

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The Defibrillator which is located at **Ballindine Tennis Courts** is currently **OUT OF ACTION** due to vandalism. This potentially life-saving equipment is now out of commission until a replacement is sourced and the matter has been reported to An Gardaí.

**Local Link** have repurposed during Covid-19 and as we move from one phase to the next of the Government roadmap for reopening society and business we aim to provide as much support to individuals and community organisations through current services. **To avail of the service contact (094) 9005150, email [mayo@locallink.ie](mailto:mayo@locallink.ie) or text 086 029 3278. Local Link services are funded by the HSE and the NTA.**

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** - ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. **The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

**Message from Garda John Coen for anyone in the Ballindine/Irishtown area, please don't hesitate to contact me, your local Garda in Ballindine. My private number is 087-2731990. Phone me anytime and if you need anything that I can help you with I'd be happy to help. Please look out for one another.**

**Any vulnerable persons requiring support can contact [Mayo CoCo COVID19 Helpline 094-9064660](tel:094-9064660) or email [covidsupport@mayococo.ie](mailto:covidsupport@mayococo.ie) 8am – 8pm**

**Davitts GAA** have partnered with **Centra and Supervalu** for the **#Clubtogether** initiative which aims to support the elderly and vulnerable in our communities, who have no one else to help them with their grocery shopping during the Covid-19 crisis. Club players and volunteers from Davitts GAA are available to deliver groceries to anyone in this group. If anyone is interested or looking for information please contact John Costello 087-9079987 / [secretary.davitts.mayo@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.davitts.mayo@gaa.ie)

**Claremorris Family Resource Centre is currently operating behind closed doors during the Covid-19 situation.** The centre can be contacted on 094-9377838 or 086-0406984. We are maintaining our services under the HSE Guidelines. Currently all our programme activity has been postponed. Anyone needing Food Boxes, Covid-19 Social Welfare Forms, Citizen's Advice please do not hesitate to contact the numbers above. We update our facebook page daily and are here to help in any way we can.

**VICTIM ASSISTANCE** *We are all overwhelmed by the Corona virus outbreak and we hope that you and yours are all safe and healthy. Now more than ever we need to stay calm, be resourceful, and do what we do best: focus on supporting each other. As a national charity that offers "emotional" and "practical" support to all victims of crime and those and their families that have experienced a "traumatic" incident, we want to reassure all concerned that we at Victim Assistance are committed to continuing our services to those that need us. Whilst some of our staff are working remotely, we can be contacted through our **NATIONAL HELPLINE at 1800 277 477**, our office telephone **094 9000251** or by email at [support@victimassistance.ie](mailto:support@victimassistance.ie). Our offices are manned Monday-Friday 9.30am-5.30pm during these difficult times. **Remember – social distancing doesn't mean social isolation – we are here to help and support!***

**Irish Red Cross Claremorris are here to help.** If anyone is in need of a grocery delivery, medication collection and delivery, fuel or essential household items. This is for everyone that needs help, young families or older member of the community. We are here and available contact our Community support Officer, Eileen Connolly on 0872203094 / [eileenconnolly15@gmail.com](mailto:eileenconnolly15@gmail.com). Thank you and stay safe. Local Link Mayo **currently provide** a grocery and essential supplies collect and deliver to the elderly, vulnerable **and cocooning** as well as providing essential travel for shopping and work.

**IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING TODAY, REMEMBER THIS:** You have survived everything you've gone through up to this point. The best day of your life is yet to come. There are still people you haven't met, and things you haven't experienced. **YOU CAN DO THIS.**

## Parish of Kilvine

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[www.ballindineschool.ie](http://www.ballindineschool.ie)

[www.irishtownns.scoilnet.ie](http://www.irishtownns.scoilnet.ie)

16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

### Prayer to Our Lady



Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity. **By Pope Francis**.

*Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.  
Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020 FRANCIS*

#### Cluster Priests

Fr. Gannon 086-2656563

Fr. Quinn 087-2685288

#### Community Alert Text No`s:

087-2452565; 087-1322411

086-8436958; 087-6528213

Claremorris Garda Station 094-9372080

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Mass Cancellations

**“All Masses with congregations in parishes in the Archdiocese of Tuam are cancelled”**

**Churches will remain open as usual so that the faithful can go there to pray.**

### MASSES ARE AVAILABLE ON:

**Kilvine Parish Mass On-Line @ 8pm Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
at kilvineparish.ie or Facebook at Kilvine Parish Community.ie**

