

Newsletter

Fanlobbus Union of Parishes—April 2020 (Online version)

St. Mary's Dunmanway, St. Matthew's Drimoleague, Christ Church Drinagh & St. Edmund's Coolkelure.

Date	5th April	12th April	19th April	26th April
Readings	Palm Sunday Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 118.1-2,19-29; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 21.1-11	Easter day. Jeremiah 31.1-6; Matthew 28.1-10 ; Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24 (White)	Easter 2. Acts 2.14a,22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31 (White)	Easter 3. Acts 2.14a,36-41; Psalm 116.1-4,12-19; 1 Peter 1.17-23; Luke 24.13-35 (White)
Red Book	137	214	221	225
Green Book	96	149	153	156
11am	On-Line Service Service of the Word	On-Line Service Service of the Word	On-Line Service Service of the Word	On-Line Service Service of the Word

For our online services we usually use one (or maybe two) readings. There are children's resources available on our website every week under the resources menu, as well as a copy of the service sheet. <https://fanlobbus.ie/Resources.htm>

ther afield. We will hear a little about how they are getting on. Please take up this opportunity if it comes your way, as it really helps the parish to feel that we are together on Sundays, even though we are apart.

We want to be sure that we have your contact details correct. Every adult in the parish who has a mobile phone should be getting 'Fanlobbus Text updates' once or twice a week. If you are not getting these please text your name to Rev. Cliff.

We will also be starting with emailing out newsletters, etc. If you think we do not have your correct email address, then send an email to Rev. Cliff (rector@fanlobbus.ie).

The On-line services are left up on Facebook to be viewed at anytime after the service, so you can look at them later on Sunday, or even during the week.

If you have any special requests for hymns, comments on the style or some suggestion of what you would like to see included, please email Rev. Cliff with your suggestions.

Instructions for connecting by telephone.

This only works live, when the service (or coffee morning) is happening. You can not phone in to listen to it later.

To join in by telephone, follow the steps below. We will be ready for you to ring in from 15min before the event.

1. Dial the number 01-6533895 (You will be welcomed to Zoom).
2. Enter the code 953 262 069 followed by # key.
3. You will be asked for an ID number, enter # again. (Enter password 543216, if requested)
4. You will be welcomed to the meeting and told how many people are there.
5. Please mute your phone if possible (we can do it if you are not able). For coffee mornings you will be able to speak !!
6. Listen to the service, it will start at 11am.
7. When you are finished, just hang up.

The cost of this service is just the cost of the phone call to Dublin.

All has changed.

All has changed in the last few weeks. All of our regular scheduled parish activities (and the whole community) have been cancelled due to the restrictions put in place to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

Staying in contact.

I have attempted to contact each household by phone, and my apologies if I have not made contact with you yet. On the whole, most of you are well stocked and managing well. I think it is important to stay in contact with each other, within our families, but also making the effort to contact our neighbours and fellow parishioners.

I have been sending out text message update with what is going on in the parish. Apologies for these being quite long ! If you don't want to receive these, please text back with STOP, and I'll take you off the circulation list, and send me a text with your name if you wish to be added.

If you would like to make contact with someone in the parish and do not have their contact details, please text or ring with me, and I can put you in contact with each other (with the consent of the other person).

Worshipping community.

It is very strange not to be meeting in our church buildings for worship on Sundays. It took me a few days to work out what might be possible. We have setup an **On-line**

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Screen shot from Facebook with comments during the first online church service in Fanlobbus.

Church Service which is conducted from the Rectory (where there is an internet connection).

We have the ability to put our services on the internet through Facebook. You do not need to be a Facebook account holder to be able to see our services live, they can be seen by anyone using a smartphone or computer. The services starting on Mother's day (22nd March) are also on our Facebook page for you to view.

See : www.facebook.com/fanlobbus/videos/

In our services we are trying to share the good news of Jesus and keep our sense of community alive during this time of social distancing. Using our mobile phones (and computers) we go to people's homes to say hello, and they participate in the service through the prayers and readings.

