



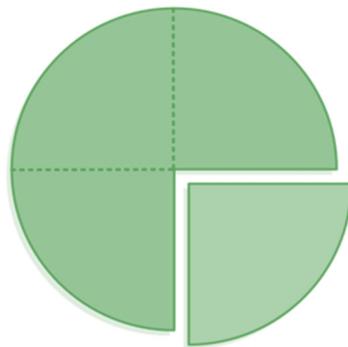
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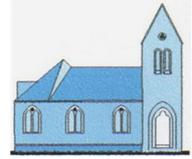


NEWSLETTER



To Love and Serve the Lord

CHURCH SERVICES



PLEASE NOTE: At the time of publication, all services in the Church have been postponed owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, recorded services are available on our website at www.kotg.ie/services.

SUNDAYS (AVAILABLE ONLINE)

8.30 a.m.

Holy Communion
(Every Sunday)

10.30 a.m.

Service of the Word
(1st & 2nd Sunday)

'All In' Service
(3rd Sunday)

Holy Communion
(4th Sunday)

Holy Communion or Service of the Word
(5th Sunday)

Evenings

Details on page 4

Sunday Evening Prayer

(During Eastertide)

OTHER

- ♦ **Daily Devotionals:** Available online daily
- ♦ **Tuesday Evening Prayer:** 7- 8 p.m. In lieu of our usual Prayer Meetings. Please pray in your homes at this time, enabling us to pray together while staying apart.
- ♦ **Special Service Booklets** distributed via mail by Bert Van Embden. Please see page 4.

RECTOR'S LETTER

APRIL—JUNE 2020



John 20:19-20 The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

These words that Jesus spoke probably have more meaning, if not bring about questions for us in this time we all are facing in the midst of COVID-19. In this season of Easter we often visit the upper room again and again, and read of the disciples hiding away out of fear, or waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. How relevant does all this feel to us now? I have been so encouraged as to how we as a nation and as a Church have risen to the challenge that we are now facing.

Many of you know of my love of the mythical Superheroes that have so often been written about in comics, graphic novels, film and tv screens. Superheroes are no longer deemed to be mythical by the media. We read about them everyday or see and hear them on the news as those who are on the frontline, desiring peace, protection and healing from this virus. We are all called to be those heroes! We as a Church have been called to be heroes, not in a made-up mythical sense, but in the reality of Christ.

Many churches have gone online to continue services, devotionals, Bible readings etc., but what has me encouraged is hear the stories of people being church as we have always been called to be. Talking, sharing, looking out for the needs of those around, praying, petitioning and waiting on God. In this time of Isolation, what is Holy Spirit revealing to you? What is God's song for your heart and mind right now? Write it down, meditate on it, understand it, because when we walk from this wilderness we are in, that song will make a difference in you and those around you.

Blessings,

Alan

The Parish's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Here at Kill O'The Grange we want to make sure that we don't stop being a community during this difficult time. It is in times like these that we need to look out for each other and take care of each other.

On our website, www.kotg.ie, we have created a COVID-19 Response Section, where you can find:

- Our services filmed and posted online;
- Letters from our Rector on what we are doing to take care of each other;
- Links to other services of prayer and encouragement; and
- Information on Youth and Children's action.

We would also like to remind you that if you need assistance in any way, the Church also has a team of people who are willing and ready to help. We could bring groceries to your home, collect medicines or even help you with some work in the garden! Please do contact us at office@kotg.ie or rector@kotg.ie.

PLEASE NOTE!

While the COVID-19 pandemic remains with us:

- Monthly services in nursing homes, organized by Bert Van Embden, are suspended until further notice.
- Special services, e.g. Evening Service, have been prepared by Bert Van Embden, and can be distributed in booklet form. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact the Parish Office at office@kotg.ie or leave a voicemail on the Parish Office phone which is checked on an *ad hoc* basis during the current restrictions.



As you may know, Crosslinks is an international mission society working principally within the worldwide Anglican Communion. If you would like to keep up to date with the work of Crosslinks, please visit their website at www.crosslinks.org.

They recently published a number of 'good news stories' in these challenging times, which can be found at <https://www.crosslinks.org/people-and-places/europe/blog/2020/04/is-there-any-good-news/>

Archbishop of Dublin's Visit:



At our 10.30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 5th January, we were very pleased to welcome as Celebrant and preacher the Most Reverend Dr. Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland and Metropolitan. He took as the text of his sermon John 1: 17 and 18.

Parish Secretary:

Pat Feenan, our Parish Secretary, has retired from the post with effect from 31st January 2020.

Pat has been our Parish Secretary since 17th April 2012, for most of the time as joint secretary with Kate Patterson. During that long period he has been a very welcoming and helpful figure to all who call at the Parish Office, and he will be greatly missed.

New Church Administrators:

We are delighted to announce that, as from Sunday 8th March, our new Church Administrators are Jane Winning (Monday to Wednesday) and Caroline Plascott (Wednesday and Thursday.)

We congratulate Jane and Caroline on their appointment, and wish them every blessing.

Please note: During COVID-19 restrictions, the Parish Office team continues to work remotely, and are available by e-mail at office@kotg.ie. Outside of the restriction period, it is hoped that the Office will re-open from Monday to Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



**Caroline (left) and Jane
11th March 2020**

[Photo: James Darling]

Poppy Appeal 2020

A total of €491.80 was raised during the recent Poppy Appeal at Kill O'The Grange Church. Well done and many thanks to all who helped achieve this generous donation. All funds collected in ROI are used for ex-servicemen and women, and their families. There are approximately 500 WW2 veterans, 40,000 other veterans and their dependents in the Republic.

A very special thanks to Rosemary Knight for all her hard work leading the Poppy Appeal here in Kill O'The Grange Church over the past 50 years. Thank also to Sandra Faulkner for helping to keep on this worthy cause.





BAPTISM:

26th January 2020

Lottie O'Kennedy, daughter of Stewart and Clare O'Kennedy

We are very pleased to welcome Lottie into the Christian family.

FUNERALS:

5th February 2020

Karen Harris, née Fitzell
(Died 1st February 2020.)

We extend our deepest sympathies to Karen's husband Russell, their children Lucy, Isaac, Matthew and Eli, and to all her family and friends.

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Gerard (Gerry) Lynch
(Died 26th March 2020.)

Our deepest sympathies go to Gerry's wife Sheila, children David, Cathy, Kieron and Alison, grandchildren Caoimhe and Eabha, and friends.

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Oonah Boyd, née Stokes
(Died 31st March 2020.)

We extend our deepest sympathies to Oonah's daughter Fiona Stokes, and to her family and friends.