**Claremorris Church Monday - Friday @ 9.30am on 106fm**

**Mid West Radio broadcast Mass on Sunday, Wednesday & Friday at 10am**

**R.T.E Now TV: Every Weekday @ 10.30am**

**Ballyhaunis Parish, Tuam Parish, and Castlebar Parish also broadcast Mass via Live Webcam.**

**Masses arranged for Weekends:** As you know many families arrange to have Mass offered for their deceased loved ones at weekends. Sadly, these Masses cannot be celebrated in public in our Churches due to current restrictions regarding Coronavirus. However, Fr. O'Connor will offer Mass privately (*No Congregation*) each day for your deceased as arranged.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May Kilvine Parish Mass on-line @ 8pm**

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup>** Brian Higgins,  
Michael Daly (Skevard),  
Maud Heneghan & deceased of family,  
Bridget & Matt Kenny,  
Catherine & William O'Connor.

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** Kathleen Corless (Month's Mind),  
Nora & John Dolan.

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>** People of the Parish.

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>** Private Intention

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Kilvine Parish Mass on-line @ 8pm**

Please remember to pray for your loved ones on the day the Mass is offered and if possible make a visit to one of our churches in their memory.

**Death:** Please pray for Martin Keadin, Shanballymore, Garrafrauns, brother of the late Patrick, Fallagherin. **May he Rest in Peace, Amen.**

### Anniversaries:

Anyone wishing to have their deceased loved ones remembered in the Parish Newsletter please forward your list with names and dates and they will be included annually in the newsletter.

**John Guinan, Kitty Skehan, Peter Mitchell, Mary McTigue, Jack Pillard, Martin Concannon, Tim Byrne, Ellen Cosgrove, Mary Sheridan, Billy Dunne.**

**Sick Calls: The priest will respond as normal to any emergency call.**

### Prayers during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Prayer is very important at this critical time in our community life, so please offer your own prayer and that of your family for our wellbeing. To help you might use the Prayer card `Prayers for My Family` recently distributed in the parish, along with a **Prayer Sheet** specially prepared. If you are following Mass on Radio / T.V and therefore cannot receive Communion you may make an act of Spiritual Communion at Communion time. There is an appropriate prayer `Act of Spiritual Communion` in the Prayer Sheet.

**Copies of the Prayer Card & Prayer Sheet are available in our Churches.**

### Laudato Si' (Pope Francis encyclical 2015- On Care for our Common Home)

Considered both a powerful and controversial document, in *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis urges people to work in solidarity to reduce the impact of climate change, which he claims is partly due to human activity. He denounces the destruction of the earth's natural resources by the rich and powerful (both economically and politically) as 'sinful' and states that developed nations are morally obligated to assist developing nations in combating the climate-change crisis.

Speaking recently about Covid-19, Pope Francis placed the pandemic in the broader context he had addressed in his encyclical: ***'Today I believe we have to slow down our rate of production and consumption (Laudato Si', 191) and to learn to understand and contemplate the natural world. We need to reconnect with our real surroundings. This is the opportunity for conversion.'***

### TRÓCAIRE BOXES / DONATIONS

**Your Trócaire donations can be handed into Ballindine or Irishtown Churches next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May between 11am and 1pm. There will be someone there to take care of donations.**

Covid-19 is racing around the planet, but especially in the poorest countries where resources are so sparse it has spread from five to thirty African countries in only a week.

Donations are urgently needed to aid these very vulnerable people and Trócaire is there to help.

*“What we do today, tomorrow, the next day, is what's going to matter. Nobody is safe until we are all safe.” Dr. Mike Ryan (World Health Organisation) calls for global solidarity to fight COVID-19*

### **A wish for Light**

**When the World seems Dark**

May you have kindness,  
where there is sorrow  
Compassion, where there is pain  
Hope, when things seem hopeless  
Courage, to try again

*May you be brave against the uncertain.*

*Closer, to those you hold dear.*

*May you be strong in times of trouble  
And may love be yours to conquer fear.*

**Be strong. Keep Safe.**

**You are not alone.**

**Thank you for helping, and thank you for being the heart of Trócaire.**

### Kilvine Parish Weekly & Monthly Envelopes/Contributions

**Sincere thanks to those who dropped in their contribution to the Parochial House and Presbytery. It is much appreciated.**

**There have been some enquiries with regard to the collection of Envelopes and Contributions for our Parish. You may drop them through the letter box in the Parochial House, Ballindine or Presbytery, Irishtown. Should you wish to pay on-line the A/C is Kilvine Parish, Sort Code 903760, A/C 75748363 (iban IE51BOFI90376075748363). Many thanks and God Bless.**