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Ringling the Church Bell – A parishioner stated he was reeling from the cancellation of public weekend Masses, “I never thought I’d see the day”, he said. Some have never missed Mass before, last Sunday and St. Patrick’s Day did not seem the same. But let’s try to do the best we can regardless of the restrictions caused by the virus. Fr. Chester and Monsignor Connolly continue to say Mass (privately) for the needs of the people of the parish. This Sunday and for as long as the shut-down continues the church bells of St. Tierney’s and St. Mary’s will ring at 10.00a.m calling members of the parish community to pray and reflect for 5 or 10 minutes in their home in the absence of the celebration of Mass, to pray in solidarity. A scheme of prayer is offered below.

The churches are open for everyone who wishes to enter, pray and/or light a candle.

Here are some suggestions for filling the void left by the absence of weekend Masses:

Mass on TV:

Weekdays at 10.30a.m: RTE News Now (Saorview channel 21, Freeview (try 800’s), Sky 521) beginning on Thursday 19th March.

Sunday Worship: RTE 1 at 11.00 (*It’s not always Mass, it can be a service of another denomination*).

Masses on Radio:

Sundays 10.00a.m & 11.00a.m on Radio Maria – Saorview Channel 21, Try Freeview 800’s (possibly 828)

Monday to Saturday at 10.00a.m on Radio Maria

Sundays at 10.00a.m on Northern Sound

Masses On-line:

www.churchservices.tv/sacredheartclones - Saturday 7.30pm

www.churchservices.tv/lisnaskea - Sundays at 11.00a.m.

www.churchservices.tv/newtownbutler - Sundays at 11.30a.m. & weekdays at 10.00a.m

See the Diocesan Website - www.clogherdiocese.ie for list of Masses available.

Mass Intentions: For those who have booked intentions around this time the priests of the parish will remember them privately in their daily Mass but if you wish to reschedule these intentions please contact the Parish Office.

A lifeline - *The Roslea Shamrocks GFC* wish to be of assistance to anyone who cannot leave their home to buy goods in Roslea. Contact Noel/Buster Boyle at 07793093012 or any member of the club for assistance.

Éire Óg Na Mullaí GFC ask members to keep an eye out for any older people or medically compromised neighbour who may need any help at this challenging time.

PRAYER IN THE HOME - 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Opening Prayer: O God, who through your Word, reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant we pray that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten towards the solemn celebration of Easter. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Act of Sorrow: O my God, I thank you for loving me, I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not to sin again.

A reading from the Gospel according to St. John:

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, ‘Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam (a name that means ‘sent’). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one'. Others said, 'No, he only looks like him'. The man himself said, 'I am the man'.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see'. Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath'. Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you'. The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said: 'It is for judgment that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind'.

Let us pray:

- Your Son, Jesus, went everywhere doing good for everyone; help us to be considerate to the most vulnerable.
- For all mothers on Mother's Day; that they may be honoured and those deceased remembered with affection.
- For all those whose celebration of the sacraments have been deferred on account of the virus; Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage. The disappointment is great but so too is the resilience to hold off the celebration until the threat of virus has totally disappeared.
- For all those laid off from work on account of the virus. May the State do all it can to alleviate their fears.
- For the sick and those whose health is most vulnerable. May they feel the Lord is near.
- For the deceased, those whose anniversary is at this time and for the recently deceased: Joe Reihill, Templetate, Anne Toal (nee McCluskey), Middletown & formerly Stonebridge. May their names be written in the Book of Life.

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be

A thought from Bro. Richard, Radio London.

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality, to how big we really are, to how little control we really have, to what really matters, to love.

Yes there is fear but there does not need to be hate.

Yes there is isolation but there does not have to be loneliness.

Yes there is panic buying but there does not have to be meanness.

Yes there is sickness but there does not have to be disease of the soul.

Yes there is even death but there can always be a rebirth of love.

May we wake up to the choices you can now make to live now. Spring is coming!

Closing Prayer: O God, who enlightens everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

Eucharistic Adoration: St. Tierney's Church on Friday 9am – 6pm. For health and safety exposition will take place in the Chapel. Eucharistic Adoration will resume in St. Mary's Church when decoration is complete.