

Newsletter

Fanlobbus and Kinneigh Unions of Parishes - July & August 2020

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

Date	2nd August Trinity 8	9th August Trinity 9	16th August Trinity 10	23rd August Trinity 11	30th August Trinity 12
Readings	Isaiah 55.1-5; Psalm 145.8-9,14-21; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21 (Green)	1 Kings 19.9-18; Psalm 85.8-13; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33 (Green)	Isaiah 56.1,6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11.1-2a,29-32; Matthew 15.(10-20),21-28 (Green)	Isaiah 51.1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20 (Green)	Jeremiah 15.15-21; Psalm 26.1-8; Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28 (Green)
Red Book	324	330	336	342	348
Green Book	224	228	232	236	240
9.45am	Drinagh Holy Communion	Coolkelure Service of the Word	Drinagh Service of the Word	Drimoleague All age worship	United Service 11am Location to be announced nearer the time depending on restrictions.
11am	Dunmanway Service of the Word	Dunmanway Holy Communion	Dunmanway All age worship	Dunmanway All age worship	
12.15pm	Drimoleague Holy Communion	Drimoleague Service of the Word	Drimoleague Service of the Word 12.15pm	Coolkelure Holy Communion	

Instructions for connecting to our Sunday Services 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.
6. Listen to the service, it will start at 11am.
7. When you are finished, just hang up.

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

We are delighted that the churches will be opening again from the 5th of July for worship. Apologies that this newsletter is very detailed but it is necessary to conform to the government guidelines and to keep us all safe and informed.

The church wardens in each parish have received a Covid-19 pack to help them prepare the churches with instructions, signs, etc. As the churches have not been used for 3 months, they will all need a good cleaning before worship resumes.

For the first week (5th July) here will only one service in Fanlobbus Union and one in Kinneigh Union. These will be at 9.30am in Castletown Kinneigh church and at 11am in St. Mary's church in Dunmanway.

All of the churches have been assessed for its maximum capacity as well as a government limit of 50 until the 20th of July.

The first Sunday is a trial to see how we get on and so don't feel obliged to come as we can only accommodate a maximum of 50 people in each church. If you have the option of joining in online, please give priority to those who have not been able to connect using technology for the first Sunday.

We would encourage the churchwardens from each church to attend one of these services to see how best to setup the churches that they are looking after.

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First Online service from St. Mary's Church on Sunday 21st July.

The churchwardens will setup the churches so that social/physical distancing can be observed. Please follow their directions and the signs in the church. It is unlikely that you will be able to sit in your usual place. Please be patient and help the churchwardens and their assistants in their role of keeping you and the other parishioners safe. The following are the main considerations to be followed when returning to church:

- Observe **physical distancing** of 2m between family units in entering, exiting the church, and in your seating location.
- Practice good **hand hygiene** (Hand sanitisers are in the porch).
- If you are **symptomatic**, do not come to church. (A cough, temperature, shortness

of breath or loss of taste / smell).

- **Do not come early or wait around after the service.** Doors will be open 10 minutes before the service starts.
- When queueing for Holy Communion, keep a **distance of 2m** from other people.
- If you need to cough or sneeze, **use a tissue** and use the bin in the porch.



Covid-19 Packs for Fanlobbus and Kinneigh Union Churches and Halls.

We have been **live streaming** the services for the last three months and we will be continuing to do this from the 11am service in Dunmanway.

If you have any concerns about the service being live streamed, please contact Rev. Cliff to discuss the matter.

Fibre broadband was installed in St. Mary's on the 19th of July and we had our first online service from the church building on the 21st July.