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Muriel Elizabeth Hinds, née Steele
(Died 20th April 2020.)

We extend our deepest sympathies to Muriel's children Stephen and Catherine, and to her family and friends.

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Alan T. Jeffers
(Died 7th May 2020, aged 81.)

We extend our deepest sympathies to Alan's daughters Dianne and Dee, and to his family and friends.

* Private funerals for family only, owing to present circumstances.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2020



From Monday to Thursday of Holy Week, two recorded devotionals were released on our website www.kotg.ie each day for morning and evening reflection.

Our Easter online services included:

- **Maundy Thursday:** Holy Communion Service
- **Good Friday:** Daily Devotional and Evening Reflection
- **Easter Sunday:** Holy Communion Service, Family Service and also a collaborative 'Churches Together - Easter Sunday Service' with Dún Laoghaire Methodist Church, Dún Laoghaire Evangelical Church, Dún Laoghaire Presbyterian Church and Crinken Church.

A PRAYER WRITTEN BY ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL JACKSON IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

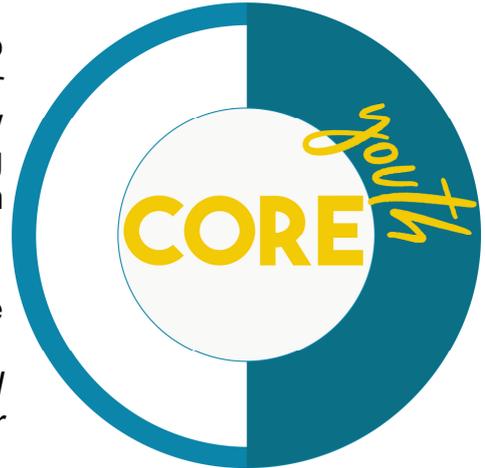
Almighty and All-loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from the
Coronavirus COVID-19
in Ireland and across the world.
We pray too for all who reach out to all those who mourn the loss of each
and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.
Give wisdom to policymakers,
skill to researchers,
comfort to everyone in distress
and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
who showed compassion to the outcast,
acceptance to the rejected
and love to those to whom no love was shown.
Amen.

The past few weeks have been an interesting time here at KOTG Youth. When everything kicked in we quickly moved to an online version of our youth group. We keep things fun and simple with a few table quizzes and weekly challenges.

We have also been taking the time to go through the book of Philippians and will later move on in the Bible. This is a chance to grow and challenge ourselves, while seeking encouragement and the joy that Christ can give.

Please pray for us as we continue to navigate this time and take care of each other.

*Jonathan Byford
Youth Pastor*



Presentation to Alan Jeffers

It was fitting that on Sunday 8th March the Rector made a presentation to Alan Jeffers, who recently retired from his role as parish organist, and paid tribute to him for his many years of service, enhancing worship with beautiful music.

Sadly Alan died peacefully at home on 7th May. He will be greatly missed.



[Photo: James Darling]



Children and Family

MESSY CHURCH

Life currently is certainly teaching us all a bit about being able to adapt to new circumstances. We, on the Messy Church team, faced this dilemma over the Easter period. We were due to host Messy Church on Good Friday, and decided to do just that, although slightly (okay, maybe more than slightly) tweaking the plan. We decided to facilitate some family activities over WhatsApp, to great success. We posted up demonstrational videos delivering a how to guide on building an Easter garden, making prayer stones, thoughts for a prayer walk and to end it an Easter Poem. Attendees shared photos of the fantastic fun that was had as well as photos of the completed Easter gardens and prayer stones. None of this success would have been possible without the hard work and thought that was put in by Sonya Fromholz and Hilda Shepherd, so a big thank you to them! We hope you are all keeping well, and we look forward to the next Messy Church.

Messy Church Team

*Seb Dungan
Children's and Family Worker*



SAFEGUARDING TRUST

Please note that all children and teens must have fully completed a consent form in order to attend their respective group. Kill O' The Grange fully complies with the Church of Ireland's **Safeguarding Trust Policy** for the protection of children and young people under 18 in our care. Details are available upon request.



The Parish Newsletter and the impact of the Coronavirus COVID-19

As you will appreciate, it has been a challenge to give up-to-date information arising from the major upheaval to all church services and activities since the coronavirus made itself known across Planet Earth.

A statistic: At 36 pages, this is the biggest Newsletter I've produced since the first one I edited in September 2004. I do hope you'll find it interesting and encouraging.

The situation is changing rapidly, and the need to keep this publication up-to-date is effectively impossible. We have tried to give you the latest information at the time of publication, but as this issue covers a three month period, we have no idea what things will be like by the end of June.

Please see also the important announcement about the next issue, on page 32.

Please see the Rector's latest letter on page 11. On page 7 you'll find the Archbishop's special prayer which you might like to use during the crisis. On the final page are community support initiatives on Coronavirus COVID-19.

Do please keep in contact, either through ringing the Parish Office or by visiting the parish website: www.kotg.ie

Above all, keep the situation in prayer, asking the Lord for guidance and praying that in His good time He will bring us through the crisis, as through Moses He brought the Children of Israel out of Egypt. Our God is a faithful God.

Keep safe and well! Wishing you all the Lord's blessings,

James Darling

South America Calling!



**Stephen and Cathy
8th March 2020**

[Photo: James Darling]



At the 10.30 a.m. service on Sunday 8th March we were delighted to welcome as our guest preacher the Rev. **Stephen McElhinney**, Director of Mission, South American Mission Society (SAMS.) He spoke on the work of the Society, and linked his talk to the reading from John 3: 1-17.

Stephen was our Curate from 2005 to 2008. It was good that his wife Cathy was with him, so we could renew our friendship with them both.

PARISH UPDATE FROM THE RECTOR

28th April 2020

John 20:19-20 The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Dear Friends,

I hope that this finds you well and safe. As we continue to journey through this time together, please know that many are praying for you and it is in that thought I write this to you.

For those of you who watched our service on Sunday 26th April, Dave Shepherd mentioned the idea and action of prayer during this time. Many of you have been listening to our daily devotionals up on our website and also connecting in with the Lectio 365 prayer app (where you can find the link on our website www.kotg.ie).

As you know, prayer is an integral part of our church family life. We want to encourage as many of you as possible to pray during this time. I am very aware that for some people going out for a walk is not possible due to the cocooning that has been put in place by the Government. Please know that as you pray in however is possible you are all also being prayed for.

Here are some ideas that you could put into practice...

