



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.catholicshops.ie/readings/>) Mass Leaflets in Church porches at weekends or follow us livestreamed on www.clonduffparish.com **9.00am (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



Clonduff Parish Newsletter

Sunday 5th April 2020



So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"
 And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written,
 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!"
 (In 12:13-15).



The Gospel tells us if we wish to renew our lives the remedy is in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three strands of the Lenten observance are as ancient as Christianity itself. There is no substitute for them.



HOLY WEEK

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PARISH OF CLONDUFF 5TH APRIL 2020 PALM SUNDAY

(Sunday Readings Cycle A – Weekday Readings Cycle 2)

ANNIVERSARIES: BALLYMAGHERY, BALLYGORIAN, CABRA & DRUMGATH PARISH	Cissie & Arthur Fearon, St Patrick's Park; Peter Gilmore, Leitrim; James Gerard Gilmore, Slievenagarragh; Christopher John Mackin, The Ferns
Sun 5th Apr 11.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	DRUMGATH: Stanley McGaw, Drumlough Road; Thomas, Mary & Evan McGlade & Deceased Family members, Ballydoo
Sun 5th Apr 11.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	Peter O'Reilly, Ardmore Drive; Pheilim & Eddie Quinn, Kennedy Drive; Malachy McCartan, Slievenagarragh
Mon 6th Apr 9.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	DRUMGATH: Jim & Betty Maginn, Patsy & Agnes Maginn, Moira Blackburn & Eileen Maginn, Rathfriland
Tue 7th Apr 9.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	BALLYMAGHERY:
Wed 8th Apr 9.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	BALLYMAGHERY:
Thur 9th Apr 7.30pm BALLYMAGHERY:	BALLYMAGHERY: Holy Thursday
Fri 10th Apr 3.00pm 7.30pm BALLYMAGHERY:	BALLYMAGHERY: Good Friday Stations of the Cross The Lords' Passion
Sat 11th Apr 6.00pm BALLYMAGHERY:	Holy Saturday: Michael & Mary Crilly, Fegans Gardens; Kathleen Grant, Main Street; Mary Murphy, Castlewalian Road/Banbridge
Sun 12th Apr 11.00am BALLYMAGHERY:	DRUMGATH: Rose & Frank Monaghan & Patrick McNeill, Leode; Bridget & Patrick Mooney, Drumgath
	Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection: Sean McGarry, Bann Lane; Dan Brown, Ballygorian
	DRUMGATH: Mary Burns, Rathfriland

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. for this year has been cancelled

RECENTLY DECEASED – We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sean Fegan, 33 Bryansford Road who was interred recently
 May he 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.

The Sacred Triduum of Holy Week (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) was a time of holy day obligation all through the Middle Ages. The Christian people, freed from servile work, were all present at the impressive ceremonies of these days. Due to the changed conditions of social life, however, Pope Urban VIII, in 1642, rescinded this obligation. Since then the last three days of Holy Week have been classified as working days, despite the sacred and important character they bear.

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.

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Wednesday 8th April: Due to the present circumstances, the lecture in St Peter's Hall, Lurgan in association with the "Lurgan & North Armagh George Russell Festival Society" is **CANCELLED**. The events planned for May and June are also **cancelled**

Dromore Diocese, Northern Ireland Please find below updated guidance regarding the Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Places of Worship
 Places of worship are to close for services, with the exception of Funerals (following the numbers and social distancing guidance). Places of worship should remain open **STRICTLY FOR SOLITARY PRAYER ONLY** (and/or any other planned or scheduled GATHERING OF PEOPLE for Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Rosary etc.) **may no longer go ahead.**

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