

PRIEST ON DUTY: FR. MARK BENNETT C.C. 071-9620118
MASSES FOR SATURDAY 14th & SUNDAY 15th AUGUST

ST.MARY'S Sat Vigil 8pm: Brian O'Boyle (Anniv)

9am: Tom & Winnie Reilly & deceased members of the Reilly family

10.30am: Noel Mulhern (Anniv)

12 noon: Declan Haughey, Alison & Michael Gately (Anniv)

MASSES FROM MONDAY 16th to SATURDAY 21st AUGUST

ST.MARY'S: Monday 8pm: Benny Gilhooly

Tuesday 10am:

Wednesday 10am:

Thursday 10am:

Friday 8pm: Laurie Phillips & her daughter Pamela (Anniv)

Saturday 10am:

LEITRIM Tuesday 8pm: Paul O'Connor (Anniv)

GOWEL Friday 7pm: Michael & Kathleen Mulvey (Anniv)

MASSES FOR SATURDAY 21st & SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST

Sat Vigil 8-pm:

9am: William Flynn & Birthday Remembrance for his son Ciarán

10.30am: Larry Gill & Paddy Boyle (Anniv)

12 noon: P.J & Maura Moran & their daughter Elaine Keogh & their granddaughter Roisin Ann & deceased members of the Moran & McPartland families.

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP FRANCIS
RE: CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

I am acutely aware that young people and families have been looking forward for some time to the Sacramental celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Some parishioners have understandably expressed their disappointment with the ongoing postponement. This is especially the case because our church buildings have been consistently maintained as safe places throughout the coronavirus pandemic, and this high standard is a result of your dedicated and ongoing hard work, and that of your parish committees.

Over the last few months we have had an impressive uptake in vaccines. This is particularly timely as schools prepare to reopen in a few weeks. To preserve the benefit of our collective sacrifices to date, I believe that it is important to continue to follow official public health advice in relation to gatherings in the face of the continuing pandemic. I am, therefore, asking all of our parishes to observe the current guidelines and to wait until the appropriate time to hold these ceremonies.

Hopefully, as the vaccination programme advances, the time will come very soon, to celebrate these important and joyful Sacramental occasions.

Prayer of Pope Francis to Mary during the Covid Pandemic.

O Mary,

You always shine on our path

as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you,

Health of all who are sick,

who at the Cross took part in Jesus' pain,

keeping your faith firm and steadfast.

You, Salvation of all who pray to you,

know what we need, and we are sure

that you will provide so that,

as in Cana of Galilee,

we may return to joy and to feasting

after this difficult time of trial for all people.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform to the will of the Father

and to do as we are told by Jesus,

who has taken upon himself our sufferings

and carried our sorrows to lead us,

through the Cross,

to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

PARISH NOTICES

WEDDING: Congratulations to Emer Guckian & Kieran Clancy, who were married in Gowel recently.

DEATHS: We pray for the repose of the souls of the following who died recently. Michael Costello (formerly of Aughameeney, who died in Luton, England) and Mary O'Brien (Drumlummon) whose funeral took place in St.Mary's during the week. May they rest in the peace of Christ.