- The Lectio 365 is a good help to bring focus in your prayers.
- Every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. (when we would normally meet for prayer), take a walk and pray for your homes, neighbours and our church community.
- Read and pray through the daily devotionals that you can get on our website
- Listen to what God is saying and share it with one another.
- Be creative in your prayers, draw, write, sing, communicate with God how you have been created to do.

The Archbishop joined us on Sunday 3rd May for our Virtual Service. Do continue to keep connected with each other and help and receive help in who you are and what you do.

Blessings,

Alan

Please note:

Previous Rector's Letters may be found on the parish website www.kotg.ie. Select COVID-19 RESPONSE at the top right hand corner of the home page, and click on 'Rector's Letters.'

Community Support Initiatives on Coronavirus COVID-19 are given on page 36.

COVID-19 Good news contributions

We sent out an appeal for good news stories arising from the current pandemic, and delayed publication of this Newsletter in anticipation. As a result we've received three poems, which we are delighted to print. Please have a look at Bert Van Embden's thoughts on Easter 2020 (page 30) which includes some good news items.

Isn't Easter and the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus the best news ever!

Thoughts at Easter 2020

This Good Friday as we suffer the loss
Of Christ the Saviour as he died on the
Cross,
At Calvary no nurse, ICU, PPE
Just vinegar alone as he died on the Tree.

Our Church remains shut with no
congregation,
But will return again after self-isolation.
And for Communion the altar will once
more be spread,
With the candles, the Chalice, the Wine and
the Bread.

If we trust in the Lord then we can live in
some hope
And figure out somehow a new way to
cope.
And believe together in what we can share
A hymn and a psalm and the power of a
prayer.

One of the rules from which we mustn't
depart
Is the social distance of two metres apart;
So think of the joy – not asking too much,
Of a hug once again and the touch of a
touch.

So as we emerge from our lonely cocoon
To blink in the sun and smile again at the
moon;
Returning at last to some normal routine
And bidding farewell to Covid-19.

John Riseley.

Anonymous Positives of the Lockdown

One family member cooked less,
One family member cooked more,
Three family members learned to cook.

All meals were family time,
Nowhere else to be or rush to,
No end time for chats and debates,
Discussions were let continue to a
natural length,
Some chats would last days.

The people next door became
neighbours,
Neighbours were recognised as
neighbourly,
Food to eat, seeds to plant, unwanted
household items,
All shared up and down the street.

Phone calls and online chats were the
norm,
Relationships by text was reduced,
Game times were more regular,
More chances of regaining the mantle of
champion.

Self-discipline was learnt throughout,
School and Work from afar,
Exercises pushed through every day,
Pick up that Bible or book, sing that
song at full breath.

Anonymously written,
Hopefully unanimously felt,
When read.

Inspirational poem, by Amber Logue

Do you ever wonder where you would be,
If you had tried harder,
To a certain degree,

Do you ever think about what you have done,
Should you have taken the other path,
And whether you chose the right one,

Do you ever dream about life as a whole,
As it twists and it turns,
And you wished you had control,

Do you ever ask yourself,
What you should have done,
To make everything right with everyone,

Do you ever consider,
That you made some mistakes,
But you can fix them if you give it a break,

Do you ever question,
The people who love you,
Try not to let your thoughts change your view,

Do you ever search for a memory hidden deep,
One you fondly remember,
But didn't quite keep,

Do you ever wish upon a star,
And hope that it's heard,
And hope it's travelled far,

Do you ever pray,
That maybe one day,
You will reach great heights and be on your way,

Well remember this;
Don't worry, don't fret
You'll be fine, you're all set,

The world is waiting so off you go,
Have fun, my friend,
you have everything you need to know.

*Amber is the 12 year old granddaughter of Andrew and Angela Logue.
Congratulations, Amber, on your beautiful poem!*



CHURCH OF IRELAND GENERAL SYNOD 2020



Please note that this meeting of the General Synod has now been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Church of Ireland General Synod 2020 was to take place in the Croke Park Meetings and Events Centre, Dublin from 7th–9th May 2020.

The Honorary Secretaries and the Standing Committee are considering a possible rescheduling of the General Synod to take place later in 2020, and will be guided by the latest advice from public health authorities, with the safety of Synod members as their priority.

We hope you will take the time to visit each section of our website [*See below*] to find out more about the ongoing work and mission of the Church of Ireland as reflected in the General Synod meeting.

You can view reports, news items and photographs to give you a flavour of the life of the annual meetings of Synod. This will allow those who are not able to be with us in Dublin, and visitors from the wider world, to feel part of our work.

There will be an audio broadcast during Synod. The hashtag #coigs will be used for Facebook and Twitter as well as other social media outlets.

Adapted from the General Synod website:

<https://synod.ireland.anglican.org/2020/welcome>

CHURCH REVIEW AND CHURCH OF IRELAND GAZETTE

Owing to distribution difficulties arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, the April and May 2020 issues of these publications will be available for free downloading:

Church Review: from the website of the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough at <https://dublin.anglican.org/news/church-review/about-church-review>

Church of Ireland Gazette: from the website of the Church of Ireland Gazette at <https://gazette.ireland.anglican.org/>

If you have any difficulty in accessing either magazine, please contact the Parish Office.

General Vestry—POSTPONED

As with all other churches on the island of Ireland, our General Vestry has had to be postponed to a later date, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. It had been scheduled for 7.45 p.m. on 23rd April 2020

The General Vestry, also known as the Easter Vestry, is the Parish's A.G.M. All registered Vestry people are entitled to attend and to vote. This year we elect a new Select Vestry, Churchwardens and Glebewardens for the coming year.

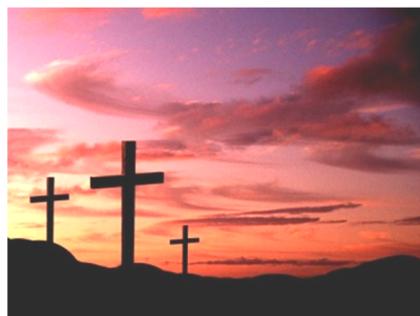
There will also be elections for Diocesan Synod representatives and Parochial Nominators to serve for three years. Do please come along if you can, and consider prayerfully whether you might be willing to be proposed for election. However, there's no compulsion!

Please note:

- A copy of the Parish's **Annual Report for 2019**, to be presented at the Easter Vestry, will be available on or before the meeting.
- For the record, the current Select Vestry members were elected or appointed at the Easter Vestry on 2nd May 2019 for 12 months. They are:

John Riseley (Rector's Churchwarden), Aideen LaCombre (People's Churchwarden), Bruce Johnson (Rector's Glebewarden), Mark Faulkner (People's Glebewarden), Dave Clarke, Olive Combe, Alice Hearnden, Alan Hunt, Mark Groves, Sheila Lynch, Ruth Mann, Tim Roulston (Hon. Treasurer), David Shepherd, Norman Smyth, Keith Syms (Hon. Secretary), Marcus West.