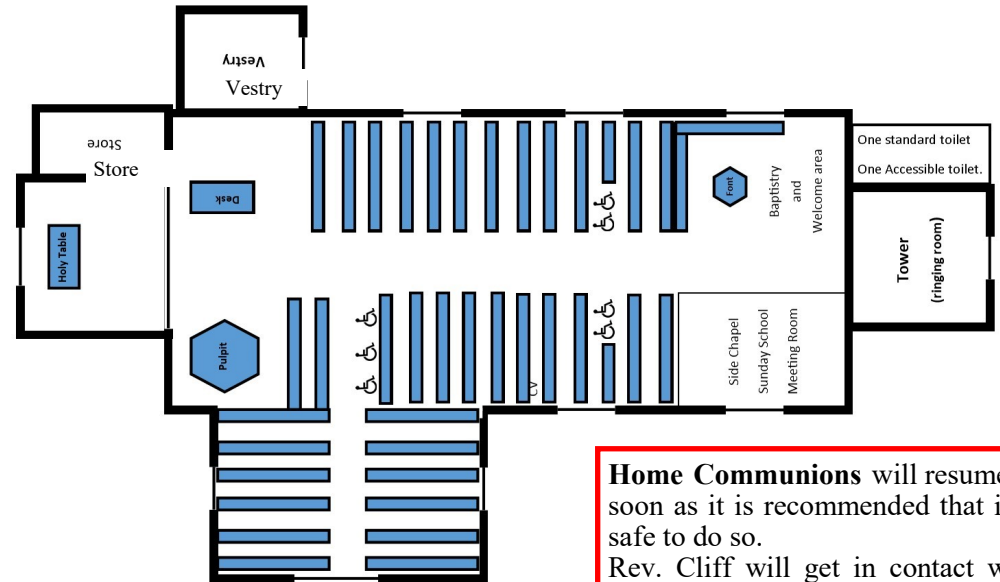
If you are unsure about coming to the church building, you can continue to worship with us on Facebook on 'Fanlobbus' or 'Kinneigh Union' Facebook pages or by dialling into the service (details on page 8).

More detailed things to be aware of before returning to church for worship:

- ⇒ When approaching the church, ensure that you keep **physical distance** from other parishioners and the churchwardens.
- ⇒ The wearing of **face coverings** is recommended if social distancing of 2m can not be maintained.
- ⇒ **Sanitise your hands** using the dispenser in the porch of the church.
- ⇒ Pick up your own **service sheet** as you enter the church. Bring this sheet home with you afterwards.
- ⇒ **Hymn books and Prayer books will not be used.** We will either project the words, or use single use service sheets.

- ⇒ The churchwarden will advise you **where to sit**. Please help them by following their instructions. The church should fill from the front and empty from the back.
- ⇒ The **seats will be marked** as to which are in use and which are to be left free.
- ⇒ There will be **no singing** for a while. We will use recorded music (or organ playing without singing) during our services.
- ⇒ If someone becomes symptomatic when in church, the churchwardens (or delegate) will help them to leave the church safely and ensure the safety of those who are in the church.
- ⇒ We **encourage you not to use the toilets** to assist those who have to clean them, but they are available if needed.
- ⇒ Before and after the service, **please do not gather for a chat inside or outside the church.** We ask for now, just to head away home.
- ⇒ There will be **no tea or coffee** after church for the foreseeable future.
- ⇒ Holy Communion will continue to be distributed **'in one kind'** where you will receive bread only for the foreseeable future.
- ⇒ The **rector will bring the bread** (gluten free) for Holy Communion, in order to reduce the number of people who handle the bread.

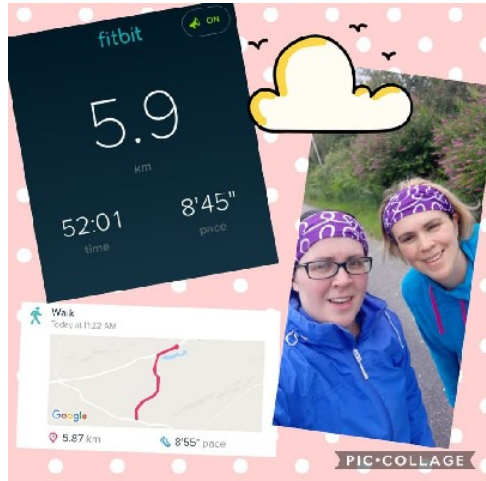
Date	5th July Trinity 4	12th July Trinity 5	19th July Trinity 6	26th July Trinity 7
Readings	Zechariah 9.9-12; Psalm 145.8-14; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19,25-30 (Green)	Isaiah 55.10-13; Psalm 65.(1-8),9-13; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23 (Green)	Isaiah 44.6-8; Psalm 86.11-17; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30,36-43 (Green)	1 Kings 3.5-12; Psalm 119.129-136; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52 (Green)
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New layout for St. Mary's Church in Dunmanway.

