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Parish Office – Fourth Sunday of Easter — 25th April 2021.

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

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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.

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.

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.

Parish of Magh Éne
(Bundoran and St. Joseph's Ballyshannon).
Daily and Sunday Mass on Parish Webcam, Website:
www.magheneparish.ie

All weekend Mass Intentions at Sunday 11am Mass.

Sunday 25th April: – online Mass at 11am.

Seamus Brennan (Main Street), Charlie Maguire (Rathglass),
Francis McGowan (West Port, Ballyshannon).

Monday – Mass online at 10am. Seamus O'Reilly (Church Road).

Tuesday – No Mass or Adoration.

Wednesday – Mass online at 10am. Joe Boyd (Manchester) M.M.

Thursday – Mass online at 10am. Josephine Kelly (Drumacrin Ave).

Friday – Mass online at 10am. Special Intentions.

Saturday – Mass online at 10am. Jim Kelly (Irvinestown).

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

Alan Kane (Portnason, Ballyshannon) M.M.

We remember all who have died recently:

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Eugene Maguire (Omagh), brother of Mary Carty (West End).

James Connolly (Mountain View, West End).

Catherine McNamee (Glenfinn), sister of Mary Conlon (Bundoran Road, Ballyshannon)

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

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.

Podcast: "A recording of our weekly Sunday mass is available as a podcast - just search for MassCast wherever you get your podcasts".

Grass Beginning to Grow: Our "Tus" operatives are still unavailable at this time so any "volunteer" work in St. Ninnidh's Cemetery or the Church Grounds would be very helpful.