



What is Spiritual Communion?

Spiritual Communion is a way to be united with Christ when we are not able to physically receive the Eucharist. St Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament, and a loving embrace as though we had received Him." This was a practice very dear to the heart of St Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorist Order. In this time of uncertainty, when we are encouraged to practice "Social Distancing," let's use St Alphonsus' practice to be united in Spirit and in Prayer with one another and with Christ.

How to make a Spiritual Communion:

- Start with the Sign of the Cross.
- Read and reflect on the readings of the day (you can go to <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/readings/>) or follow us livestreamed on www.clonduffparish.com
- This Easter Week Mass times:
 - **10.00am (Monday to Friday) Saturday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 11.00am in St John the Evangelist Church, Ballymaghery**
- Pray an Act of Spiritual Communion, such as this one inspired by St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

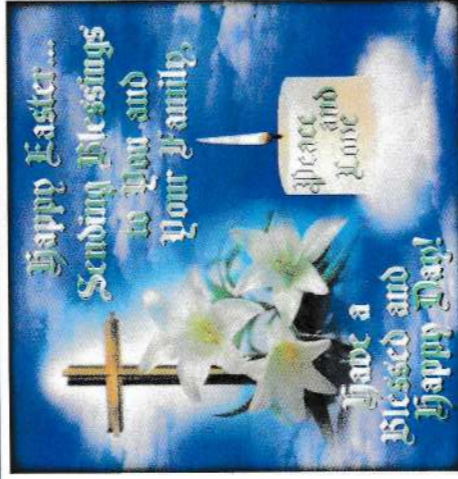
Offer a Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Advice relating to 'Flu and Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Please don't come to church if you have...

- a cough
- difficulty breathing
- a high temperature

Prevention



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PARISH OF CLONDUFF 12th APRIL 2020 EASTER SUNDAY

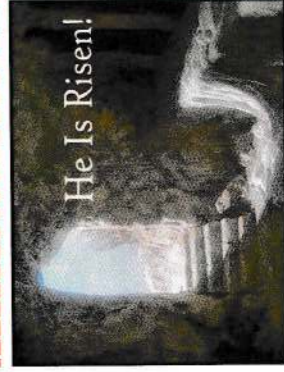
(Sunday Readings Cycle A – Weekday Readings Cycle 2)

Sat 11th Apr 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Holy Saturday: Michael & Mary Crilly, Fegans Gardens; Kathleen Grant, Main Street; Mary Murphy, Castlewella Road/Banbridge; Agnes Murray, Spelga Park; Vincent McDonald, YellowRoad; Stephen & Margaret Fitzpatrick, Fegans Gardens DRUMGATH: Rose & Frank Monaghan & Patrick McNeill, Leode; Bridget & Patrick Mooney, Drumgath
Sun 12th Apr 11.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection: MM Jennifer Grant, Rostrevor Road; Sean McGarry, Bann Lane; Dan Brown, Ballygorean DRUMGATH: Mary Burns, Rathfriland
Mon 13th Apr 10.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Tue 14th Apr 10.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Wed 15th Apr 10.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Thur 16th Apr 10.00am	BALLYMAGHERY:
Sat 18th Apr 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Arthur McConville, Cross Road; Peter Farrell, Yellow Road DRUMGATH: Peter & Christine Hynes, Thomas, Mary & Evan McGlade, Ballydoo
Sun 19th Apr 11.00am BALLYMAGHERY	Second Sunday of Easter. (Divine Mercy Sunday) Patrick, Mary & Aine McPolin, Ballyweely Road

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. for this year has been cancelled

RECENTLY DECEASED – We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Sean Murray, Castlewella Road, Mary McPolin, Ballyweely Road and William McCarron Sleepy Valley, Rathfriland who were interred recently
May they rest in peace

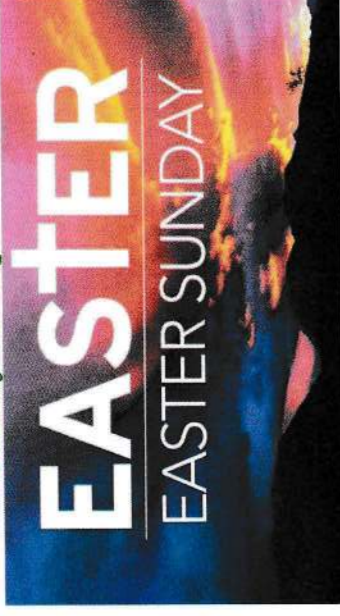
GIFT AID – if there is anyone who has signed a Gift Aid Declaration with the Parish but who has ceased to be a taxpayer during the Tax Year ending 5th April 2020 please let us know.



Easter is not only the greatest Christian feast. **Easter Sunday** symbolizes the fulfilment of our faith as a Christian. Through His death, Christ destroyed our bondage with sin, through His Resurrection, He brought us the promise of New Life, both Heaven on earth. His own prayer "**Thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in Heaven**" begins to be fulfilled on **Easter Sunday**

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Sunday 12th April 2020



Jesus' resurrection fulfils the Scriptures.

John 20: 1-9

This Easter will be different for all of us.

We won't be going to Church, we won't be hiding Easter Eggs, and we won't be having our families over for Dinner.

But what we can do is Thank God we are Safe, that ever though we are apart, we still have each other.

We Thank God for keeping us healthy.

We're all still staying in place but Thank God we have a home!

Easter has NOT been cancelled!

He gave so much so we can live.

Christ is Risen. Amen.



PLEASE NOTE In light of the current situation with the Coronavirus, I will not be visiting the sick and housebound, but if someone wishes to have a visit ring my mobile 07764941606. Thank you for your understanding as we try to keep safe at this difficult time. *Fr Charles Byrne*

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Diocese of Dromore Safeguarding of Children, young people and vulnerable adults: Dromore Designated Person Patricia Carville 07789917741. A copy of the Dromore Diocese "Safeguarding Policy and Procedures" is available for reference in the Parish Rooms.

PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations

Northern Ireland March 28th 2020

As a result of Health Protection Regulations now becoming LAW

the following are obligatory.

We thank you for your co-operation and understanding at this time,

hoping these restrictions will not last too long

CHURCH CLOSED except for Funerals

GRAVEYARD CLOSED for Visitation

ARCHBISHOP EAMON HAS ASKED THAT ALL CHURCH BELLS BE RUNG

TODAY EASTER SUNDAY AT 12 NOON

Please find below updated guidance regarding the Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Funeral Liturgies

For the time being, but subject to daily review, the following guidelines should be followed:

Funeral services within the church building may proceed for now, but physical participation must be limited to immediate family only.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE TO PREVIOUS ADVICE AND ENVISAGES A VERY SMALL GATHERING FOR ANY FUNERAL LITURGY TAKING PLACE INSIDE A CHURCH OR AT THE GRAVESIDE.

Sacrament of Baptism

All Baptism Ceremonies should now be postponed.

Sacrament of Marriage

All Marriage Ceremonies should now be postponed.

Webcam service continues from:

www.mcmedia.tv/camera/ Ballymaghery Chapel or www.clonduffparish.com