Home Communion will resume as soon as it is recommended that it is safe to do so. Rev. Cliff will get in contact with those who usually receive Holy Communion. If you know of anyone who would like to be added to the list, please get in contact with Rev. Cliff.

coll are walking 5k a day for the month of June for CUH Paediatric Cystic Fibrosis. They would love you to support them by making a donation on their iDonate page which is open for donations until July 7th.



The link is https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11385908_joyce--amp--diana-s-page.html or the link can be followed from either of their Facebook pages.

My name is Marion Mensing and I am a counsellor and psychotherapist in Dunmanway offering counselling online via video call—from my home to your home. My standard fee for a session is only €40 because I work from home without having travel and rental expenses. I also offer a compassionate fee of €20 for clients with low income. You can find out more on www.marionmensing.ie or just give me a call: 083 8090294.



We **express our sympathy** to those who have lost loved ones over the last few months. The government restrictions have resulted in those who are bereaved not being able to celebrate their lives and have the traditional rituals that we associate with an Irish funeral. In addition, not being able to have funerals services in our churches has also been an added difficulty in the grieving process.

We would hope to arrange memorial services at a later stage when the restrictions are relaxed.

We remember especially the families of Rebecca Beamish, Edward O'Dwyer (Bernie's father), Sonny Kingston, Lily Salter (Gordon's mother) and Ann McCully (Eunice Jeffers' mother) as they come to terms with the passing of loved ones in recent times.



Paul and Sonny Kingston on their Field Marshall Tractor.

We hope that **Kinneigh Union of Parishes** services can resume their usual schedule from the 12th of July, but it is dependent on the availability of Readers and Clergy.

Any changes to the usual schedule will be sent by text message to the adults in Kinneigh Union.

- ⇒ There will be **no assistants at Holy Communion.**
- ⇒ **Communion will be received standing up**, not kneeling at the communion rail.
- ⇒ We are **considering using wafers** for communion instead of bread as there is less handling. There will be consultation before any change is made.
- ⇒ **The plate / bag will not be passed around during the service.** Collection should be placed on the plate / box at the back of the church on the way in or as you exit the church.
- ⇒ You can alternatively make your contribution through the bank, details from your treasurer.

These seem like a whole load of 'thou shalt nots', but we must keep to the guidelines to ensure that everyone is safe.

Parish news:

A grant of €3,000 was awarded from **SSE Airtricity** towards the setup of Covid-19 safety measures, installation of video equipment and ongoing provision of online services for those who want to worship with us from their homes. This also includes the provision of Covid-19 safety equipment for the Sam Maguire Passport Trail.

Over the last 3 moths we have had a **weekly interview** with someone who lives aboard and has a connection to the parish. We have been to Italy, Spain, UK, Australia, USA, New Zealand, Mexico and Ballineen ! We might continue this for a while, and suggestion of people who would be interesting to interview would be welcome.

We would also like to do a series on '**favourite hymns**'. If you have a favourite

hymn and would like to let Rev. Cliff know why you like it, please get in contact and we will try to include it in one of our services during the summer.

We are very grateful to our **Online Worship Team:** Nathan Kingston, Evan Wilson, Eunice Jeffers, Imelda Kingston, Gavin Beamish and Andy Gibson for being willing to help with the production of the Online services. As we are returning to the churches for worship we are looking for a few more volunteers to be trained up on this system so that we can share the load. It will be combined with using the sound desk in St. Mary's church, and will require a few people to help each week. Some of the helpers will be able to help from home over the internet. Offers of interest to Rev. Cliff.

We are not sure about opening the **Sam Maguire Visitor** Experience this summer. One of the main hurdles is the availability of volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please let us know.

Risk assessments are becoming necessary for many aspects of church buildings and activities. **Frank Heaphy** has offered to do an introduction to conducting a risk assessment in St. Mary's Church at 8pm on Wednesday 1st July. If you are interested in coming along, please text Rev. Cliff to book a place.

St. Mary's Church is getting work done as part of the modifications planned for the church. The floor under the gallery has been repaired, a new screen put up and the font moved to the other side of the church under the gallery to form a 'baptistry'.

Planning permission has been applied for to construct a wheelchair accessible toilet and also to make a room under the gallery on the

north side which can be used for mid-week communion, Sunday School, meetings and exhibitions. The plans have been approved by the Select Vestry, Bishop, Diocesan Property Committee, Diocesan Council and the RCB, and we are awaiting planning permission from Cork County Council.