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Every hand that we don't shake
must become a phone call
that we place.
Every embrace that we avoid
must become a verbal expression
of warmth and concern.
Every inch and every foot
that we physically place between
ourselves and another
must become a thought as to how
we might be of help to that
other, should the need arise.

Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky

*"Therefore encourage one another, and build one another up,
just as you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5: 11 (ESV)*



NEW ARCHBISHOP OF ARMAGH

The Right Reverend John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, has been elected by the House of Bishops as the new Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan. He succeeds Archbishop Richard Clarke who retired on 2nd February this year.

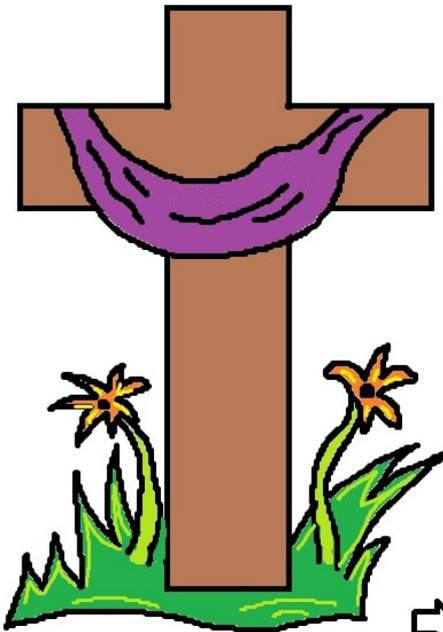
We congratulate the Archbishop-elect, and wish him the Lord's help and guidance as he prepares to take up this responsible task.



KIDS' PAGE

It's Easter!

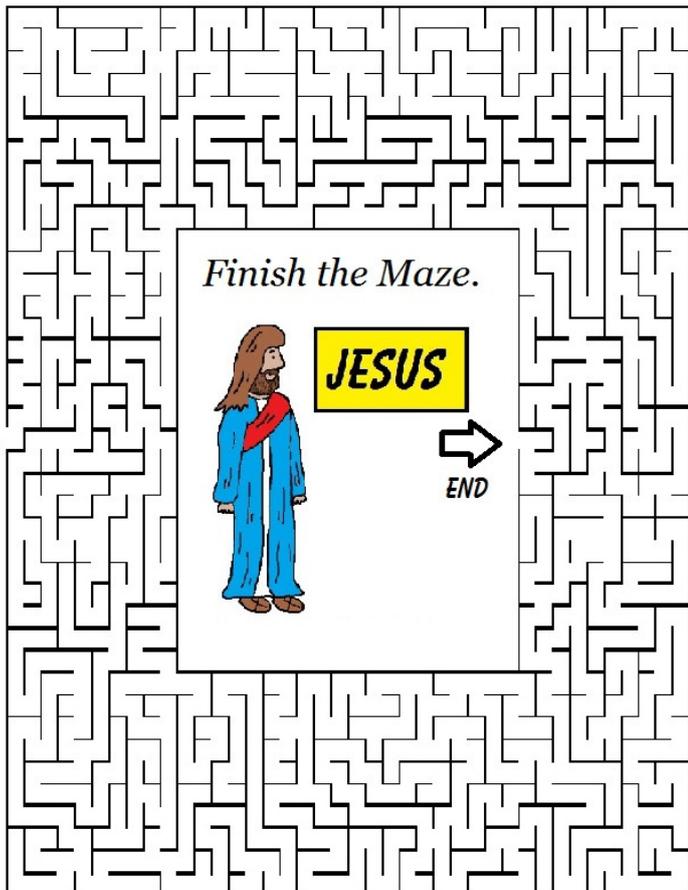
We remember that Jesus died for our sins and rose again to be with us always!



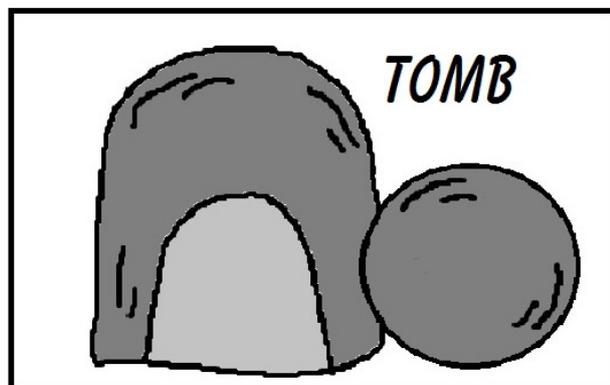
JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS



JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY



**(Luke 24:7)-
Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.**





Parish Prayer Diary 2020

1st—4th April

We pray for our beautiful planet, now affected across the continents by the COVID-19 pandemic. Lord, guide us in all we do in helping to reduce the spread of the virus, and where we can to help our fellow human beings in need. Give wisdom to medical staff in all areas: we thank You for the wonderful work they do in combating this illness. Comfort all those who have been bereaved as a result of this infection.

5th—11th April

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday on Sunday 5th when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. We give thanks for His great sacrifice on the cross for our redemption.

12th—18th April

Sunday 12th is Easter Day. We give thanks for the Risen Lord – Hallelujah! He is risen from the dead. Give thanks for His resurrection and all it means to us as Christians.

19th—25th April

The Easter Vestry, to have taken place this week, has been postponed owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a triennial year so there are elections for Nominators and Synods representatives as well. We give thanks for all those who have served in the various positions for the past year/three years and we give You thanks for those who will allow their names to go forward this year. When it can be safely held, we pray for wisdom that those who are elected to the various offices may serve the Lord as He wills.

26th—30th April, 1st—2nd May

We remember O Lord this week all who work in the Office. It can be the hub of the parish and we lift up all those who work their especially our new Church Administrators, Jane Winning and Caroline Plascott. We pray that you will bless them in their new role and be with them as they go about their daily duties.

3rd—9th May

Pray for the General Synod of the Church of Ireland and its members: it was to have met in Croke Park Conference Centre in Dublin from Thursday to Saturday this week. (Now postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.) Pray for the representatives from this parish: Blair Halliday, Peter Rooke, David and Mary Williams. Pray also for John McDowell, the new Archbishop of Armagh, as he enters his term of office as Primate.

