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Parish Office – The Ascension of the Lord —May, 24th 2020.

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Pope Francis reminds us that May is the Month of Our Lady and that in these days when most people are confined to their homes, the sharing of the Rosary within our families would be highly recommended. Teaching our younger people how to share each decade and uniting the family in prayer will certainly bless each family in these difficult times.

A <u>Pastoral Letter</u> from Bishop Duffy of Clogher Diocese will be read at all Masses next Sunday - Pentecost Sunday. The letter will also be included on the Parish Website, Facebook Page and Parish Newsletter.

Recent Decision by Bishop Duffy in relation to funerals. Families may choose from the following three possibilities.

Burial of deceased as soon as necessary after death. Funeral Mass to take place on a later occasion.

Retention of deceased at home / Funeral Mass on Parish Webcam / Burial after Mass.

Deceased brought to the Church for Funeral Mass with a maximum of **TEN** family members present / **NO** family liturgical activity / Burial after Mass.

In these days, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism and Wedding ceremonies have also been cancelled and cause all of us great disappointment. We await Government decisions in relation to group gatherings before the Diocese can make any future plans. Such activities will certainly have a different nature for some time to come, to ensure the safety of those involved.

Because it is very difficult to anticipate the future, it has been decided to cancel the 2020 **Public Blessing of Graves / Cemeteries.** The Parish Priest will privately bless the cemeteries during a Summer week which will be announced, so that local families may visit and pray for their deceased during that week.

The August 15th. Blessing by Bishop Duffy of the Rosary Chapel Stained Glass Windows in Bundoran has also been cancelled as it is too close to the official opening of Churches in late July and the circumstances which will be associated with such activity will not easily be anticipated.

In relation to the intended collection of **Parish History**, two Parishioners recently contacted the Parish Office about photographs they discovered when having time to clean rooms and attics. If you have come across any historical information or photographs relating to the Church and Parish, please contact the Parish office to inform and help us.

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Parish of Magh Éne (Bundoran and St. Joseph's Ballyshannon).

Daily and Sunday Mass on Parish Webcam. Website magheneparish.ie

Sunday – Mass at 11am. Des, John & Elizabeth Kelly (Benbulben View, Bundoran). Pauric Burns (East Rock, Ballyshannon), Michael McGrath (Bundoran Rd. Ballyshannon). Jackie & Dec Mbs McDermott Family (Station Rd. Ballyshannon) & Gertie Cassidy (Clontibret).

Monday – Mass at 10am / Adoration until 12pm.

Tuesday – Mass at 10am / Adoration until 12pm.

Wednesday – Mass at 10am. PJ, Lottie, Marie & Dec Mbs Johnston Family (Church Road) / Adoration until 12pm.

Thursday – Mass at 10am /Adoration until 12pm.

Friday – Mass at 10am / Adoration until 12pm.

Saturday – Mass at 10am. William & Margaret Power (Doran Park).

Sunday: Mass at 11am. Michael Breslin.

We remember all who have died recently: May they Rest in Peace.



Manus Kelly (Drumacrin Avenue), Mary Keenan (Rock Road), Richard Page (Dinglei Coush). Philomena Spratt (Bundoran & New York), Aideen Crowe (Ballyshannon).

Please Note: The Church is NOT open during the time of Mass or Adoration.

Parish Financial Income has greatly lessened – Can YOU help in any way?

It is greatly appreciated if Bundoran Parish Envelopes / Donations could be placed in the box near the altar or into the letter-box of the Parish Office at Bundoran. Rock Envelopes or Donations may be placed into the same box, the Rock Sacristy or Rock Priest's House. Many Thanks.

Trocaire Envelopes may be left in either of the above areas.

All cheques etc. should be made out to either Bundoran Parish or St. Joseph's Church. Such items made out to the Parish Priest on behalf of the Parish are **NOT** legitimate from the banking point of view.