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Parish Office – Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2nd May 2021.

Parish of Magh Éne (Bundoran & St. Joseph's Ballyshannon). Daily and Sunday Mass on Parish Webcam.

Website: www.maghene parish.ie Facebook: Magh Ene Parish All weekend Mass Intentions at Sunday 11am Mass.

Office Opening Times: 9.30am - 12.30pm. Monday to Friday.

Re-Opening of Our Churches: We hope that in the early weeks of May, our Churches will reopen for Mass etc., allowing only certain numbers to attend in a manner which continues to protect everyone from the Coronavirus. We intend to again arrange with the seating teams the ways in which the interior of the Church will be arranged. Our local difficulty is facilitating both local people and our summer visitors because it is difficult to explain in a public manner the Church arrangements.

Churches will reopen for Mass on May 10th with fifty (50) being allowed to attend on each occasion. Those who will attend must wear masks, sanitize their hands as they enter the Church and remain distanced from each other when seated unless they are a family.

The Government will decide when First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies will take place later in the Summer. Numbers for Weddings, Funerals and other Church Services have been increased to fifty (50).

Future Parish Committees: Due to the lessening number of Diocesan Clergy and the increase of organizational pressure on today and tomorrow's clergy, it is highly recommended that as many Parish Committees as possible would learn to operate in an independent manner after having educated themselves in relation to the reasons by which their existence is necessary. Attempting to initiate this

process, we hope to continue to educate both Collection Counting Committees in such ways, as they once again begin their activity in the month of May. Other Committees / Groups will be requested to act in a similar manner. To allow the local Priest to concentrate on sacramental activity and similar requests, future lay activity must help if Parish administration is to be successful. As the Summer months arrive and public safety measures begin to have an effect on people meeting, the Parish will attempt to have the various committees gathering to control and organize their activities. The future success of Parish life will completely depend on such kindness, generosity and contribution in various ways by Parishioners.

Newsletter /Parish Bulletins: Because we have not used A3 size pages for the past year and it would be too expensive to buy and prepare them for the rest of this year, an A4 page will be used for the remainder of this year. On one side, the traditional scriptural readings will be available, while local Parish information will be organized and presented in the best way possible on the second side. Many Parishioners are no longer taking the Church copy of the newsletter because they have become used to reading it on the Parish Facebook and Website pages. We need to assess the future use of such pages.

We have had many requests in relation to Baptisms: Many children have passed the usual age of baptism due to the problem of Covid and the inability of more than six to attend the liturgy has been a difficulty for families. We hope to facilitate families in the best way possible during the coming months. Where and when possible, the Parish Priest will try to arrange such baptisms at any times suitable to both the Priest and Family.

Cemetery Blessings: Due to unknown future legislation concerning public meetings, the June Bundoran/Finner Cemetery Blessings cannot be planned, at this time.

Family History Requests: The Priest and Parish Office have recently been frequently asked to investigate, gather and present family history to those seeking such information. The Parish Office would not have time to do so and would only be allowed to provide sacramental information. Dates of birth and verification of parenthood are not sacramental and should be obtained from civil registration areas. Written mistakes in such areas are possible and would have resulted from incorrect information given to the Parish at that time. The sacramental information is quite simple and verifiable. Only immediate family members are allowed to obtain such information due to the right of privacy. It should also be remembered that Parishes were not obliged to retain information relating to deaths and places of burial. Since these were not sacramental activity, families should have retained such personal information.

Monaghan Charismatic Prayer Group: Annual novena to our Lady 1ST to 9th May 2021. Join them Live each evening via webcam from St Joseph Church Monaghan Rosary/ Divine Mercy chaplet 7.30pm followed by Mass at 8pm website: www.monaghan-rackwallace.ie

Please Note: Both Parish Churches will be open on Monday - Saturday for private prayer only from 11.30am to 5pm and on Sunday from 12noon to 5pm. Attendance at Mass is not allowed.

While Churches are Closed, Online Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Monday to Friday from 10.30am to 11.30am, except where a funeral takes place.

In line with Level 5 Government Guidelines, Our Office is closed to the public. However you can still contact us by telephone: 0719841290 Monday to Friday from 10am till 12noon.

May the Lord protect, guide and help us in the week to come.

Parish of Magh Éne

Sunday 2nd May: – online Mass at 11am.

Alan Kane (Portnason, Ballyshannon)
M.M.

Seán O'Connell (Apartotel).

Monday – Mass online at 10am.

Gerry Roarty (Donabate, Dublin & Church Road).

Tuesday – Mass online at 10am.

Sean Munster (Drogheda).

Wednesday – Mass online at 10am.

Special Intentions.

Thursday – Mass online at 10am.

Richard Page (Dingli Cough).

Friday – Mass online at 10am.

Frank, Helen & Ita O'Gorman (East End).

Saturday – Mass online at 10am.

Private Intentions.

Sunday 9th May: – online Mass at 11am.

Colm Campbell (Drumacrin).

We remember all who have died recently:

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Bridie Tarbuck

(Duncarbery Cottage, Tullaghan)