



ST. CONLETH'S PARISH NEWBRIDGE

Sunday Newsletter

Week beginning Sunday, 25th October 2020 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

Parish Mass Times

St. Conleth's Parish Church

Saturday: 9.30am & 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8.30am, 11am, 12.30pm & 7pm.

Weekdays: Monday - Thursday: 9.30am

Friday: 9.30am & 7:30pm

Holy Days: Masses as on Sunday,

except no 12.30pm Mass

Confessions (available after every weekday Mass)

Saturday: 10am-11am & after 6pm Mass

First Friday: 9am - 9.20am

Parish Church Sacristy: (045)432808

Cill Mhuire

Saturday: 7pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am & 12:30pm
(Polish)

Weekdays: Monday - Friday: 10am

Holy Days: 7pm (Vigil) & 10.30am

Confessions (None during Mass):

Saturday: after 7pm Mass

First Friday: 9.30am - 9.50am

Cill Mhuire Sacristy: 045 432286

Dominican Church

Saturday: 8am, 10am & 8pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9.30am, 10.30am, 12noon
& 5.30pm

Weekdays: Monday-Friday 7.30am,
10am & 6pm (Evening Prayer at 5.45pm)

Holy Days: 7.30am, 10am, 12noon
& 5.30pm.

Confessions (None during Mass):

Saturday: 9.30am - 10am, 10.30am -
12noon and 7.30pm - 8pm.

First Friday: 9.30am - 10am,
5.30pm - 6pm

(No confessions during Mass)

Parish Services

ACCORD Newbridge

COVID19 COUPLES & RELATIONSHIPS SUPPORT LINE:

If you need to speak to an experienced couples & relationships counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life contact:

Tel: 01 5313331 **Web:** www.accord.ie

Useful Websites, Emails & Helpful n Numbers

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

iCatholic Player Website:

www.icatholic.ie

HOPE (D) Counselling Service:

2 Henry St, Newbridge.

Phone: 087 151 3535

Samaritans: jo@samaritans.org

24 hour confidential line free to call
116 123.

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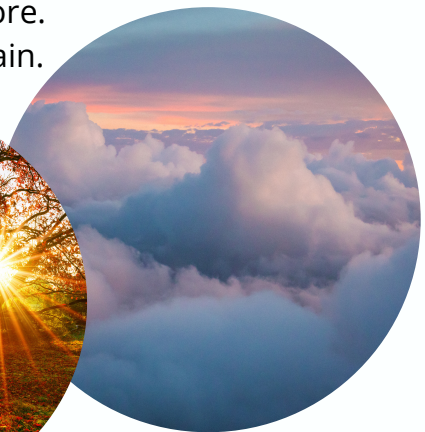
Locked Down Psalm

Sadness as a mantle covered me this morning
Birds were singing, the sun was shining, the sky was blue,
My heart, though, was heavy.
Locked down in my room, enclosed in my thoughts, fearful in my heart:
for me, for them, for those afar and for those just nearby,
and for the loved face I see only on my phone.

Grief as a cloud came on me this morning.
Working – I could not.
Playing – I didn't want to.
Making a phone call – I dreaded a lot.
Watching the news – I was fed up.
Crying – I could and my heart wanted to.
I gave myself leave to cry alone,
to let a quiet river of tears wash my sadness away.
I cried before You, who sees, who knows, who understands.
I cried and said your name: 'Jesus', 'My God', 'My Saviour'.
I cried and I listened in the silence to the echo of my tears in your Heart.

You came into my sadness and You comforted me.
You came under my cloud and You cried with me.
You visited my heart and I was alone no more.
You touched my soul and I let hope rise again.

By: Father Xavier
Quarr Abbey





CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

LEVEL 5

During these challenging times of the COVID 19 Pandemic, we are continuing to serve our parishioners in every way possible. As we move to Level 5 of the Plan for Living with Covid 19, we take this opportunity to remind you of our Mass and Prayer schedule via our webcam.