The restoration of the organ is nearly complete and is being reinstalled in the gallery over the coming weeks.

See page 6 for a drawing of the changes.

Parish activities.

Once we have figured out the opening of our churches for worship, we will turn our attention to parish groups.

No parish group should resume their activities without the approval of the Select Vestry.

A Covid-19 policy for church services has been developed and is on the notice boards. This needs to be followed by groups using our facilities. A risk assessment conducted by each group is also required before any activities resume.

The Model School

What a strange school year this has been! We had to close on 12th March like all other schools. On that last day we had Learn-It-Lego in school and each class had such brilliant fun. We feel so lucky to have had it arranged for that day.

Since then we have been in communication with our pupils online. We prepare a work plan to send each Friday for the following week and then we correspond with pupils and parents who have questions and who send us some of their work, etc. We have also received so many wonderful photos of gardening, baking, art, outdoor fun and adventures, and so much more. However, we all miss our friends and school and are really looking forward to returning. We are un-

sure about many aspects of that return yet but will be relaying any details as they become clearer.

Mrs. Buckley and Rev. Cliff have organised and facilitated two Zoom School Assemblies where all school families and staff were invited to join in. It was simply wonderful to see so many happy faces on our screens. We also had a Model School Zoom Quiz one evening which was great fun.

Our term ended on Wed. 24th and before that we had an end of year Assembly to mark the end of the term and to say a fond farewell to our Sixth Class. They have come to the end of their time in The Model School in such unusual circumstances but we want to remind them of important occasions during their years with us, to acknowledge their contribution to our school over all that time and give them some more memories and mementos to take with them. We wish them well and look forward to having them return to visit at a safer time. We also look forward to hearing about how they will enjoy the beginning of their Secondary School experience. We will be in touch with our new families as well about their joining our school family when we have more concrete plans.

Thank you to all our pupils, parents and staff for their support and excellent cooperation during this current crisis and we wish you all safety and happiness.

It is a tradition in Fanlobbus Union that we



Bibles and handbooks to the bible for pupils leaving Dunmanway Model School this year.

give a **gift of a Bible** (or a handbook to the Bible) to those in 6th class as they leave the Model School. There were 14 pupils who left the school this year, and they left with a gift from the parish when they came to drop off their books at the school at the end of the school year.

This tradition was established in **Kinneigh Union** this year, with 4 Bibles going to those leaving **Ballymoney NS** and 3 to



Nan Hayes - SNA in Ballymoney NS collecting the Bibles for 6th class pupils.

those leaving **Desertserges NS**.

We wish all those who are making the transitions to secondary school well.

St. Mary's Virtual Tractor Run.

On the 4th Sunday in May each year we organise the St. Mary's Vintage Car and Tractor Run from Cox's Hall. It could not be held this year, so we decided to do a virtual tractor run instead. People have been sending in their pictures and video of their tractors over the last month, along with their donations. These have been edited in to a

short video along with video footage from 2012 and photos from 2018. The video was premiered after our Online service on Sunday 28th June and can be found on our parish Facebook page and on YouTube.

If you would like to make a donation please see our Facebook page or contact Dorothy Beamish on 086-1721484.

Online donations can be made on : www.idonate.ie/StMarysTractorRun

In April we setup an **online donations** facility with an Irish company based in Galway called iDonate. People can make donations to the parish over the internet from our website or Facebook pages. We have received donations from parishioners and those who have been watching the services both from the parish and from further afield.

Some of the donations were given specifically towards the costs and provision of the online services and others for the ongoing running costs of the parish.

Cox's Hall floor has become very worn, and splinters are becoming an issue. It has been decided to replace the floor with a modern engineered board. This will take place over the summer. We are grateful to the Bowls club for a significant donation towards the cost of replacing the floor. As there is no income from lettings, bingo or whist drives at present, we would like to invite parish groups who might have funds on hand to make a contribution and also encourage parishioners to make a donation towards getting the floor replaced.

We had applied for a grant from Cork County Council, but unfortunately were not successful.

If you would like to contribute, please get in contact with Hilda Deane or Liz Patterson (Contact details on top of page 1).

Sisters **Diana Beamish and Joyce O'Dris-**