10th—16th May

This week remember Bert Van Embden as he serves the parish as our Lay Pastoral Worker and as a Lay Reader. We pray also for our other Lay Readers, Blair Halliday, Derek Singleton and David Williams.

The rota of prayers for Parishioners is on page 20.

Parish Prayer Diary 2020



17th—23rd May

A Prayer for Ascension Day which falls on Thursday 21st May:
Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord, Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

24th—30th May

We pray for all who are ill at this time or are in need of prayer. We pray especially for those in nursing homes or hospitals in our parish boundaries. We pray as well for those who are on our yellow Notice Sheet and for those known to us. O Lord, we lift up all those we have prayed for and ask You to send Your Holy Spirit down upon them, that they may be healed. This we ask in Your name. Amen.

31st May, 1st—6th June

Come, Holy Spirit! Set our hearts on fire with love for God and for His people. Let Your wind propel us out of our comfort zones and into the war zones of anguish, injustice, despair, and unbelief. There, let Your tongues of fire kindle our tongues to speak words of truth and power, life and love, challenge and forgiveness. Amen

7th—13th June

Heavenly Father, we pray for students who are finishing their school year and have faced new challenges of learning remotely and working hard, along with their teachers who have so impressively mastered new technologies to enable their pupils to learn at home. We pray also for parents who have had to cope with this new situation.

14th—20th June

Remember in your prayers those who are experiencing financial hardship through the COVID-19 pandemic. We hold up to the Lord those suffering from the virus, those who have been bereaved and those struggling with the loneliness of isolation.

21st—27th June

Sunday 21st is Father's Day – We remember all fathers today on this their special day. We give You thanks for their care and joy in our upbringing and we ask You to look down upon them this day and bless them in Jesus' name. Amen.

28th—30th June

We hope and pray that, at this time of year, we can rejoice in the beauty of nature with the hope that we will gradually and safely return to normal life activities over the coming months.

Many thanks to **Peter Rooke**, who has written this Prayer Diary.
We have had to modify some of the prayers he originally supplied to take account of the recent massive changes across the world.

Prayer Diary

April to June 2020

Pray for:

Graham Dungan, and Zara; Emma Dungan; Sebastian Dungan; Andy Ebner and Ciara Nic Gearáilt, Heidi and Roisín; Arnold and Miriam Edge; Gladys Ellaway; Joy Elliott; Miguel and Rachel Faro; Harry Faro; Sam and Ann Farrar; Laura Farrar; Mark Farrar; Brendan and Stella Farrell, and Lucy; Stanley and Sandra Faulkner; Mark and Diane Faulkner, Martha Beth, Leah and Poppy Rose.

Michael and Trudy Fearon; Cara Fearon; Justin and Catriona Feddis, and Lily; Maeve Feddis; Pat and Sandy Feenan; Keith Feenan; Andrew Finney, and Lydia; Grainne Fitzgerald; Ciarán FitzPatrick, Andrew Fogarty; Emma Fogarty; Robert and Sonya Fromholz, Mia, Benjamin and Mollie; Houghton and Heather Fry; Mark and Denise Fry, James, Charlie and Blake; Niall and Diane Funge and Oisín; Cian Funge; Eoghan Funge; Brian Gageby.

Neville and Cora Galloway; Michael and Rosemary Gibbons; Mark Gibbons; Samuel Gibbons; Paddy and Nichola Gibbons, Noah and Harley; Bob and Maureen Gilbert; Ruth Gilmartin; Florence Gilmore; Mark and Naomi Good and Sena; Owen and Anita Goodbody; Ferran and Jean Glenfield; Michael Glenfield; Richard Glenfield; Esther Glenfield; Angel Graham; Mark and Clare Grant; George Grey; Ruth Griffin; Douglas and Ruth Groves; Mark and Helen Groves, Emily, Kirsten and Anna; Russell and Tracy Hadley, Courtney and Daniella; Blair Halliday.

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PRAYERS FOR OUR PARTNERS IN SOUTH SUDAN

Let us surround Bishop Hilary with our prayers that

- ◆ His health and safety remain good and also Mama Joyce who has been ill again.
- ◆ That he may find ways of supporting his flock in Yei, while he is frustrated in lockdown in Uganda.
- ◆ That he and refugees may find some food as it is expensive and rationed.
- ◆ That they may be protected from COVID-19 in spite of lack of facilities.

We pray also for Rev. Cosmas Gwagwe as he remains in lockdown in the Theological college in Uganda with his daughter, while his wife is in the camp. Also short of food.

Yei Vocational Training College

We pray for the members of staff recently employed who have been let go with no financial backup.

We pray that courses can recommence when all is safe.

We pray for the peace of God to transcend all fear, hunger and pain as they, and we, trust and hope in the Lord of Life.

Heather Jackson

A Thought for Holy Week and Eastertide

**Guilty, helpless, lost were we:
blameless Lamb of God was He,
sacrificed to set us free:
Alleluia! What a Saviour!**



Phillip Bliss (1838-1876)



Olaaka family selfie!

FROM GILL AND CARLOS OLAAKA IN UGANDA

April 2019

Dear KOTG family,

We trust you and your loved ones are doing well. On March 6th I started writing an update for our KOTG family, which I completed soon after and sent to James for inclusion in the quarterly Newsletter. As I am sitting here on 7th April, it is really stunning how much has changed in a month. Though in the first newsletter, I mentioned ‘corona virus’ as something of some concern, I remember it was still a fairly localised issue, in China, and most of my news was a simple update about life in Uganda. As I sit here now in a lockdown in Uganda, things could not be more different, and difficult, worldwide. The current ‘lockdown’ we are in was initially started on 20th March for 32 days when schools, malls, nightclubs and non-essential shops were told to close down (before there was even any case of COVID-19 infection) and we are currently in a specific 14 day curfew with basically everything but a few offices like banks, food shops and medical services shut, and a total ban of all private means of transport, other than for emergencies and with special permission from a Government official. There are 52 cases currently, though thankfully none serious, and the number of suspected cases (people with symptoms presenting at medical centres) remains low. The airport was closed down around 2 weeks ago, with all borders shutting, so most cases are related to travellers who were on enforced quarantine as they entered the country, though there are fears that many people did pass through the airport before confinement measures were introduced and so possibilities of asymptomatic carriers in the community are high. We pray that the strong and drastic measures taken so early on will prevent the spread of the disease in Uganda, as our hospital systems would be decimated if many people were to get critically sick. The number of ICU beds is unbelievably small and free medical care doesn’t really exist, with Government run facilities still requiring payments in most cases. The tragedy and horror we are seeing in places like Italy would only be amplified on a level I can’t even describe, should many people get serious respiratory problems here.