- Masses: Monday – Friday 9.30am, Saturday 9.30am & 6pm Vigil, Sunday 11am.
- The Rosary is recited Monday to Friday evenings at 6pm.
- Eucharistic Holy Hour each Thursday evening 8pm – 9pm.
- Both our churches remain open during the day for private prayer; St. Conleth's 10am – 6pm and Cill Mhuire 10am – 4pm.
- The Adoration Chapel remains open 10am – 10pm.
- The Parish Centre will be closed to the public for the duration of the Level 5 restrictions. Mass cards and religious goods including Christmas items can be ordered by phone at 045 431121 or email: akennedy@newbridgeparish.net They will be posted out or can be collected from the centre between 10am and 2pm. We ask all visitors to the Parish Centre to please wear a face covering, sanitise their hands and observe 2 metres physical distancing when collecting items.
- The Parish Office will also be closed but Anniversary Masses can be booked by phone at 045 431394 or by email at parishoffice@newbridgeparish.net

There is a priest on call 24/7 and he can be contacted on 087 2554908

Tribute to Gerry King 2020

Mr Gerry King, principal of Scoil Mhuire Senior since September 1996, is now retiring after 24 years of extraordinary leadership in the school. He had previously been principal of Scoil Bhríde, Nurney and a teacher in St Brigid's Primary School in Kildare but his 24 years in Scoil Mhuire have been something very special.



The exceptional standard of teaching and learning in Scoil Mhuire is testament to the countless hours of hard work he has put in and the quality of his vision for the school. The co-operation, camaraderie and pursuit of excellence in Scoil Mhuire is evidenced in every facet of the school's extensive and varied curricular and extra-curricular programmes. Under Mr King's stewardship new and innovative approaches to teaching and learning were regularly examined and piloted. There was always a clear focus on high aspirations and improving outcomes for all pupils.

Mr King has actively pursued the integration of ICT into the teaching, learning and assessment practices in Scoil Mhuire. He invested in Interactive Whiteboards for all classrooms, top spec laptops for all teachers and iPads for the children to work with and develop their creative thinking and problem solving skills. Long before it was popular a Scratch Coding Initiative was rolled out by Mr King that has proved hugely successful. Teachers were encouraged to up skill and develop their own digital literacy and continuous professional development for teachers in ICT was actively promoted. An excellent ICT infrastructure now exists within Scoil Mhuire. The development of pupils' digital literacy and ensuring they were well equipped to navigate the challenges of 21st Century living was a priority for Mr King.

The footprint of Scoil Mhuire has changed dramatically under the direction of Mr King. The building which was deemed to be modern in 1975 was beginning to show its age by 1996 and Mr. King was the man to bring it into the 21st century. He donned his hard hat and steel toe capped boots and set to work. He has overseen the upgrade and total refurbishment of all the classrooms, the addition of an extension consisting of three large classrooms and resource rooms and the removal of mounds of earth to extend playground space at the back of the school. He reconfigured the front of the school, adding a principal's office, a secretary's office, resource rooms and bathrooms. A long overdue front entrance was created. However, the jewel in the crown has to be the construction of an Autistic Spectrum Disorder Unit. Dealing with architects, engineers and builders while juggling the demands of a large school is no mean feat but Mr. King never wavered. Having completed the unit he decided that an all-weather running track measuring 480m was essential for the well-being of all the children. This he swiftly completed in 2019 to the delight of the children who now engage in a daily mile challenge, whatever the weather.

Over the last twenty four years schools and the education system have seen many changes. Mr King has fostered a positive school ethos and learning environment whereby all pupils, including those with special educational needs, feel welcome and experience a sense of community and belonging. He was committed at all times to developing pupils, academically, socially and emotionally. The education of children in Scoil Mhuire has always been a team effort between parents and the school with Mr King at the helm.

He actively sought to develop that relationship and was active on the Parents' Council for many years as well as a frequent visitor to the Parents' Room. Mr King also piloted the very first Student Voice Initiative in Scoil Mhuire. He placed a strong emphasis on promoting pupils' participation and active engagement in their learning and in the life of the school.

History has shown that many great leaders have emerged from adversity and this pandemic has certainly brought out the best of Mr King's management skills. Leading with humanity and putting children, families and staff first, we have all felt safe in his care. Mr King provided direction, guidance and reassurance at all times in navigating this pandemic. He thought clearly and made sound decisions. He was calm in the eye of the storm.