We have also gone to Italy to visit Noel Kingston and his family and there will be others from our parish family overseas included in the weeks ahead.

You can also connect by telephone (mobile or landline), and the instructions are on page 4 of this newsletter.

Resources for each Sunday will be on the resources section of our parish website usually by Friday evening every week.
<https://fanlobbus.ie/Resources.htm>

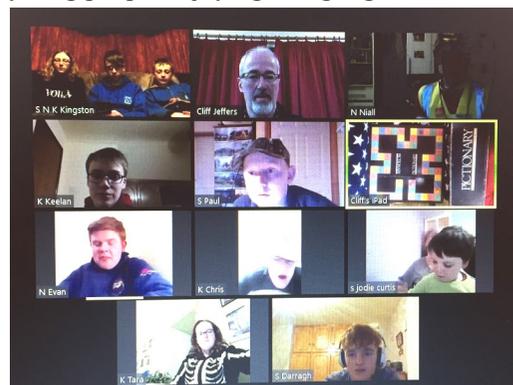
Be assured of my prayers during their times of disruption and uncertainty.

Rev. Cliff.



Rev. Cliff running the first 'Online Service' from the Rectory on the 22nd March.

On Saturday 21st of March **Fanlobbus Youth Group** met on-line and played a game of Pictionary. The board was in the rectory, the dice in Shiplake and the artists were all in their own homes as they played the game together. It was great to see the young people enjoying being together.



Fanlobbus YG playing Pictionary online.

We plan to have a youth group every second weekend (probably on Saturdays) where we will get together to play games and chat online. On the alternate weekend CDYC will host an on-line event for the diocese.

CDYC, our diocesan youth council organised an on-line table quiz on Friday 27th of March. It was organised by Hilda Connolly, our Diocesan Youth Officer, with the help of some of the younger leaders. About 25 people took part, some with the help of their parents and family. They are planning to have further events in the weeks ahead.



Pictionary Board, with an iPad showing everyone where they are in the game..

On Wednesday 1st of April (no joke) our **Cox's Hall Toddler Group** resumed with an on-line meeting. The parents had to supply their own tea / coffee and cake !!

It was not a very big group, but then again our first toddler group only had 4 or 5 people !!

They had an opportunity to chat with each other, and we had our story-time with bible story and songs.

We will meet again next week as we try to build community during this time of disconnection.



Storytime at Toddler Group - Story of Easter.

Over the next few weeks we are going to also try hosting **coffee mornings on-line**. You make your coffee and in front of your computer, smartphone or on the telephone you can chat with others from around the parish.



We will do a trial run first with a small number, and then widen it out to others. The login details will be the same as for church on Sunday morning. (see page 4). A text will be sent to invite you to join in, with a link to click on.

Parish finances

These are testing times for our parish finances as we do not have any services and the bills still have to be paid.

If you use the envelope scheme, please continue to put your contributions aside each week. If you get an opportunity to pass these on to your parish treasurer, please do so.

We will be working on our parish website to include a donation section / button. More about this when we figure it out !!

You can also make contributions via the bank, either once off or a standing order. If you need information, please contact your parish treasurer.

Bank details are as follows. If you make a transfer, be sure to put your name in the narrative to be included for Tax Refund purposes.

Christ Church Drinagh:
 90-60-73 04543085 AIBKIE2D
 IE28 AIBK 9360 7304 5430 85

St. Mary's Church No. 3 Account
 (Dunmanway):
 906073 64852210 AIBKIE2D
 IE25 AIBK 9360 7364 8522 10

St. Edmund's Church (Coolkeure):
 902848 28595990 BOFIE2D
 IE16 BOFI 9028 4828 5959 90

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 902952 28999389 BOFIE2D
 IE02 BOFI 9029 5228 9993 89

Your parish treasurers are:

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For each of our online services we have **parishioners taking part** from their homes, as well as a few guests from fur-