**Ochen Yusufu
demonstrates how to
wash hands.**

One major problem in Uganda with a lockdown of any kind is that many people live hand to mouth, and do small businesses such as selling things in a little roadside kiosk, or delivering food in offices, or transporting people on boda bodas (motorbikes). Though bodas can still be used for deliveries (so that is how people who can afford it are shopping), the majority of people in the non-formal employment category cannot earn anything right now and therefore

literally don't have money for food.

The city of Kampala normally flurries with life day and night, with people buying and selling, working hard to earn some money through some kind of 'hustle', but is now empty and silent. There is no unemployment benefit of any kind, and approximately only 10% of people in Uganda are in formal employment with a guaranteed salary – but of course restaurants or hotels are empty, and so even in these industries, some people aren't being paid. Many people are fearing they will 'die of hunger' before they die of the disease. Homes are often cramped, with large families having 1 or 2 rooms with shared washroom facilities outside, so having to stay at home for days on end is uncomfortable to say the least. The ignorance about the disease is



Big families, small houses not ideal for lockdown

quite high, but the Government is trying to spread messages about handwashing and social distancing, though for many people – those in slums, or those without running water or money for soap – there is little they can do to protect themselves. There are food relief distributions in some communities, but they seem inadequate to the need, though at least may help some. The appalling economic fall-out looks different

across the globe, and in the developing world, the lack of savings, or any social welfare security nets, is making this lockdown even more challenging. We can only pray that the number of infections remains low and non-critical.

These are sobering and haunting times, and for people like us in Abaana whose work is to help others, we are feeling quite helpless, as the travel restrictions mean we are confined to doing work that can be done on our laptops, in our homes. We are grateful that many of our sponsored children are not from the city, but live in villages where food is grown, so although the diet may be poor, at least for many, thankfully feeding isn't as much of a concern as in the city slums. At New Life Homes, in my first news update, I had mentioned the 7 new boys who had excitedly begun first term of school here in Uganda at the start of February, hopeful for their future. Currently, they alongside 3 other boys are still on site, being looked after by 3 staff, as another 11 were able to go back to a family home to spend the 32 days of school shutdown where we hope they can be permanently resettled in future. When schools closed, we helped another 50 former street-connected children that are supported through sponsorship to go back to be with family with whom they have already been resettled, and so we are praying they are safe and well. The 40 children from Choir 1 and Choir 2 were similarly helped to get back home (with just 36 hours' notice regarding school closures, helping children get back from boarding schools to homes miles and miles away was not easy!). We know that for many, home is hard – life for so many sponsored children means sleeping on the floor, having no running water, very few personal belongings – but families of course are better together, and so we are praying that their care-givers cope as best they can, though we are aware that there will be great hardship for some who can't earn any money in the current lockdown. We are trying to use this time wisely to catch up on paperwork, review policies, sharpen workplans and be ready to serve our over 2000 child beneficiaries as best we can when schools and the office can open once again.

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From Gill and Carlos Olaaka in Uganda *[Continued from previous page]*

I have been leading a devotion every morning for Abaana staff by posting an audio message in a WhatsApp group, and as we have been reading through the Psalms, we have been encouraged in our faith that the Lord is present in all circumstances, a refuge and a strength to those who call upon Him. We are now focusing on the book of Luke as we approach Good Friday and Easter, and are reminded of God's sovereignty and love, that He would sacrifice His beloved, sinless son Jesus for the sake of people who had rejected Him, and how this reassures us that He is with us even in a scary time such as this pandemic. We are grateful that there is a strong Christian presence in Uganda, and it is a blessing that the most senior people in the Ministry of Health in Uganda and openly of faith, and their briefings about cases tested and results stress the need for prayer and begin with 'we thank God that ...' We have also been trying to keep actively part of discipleship through an online presence in the various groups of which we are part – a women's' Bible study Gill is part of and has been leading, our life group, the worship team, a prayer fellowship – though these often encourage prayer for patience during freezing videos and crackly lines! All in all, we are thankful for God enabling us to carry on some ministry despite the lack of movement.

In other practical matters, for us Olaakas at home, we are grateful that we are safe and well, and able to isolate with minimal difficulty. We have worked out getting a boda to deliver fruits and veg, and a shop around 1 1/2 km away has many basics, and I had stocked up a bit before the anticipated lockdown (though it happened earlier than expected, and people were given 2 hours' notice that no private cars would be allowed on the roads, as it was announced at 8 p.m. to come into effect at 10 p.m. that night!!). Carlos' safari business has been terribly affected obviously, but we are trusting God for His provision as always and are so much better off than so many. We had 2 weeks of school to do before the holidays started (3rd April) and so I was



Busy city!

setting schoolwork for Jojo and Judah in the mornings and working in the afternoons, in a reasonably smooth rhythm. One major blessing has been avoiding the 3 hours' daily driving that we had been doing, as the boys are at one school but on 2 different campuses, around 20 km apart, with us in the middle of the two, so they literally go opposite directions every morning, with terrible traffic meaning it takes over 1 1/2 hours to drive Judah to his school. Internet has been very sporadic, with a huge overload on an already fairly poor network, but at least

it has been available at times throughout the day, for which we are grateful. It has all been manageable, though Judah did show considerable relief when the answer to his question last Friday on the last day of term was in the negative: "Is Teacher Mummy going to be around next week?"!!

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From Gill and Carlos Olaaka in Uganda

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In all, we are grateful for friends and family more than ever, as we count our blessings, and we do trust that the Lord is keeping you and yours well and that in whatever challenges you are facing, you are finding your way through with the most joy and peace that is possible at such a time. We appreciate all the prayers for us and the people we support in Abaana, and thank God for His goodness.

Be well and may the good Lord keep you in the palm of His hands.

With love from

Gill, Carlos, Josiah and Judah

Prayer points:

- We pray for God's guidance in all our activities in Abaana, for protection for staff, for wisdom, and for strength and focus especially during this time of uncertainties, fear and some helplessness.
- Please pray for the New Life Homes boys, Choir 1 and 2 and all other sponsored children as they spend this time in communities, that they would be safe and would have their basic needs met, and that they would also draw on the knowledge they have of the Lord God to see them through this season.
- For us Olaakas, we pray we will be able to cope with any on-going Government restrictions as well as we can, for health and protection and God's provision, and for the boys to be able to resume school at the right time, similar to all families globally going through this season.

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UPDATES FROM CMSI and SOUTH SUDAN



As explained by Bruce Johnson in March, we are excited that as a parish we can now give tangible support to a project in the Yei Vocational Training College.