Ní bheidh a leithéad ann arís.

- Clíona Galvin & Máire Springate



Notices

Share Food

We thank all our donors for enabling us to give food parcels to 120 families and individuals on a weekly basis. We continue to provide those food parcels during the pandemic and we appreciate your ongoing generosity especially now. Tinned food and all kinds of dry, in-date food is welcome. Food donations are accepted in the three churches of the parish and designated points in Dunnes, Tesco and SuperValu.

November List of the Dead

The November list of the dead (Purple Envelope) may be put through the letter box on the Parish Centre front door or dropped into the Parochial House. These names will be placed on the altar and remembered for the month of November.

Junior Infant Applications for Enrolment 2021

Applications for Enrolment for St. Conleth's Infant School, Naas Road, Scoil Na Naomh Uilig, Ricardstown, Scoil Mhuire Junior, Ballymany and Scoil Bhríde, Athgarvan may be made between November 1st and November 23rd 2020.

Applications will also be accepted after this date.

Application forms may be downloaded from the Parish Website or from the individual schools' websites and emailed to the Parish office/schools of choice.

Notices

Zoom Family Rosary

In this month of October the 'Zoom Family Rosary' is an online meeting place where families from Ireland and other parts of the world can pray the Rosary together, using mobile phones, tablets, laptops and desktop computers. Download the Zoom app and sign up for free. Once you are signed up click on the link: <http://bit.ly/ZoomFamilyRosary> which will bring you to a web page where you can register. Once registered, you will receive a return email with a clickable link to 'Join'. This link will bring you to the 'Zoom Family Rosary'. Use this link each Saturday to join in the online Rosary.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage 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 seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Bank Holiday Mass Time Change

Monday October 26th is a Bank Holiday. Mass will be celebrated via the parish webcam at **9.30am** instead of 11am.



Parish Updates

Ministers of the Word Sunday, 1st November

Parish Church

6.00pm: Claire Joyce

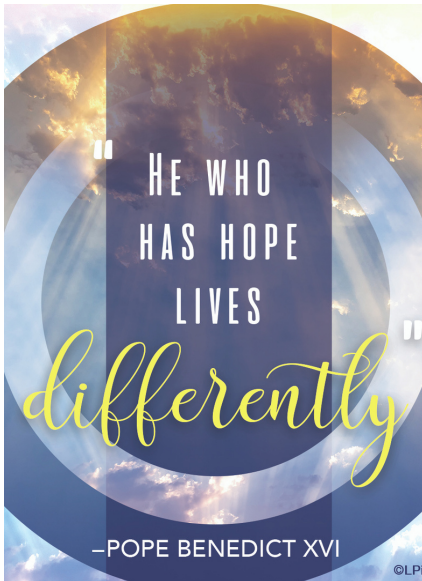
11.00am: Stuart Conaty

Saints Of The Week

Tues 27th Oct: St Otteran

Wed 28th Oct: Ss Simon & Jude

Thurs 29th Oct: St Colman



Parish Finances

Many thanks to our parishioners who continue to donate via standing order, online donation or dropping in envelopes during this time.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Recently Deceased

Renee Cummins (Née Murtagh) –
Main Street, Newbridge & formerly
of Naas.

Slawomir (Slavic) Semrau – College
Farm, Newbridge & formerly
Chelmno, Poland

Fr. Seamus Collins O.P. - Dominican
Community, Newbridge.

Joan McEvoy, Ballysax House,
The Curragh

*We express our deepest sympathy to their
families. May they rest in peace.*

Newbridge Parish Lotto

Wednesday 21st October 2020

07, 15, 17, 21

No €20,000 Jackpot Winner

31 Match 3s win €33 each

Next weeks Jackpot - €20,000

"If you're not in you can't win!"

Due to the Covid 19 public health
advice, Newbridge Parish Lotto, part
of the Kildare & Leighlin Co-op, will
finish this week, 21st October until
further notice. Many thanks for your
continued support & patience.

**Many thanks to all who support
the Lotto and special thanks to all
our promoters.**