeral took place last Monday, **Liam Ryan**, Dunbrody, who died last week, **Vincent Furlong**, Ballyvelig, anniversary & **Mattie Wallace Snr.** Horeswood, anniversary.

BALLYKELLY

Sunday 11:30am

Patrick Fitzgerald, Camblin, anniversary.

Mass Intentions March 28th & 29th

Horeswood: Saturday March 28th, Mick & Anna Rowe and deceased members of the Rowe & Kennedy Families, anniversaries. Sunday March 29th, Larry Dillon, St. James’s Villas, anniversary. **Ballykelly:** Sunday March 29th The deceased members of the Nolan Family, Ballintestock, anniversaries.



MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

HORESWOOD: No Mass this week
BALLYKELLY: No Mass this week

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THE HOOK OF FAITH

In these days when many people are unable to participate in public Masses, it seems all the more important to utilize modern technology to communicate hope through God’s Word to our people in their homes or places of isolation. With that in view, ‘The Hook Of Faith’ is a platform that has begun to upload the daily readings with a reflection each day until all public Masses in the diocese can resume. There are two formats to choose from. One is the written word of God in the form of the daily readings with a reflection. The other is an audio of all the readings followed by an audio reflection. Sincere thanks to Frs. Jim Cogley and Martin Pender for making this possible. These reflections can be accessed immediately and daily at

www.thehookoffaith.com and are also posted on Facebook -The Hook of Faith

WEEKLY ENVELOPES
HORESWOOD: 15/03/2020 €0.00
BALLYKELLY: 15/03/2020 €150.00
Thank you for your generosity.

READERS FOR MARCH 2020
HORESWOOD
 7pm Richard Devane
 10:30am Rose Breen



BALLYKELLY
 6pm March 21st **Pat Brennan**
 11:30am March 22nd **Tommy Lennon**
 6pm March 28th **Niamh Dempsey**
 11:30am March 29th **Geraldine Molloy**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS HORESWOOD
MARCH 2020

7pm March 21st **Helen Hart**
 10:30am 22nd **Susan Devane & Katriona Dawkins**



7pm March 28th & April 4th **Ann Caulfield**
 10:30am March 29th & April 5th **Ann Roche & Trish Hayes**

SPLIT THE POT
WINNER

Saturday March 14th 2020
 This week our lucky winners were
Dermot Murray- €174.00
 Winners may collect money from the Parish office from Tuesday onwards after the draw has taken place.

REFLECTION
When life knocks you down –bounce back.
 Ludwig Van Beethoven was an accomplished pianist at 10, a professional organist at 11 and had composed and published at 13 and a member of the royal court musical staff at 14. While most boys in his neighbourhood, along the Rhine river, were blond and fair-skinned, Ludwig was a dark haired, swarthy-complexion, pock-marked boy and so endured taunts and name calling. His alcoholic father decided Ludwig would support him, so he made him a slave to the keyboard. Beethoven couldn't recall a single moment of childhood happiness. In his 20's he encountered another more insidious enemy deafness. When he could no longer play publicly he put all his energies into composing. His years of deafness were his most prolific. Nearing his death and recognising that the world had never fully understood or appreciated him and his music, he said with a smile, 'I shall hear in heaven'. When life knocks you down, don't stay down, bounce back. Everyone stumbles or gets knocked off their feet sometimelike now with the Covid- 19. The winners keep getting back up. That is what St Paul meant when he said 'In all these things we are more than conquerors'. If you PRAY and look hard enough, you will find the seed of good in every adversity (Genesis 50:20) Let us have hope as we pray in this unprecedented time. Keep Safe! - *Brought to you by the Diocesan Pastoral Council*

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CORONAVIRUS
COVID – 19

In order to follow and adhere to Government norms I have reluctantly decided to suspend all public Masses with the exception of funerals in Horeswood and Ballykelly with immediate effect. The Obligation to physically attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days (including St Patrick's Day) is suspended until further notice.

BAPTISMS:
 The Irish Bishops' Conference has issued guidelines in relation to the celebration of Baptism which will continue to be followed. Only immediate family should attend the celebration of Baptism. People who might be susceptible to severe reactions to the virus should not attend.

FUNERALS:
 We appreciate that a bereavement is a very sensitive time in the life of any family and that the support of friends and neighbours is an integral part of the grieving and healing process. This has involved the tradition of expressing sympathy by attendance at the funeral rites and making physical contact with the bereaved. In the light of the guidelines received we ask that only immediate family and close friends would attend the funeral liturgy, observing the protocols already mentioned. At such a time as this, a thoughtful card or note expressing sympathy might be effective in expressing our solidarity with the bereaved. I will continue to celebrate Mass privately and pray especially for the sick and those who are worried over the Coronavirus.

While Masses are suspended, the voice of prayer should not be silent.
 The Church will remain open during the day and parishioners are welcome to come in and pray and I know that many will come and want to say a prayer, Mass will be celebrated on South East Radio and celebrated on Webcam in the following parishes
 St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy
 St Michael Parish, Gorey
 St Aidan's Church, Ferns
 Church of the Holy Trinity, Bunclody
 Knock Shrine, Co Mayo

A PRAYER IN THE TIME OF THE CORONA VIRUS
By Fr. Brian Grogan S.J.

Dear God, in 1879 the Apparition at Knock gave hope and courage to the people of Ireland in difficult times.
 We ask that Our Lady may now protect your beloved people from the Corona Virus. May its victims be strengthened by the spiritual support of the Christian community and restored soon to full health.
 We also pray for the medical personnel who deal with the virus.
 This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen.
Our Lady of Knock pray for us.
St. Joseph pray for us.
St. John the Evangelist pray for us. Amen