Billy Smyth explained that an urgent need was for a Latrine block!! Not perhaps the most thrilling of projects but highly important as we know in these coronavirus days. So we are looking to raise €3000.

We decided to have retiring collections on the following 2 Sundays, but Church only met for the first one. We would like to thank so much all who contributed on that day.

We may have some fundraising events in the future to make up the shortfall from our offerings.....whenever that may be, no one knows!

Billy Smyth managed to do a lot of useful work while he was there. He was a great encouragement to them and to Bishop Hilary who is longing to give a hopeful future to his people. So far the new peace agreement seems to be holding and Billy can't emphasize enough how much we need to keep praying for lasting peace and co-operation in South Sudan.

Since returning, Billy has been unwell with a chest infection, not something that he needs in the current climate, so please uphold him in your prayers too.

Sadly 'SHINE' the CMSI Members day and AGM had to be postponed indefinitely as it was due to take place at the end of March.

It so happens that the CMSI office in Belfast is relocating at this awkward time so further news from them will be delayed but you can find plenty of interest on their website www.cmsireland.org.

LAMBETH CONFERENCE . Please pray that this will still take place, as we were hoping Bishop Hilary would visit us in August following it.

VOICES OF HOPE.

An evening of celebration for all with the global church will be hosted by CMSI and SAMS in Lisburn Cathedral in Friday 27th August at 7:30. Hopefully we will be virus free by then!

Heather Jackson

CMS Ireland Annual Roadshow 2020

We were very glad that CMS Ireland again included KOTG in its travels. There was an encouraging turnout on Monday 3rd February to hear updates from the CMS Ireland people who came: Linda Abwa on this year's theme "Church at the Centre" and the current situation in South Sudan; Roger Thompson gave us the latest news on progress in Kenya and Nepal; and Billy Smyth - an old friend when he and his wife Jenny were our mission links in Yei—brought us some new insights.

PRAYER LETTER FROM YEI, SOUTH SUDAN

On 22nd April 2020 CMS Ireland received the following prayer letter from Bishop Hilary of Yei Diocese in South Sudan. Please continue to remember Bishop Hilary and his people at this time.

Prayer requests from the Diocese of Yei

Based on Psalm 91:7

“Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you”.

Though the vulnerable people in my communities are displaced by the war and cannot remain in one place, nor find food and water to drink and soap to wash their hand,
pray that the Lord be their shield and refuge at this time of C-19.

To our friends, brothers and sisters in the Church of Ireland...though we hear of massive deaths in the UK and many parts of our world, we pray that the Almighty may strengthen you and be your protector through all this time, fears and dangers of C-19.

To all the partners of CMS Ireland throughout the world, let's pray that all of you be under the Lord's guiding hands to receive his divine protection and to gain resilience to fight C-19 and that you remain safe and blessed.

+Hilary Adeba
Diocese of Yei



Bishop Hilary and Mama Joyce with Billy Smyth in Yei.

RESPONSE OF CHRISTIAN AID TO COVID-19

Coronavirus crisis hits world's poorest

Rich countries have struggled. Poor countries will be devastated. But Christian Aid helped reduce the spread of Ebola and we can slow the spread of coronavirus too. Your gift today will save lives tomorrow.

Coronavirus is having a huge impact on the rich countries of the world. Our health systems are stretched and struggling. Tens of thousands of lives have been lost and the death toll grows with each passing day. But in the world's poorest countries, perhaps just three weeks behind the UK and Ireland, a catastrophe is unfolding.

The infection has reached every one of the countries in which Christian Aid works, with the highest numbers of reported cases being in Brazil, India and the Dominican Republic. As ever, a lack of testing masks the true scale of the pandemic.

Aid agencies are warning that coronavirus will devastate poor countries, and here's why:

Handwashing - without soap and water?

Three billion people, 40% of the world's population, do not have access to soap and water. In sub-Saharan Africa, home to 645 million people, three-quarters of the population have no facilities at home to wash their hands with soap and water.

Physical distancing - in a crowded slum or refugee camp?

Physical distancing is impossible for the one billion people who live in overcrowded refugee camps, slums and shanty towns. And you can't isolate those with coronavirus symptoms if your entire family live in one room.

Poor people = poor health

Many people living in extreme poverty, in refugee camps, or battling drought, hunger, malaria and HIV, are already in poor health and lack the resilience to withstand a new infection.

Fragile health systems

The world's poorest countries, many dealing with conflict and humanitarian crises, can barely handle their everyday caseloads, let alone a pandemic. Poor countries have few, if any, ventilators or intensive care beds. South Sudan, for example, has no intensive care beds and only two ventilators for a population of 12 million.

Fragile social welfare systems

The governments of poor countries lack the social welfare systems to help those who lose their jobs due to lockdown. For the newly unemployed in these countries, there will be no government bail-out or guaranteed 80% of their salaries to help ensure they are still able to feed their families. Many people will have no choice but to go to work, spreading the infection. The poorest people work in jobs that are insecure and cash-in-hand, leaving them with just enough money to get by each day. Even a single day of lockdown would cause hardship.



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RESPONSE OF CHRISTIAN AID TO COVID-19

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But there is hope. Working with local partners and faith leaders, Christian Aid helped reduce the spread of the deadly Ebola virus and we are already working to slow the spread of coronavirus.

In Afghanistan, our local partner has given hygiene kits containing soap to 1,400 people.

In Afghanistan and Bangladesh, we are sharing vital health information via religious leaders.

In Bangladesh and Myanmar, we are bringing food and soap to families facing hardship after losing their jobs due to the lockdown.

In Myanmar, our local partners have given soap to more than 30,000 people and distributed 2,000 surgical masks.

In the Rohingya refugee camps of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, we are setting up isolation areas in health facilities to treat people with symptoms. There, and in north-east Nigeria, we are working to prevent the spread of fake news.

In Angola, El Salvador, Gaza and Guatemala we are helping women at risk of domestic violence during lockdown.

In South Africa, our local partners are campaigning to ban evictions during the pandemic so that shanty town dwellers don't face an even greater risk of infection.

**Love unites, love protects, love never fails.
Even in the darkest moments, love brings hope.**

- £27/€31 could help provide food for someone in quarantine, so they don't have to leave their home and risk spreading the virus.
- £50/€57 could help pay for a community toilet and handwashing block.
- £120/€137 could help provide areas within health facilities to isolate anyone with symptoms.

If you would like to support Christian Aid, you can donate by visiting caid.ie/coronavirus or call 028 9064 8133 (Belfast) or 01 496 4070 (Dublin).



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
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EASTER 2020



Has there ever been a stranger

Easter than this one? No gatherings at dawn, no family visits, spring walks, church servicesAnd yet there were compensations. To quote a poem by Richard Hendrik, “They say that in Wuhan, after so many years of noise, you can hear the birds again. They say that after just a few weeks of quiet, the sky is no longer thick with fumes, but blue, grey and clear. They say that in the streets of Assisi, people are singing to each other across the empty squares, keeping their windows open so that those who are alone may hear the sounds of family around them. They say that a hotel in the west of Ireland is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.”

There was an unusually large paschal moon in the week before Easter. On Easter Saturday after dusk there were candles in many windows to honour our health workers who, at risk to themselves, remain at their posts to give relief, comfort and healing. Where I live, neighbours came out after dark to see all the lights and chat at a safe distance. I brought some chocolate rabbits out. There were fireworks going from a neighbouring field (whatever you might think of that) and a combined air of reverence and festivity. Maybe there was no church, but there was plenty of prayer.

Bert Van Embden

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Men's Breakfasts have been cancelled until further notice owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**We hope to be able to resume these popular events in Autumn 2020.
If you have any queries, please contact Norman Smyth.**

PASTORAL VISITS

Pastoral visits at bedsides, in homes, in nursing homes and hospitals are taking place by 'phone call instead of through personal visits during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you know of anyone who would like to be contacted by 'phone, please use the numbers below.

If you know of anyone who would like a pastoral visit, please contact us by 'phone or e-mail (details below.) The Rector and Bert Van Embden will follow up on all requests received.

Bert Van Embden – Lay Pastoral Worker

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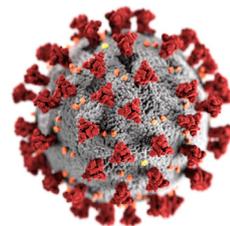
THE CAUSE OF ALL THE TROUBLE:

The Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)

It is the cause of the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19 for short).

The picture shows a 'SARS-CoV-2 virion', with the crown-like structure (Latin, 'corona') that gives it its name. This image may look big, but the reality is unbelievably small. It can be seen only through an electron microscope, and measures a mere 50 to 200 nanometres across.

One nanometre is one millionth of a millimetre. This shows what harm is caused by something so tiny!



PARISH NEWSLETTER: An Important Announcement

IN THESE VERY UNUSAL TIMES, WE HAVE HAD TO DELAY PUBLICATION OF THIS CURRENT ISSUE BY MORE THAN A MONTH. WE HAVE THEREFORE DECIDED TO REPLACE THE JULY-AUGUST NEWSLETTER WITH A SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER EDITION. FOR THIS, CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO US

NOT LATER THAN 15th AUGUST 2020.

IN VIEW OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, ITEMS FOR THE SEPTEMBER –NOVEMBER EDITION SHOULD BE SENT TO JAMES DARLING BY
E-MAIL : nletter@kotg.ie.

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**KILL O'THE GRANGE PARISH CENTRE,
MONDAY & THURSDAY, 10.00 a.m.—11.00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, 9.30 a.m.—10.30 a.m.**

Evening classes in Foxrock.

Booking and enquiries: 289 7291

**Please note: Classes are not being held at present owing to the
COVID-19 pandemic, but will resume in the future.**

Church Activities

	Contact / E-mail:
Choir:	<i>Vacant</i>
Church Flowers:	<i>Vacant</i>
Church Music Group:	Diane Faulkner
Growing Groups: <i>(Fortnightly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, usually 2nd & 4th weeks of month)</i>	Parish Office
Parish Visiting:	The Rev. Alan Breen / Bert Van Embden
Prayer Chain: <i>(Home based)</i>	Blanche Cooper
Prayer Meeting: <i>(Every Tuesday at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre Den upstairs.)</i>	Parish Office
Young at Hearts: <i>(1st Friday of each month)</i>	Rosemary Knight
YOUTH GROUPS:	
Girls' Brigade: (Age 3 – 18) <i>Tuesdays, 3.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. (Sept./April)</i>	Nola Lambert (Acting Captain)
CORE Youth: (1 st – 6 th year) <i>Saturdays, 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.</i>	Jonathan Byford
Maxpack: (5 th & 6 th class) <i>Every 2nd Friday, 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.</i>	Seb Dungan
Shake, Rattle + Hum: (pre-school) <i>Wednesdays. 9.15 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.</i>	Liz Hemmings lizbiz1@gmail.com
Crèche (0 – 3 years old): <i>At 10.30 a.m. Sunday service</i>	Seb Dungan
Sunday Club: (Age 4—3 rd year secondary school) <i>At 10.30 a.m. Sunday service</i>	Karl and Cathryn Schäckermann
GAMES & SPORTING:	
Parish Bowling Club: <i>Monday/Thursday, 7.15 p.m. – 9.15 p.m. (September/May)</i>	Ruth Mann
Clonkeen Bowling Club: <i>Tuesdays. 8.30 p.m. – 10.30 p.m. (September/May)</i>	Grainne Fitzgerald

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT INITIATIVES ON CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

Please see below some useful information regarding COVID-19 support initiatives that have been set up by various community groups. The Church also has a team of people who are willing and ready to help if you need assistance in any way. Please do contact us at office@kotg.ie or rector@kotg.ie.

Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown (DLR) Community Support Forum and Helpline

DLR have set up a new dedicated helpline focussed specifically on ensuring the cocooning elderly, vulnerable members of the community or those living alone can access deliveries such as groceries, medicine and fuels. **The DLR Community Call Helpline can be reached on (01) 271 3199 (Monday to Sunday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., 7 days a week).**

An Post

Special measures to help fight COVID-19 have been put in place by An Post for elderly, cocooning and vulnerable people who can't get to the post office to collect their pension or any other social welfare payment. You can now allow somebody else, known as a temporary agent, to collect it. The Temporary Agent form is available in all post offices, online and is also attached with this e-mail. ***We would highly recommend that a family member or trusted friend does this for you.*** In addition, post offices will hold all payments for up to 90 days if your nominated Temporary Agent is not available on your normal pension collecting day, and the timing of payments is now every two weeks. For further information, please see gov.ie/welfare.

SeniorLine

SeniorLine provides a National Helpline, where people will receive the most up to date guidance on COVID-19 as recommended by Government sources. Good health practice is reinforced at all times. This information is updated daily as the situation changes and is available to each of our volunteers at the phones. SeniorLine is a FREEPHONE service and is available between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. every day of the year on 1800 804591.

Website: www.thirdageireland.ie.