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Third Sunday of Easter, 18th April 2021

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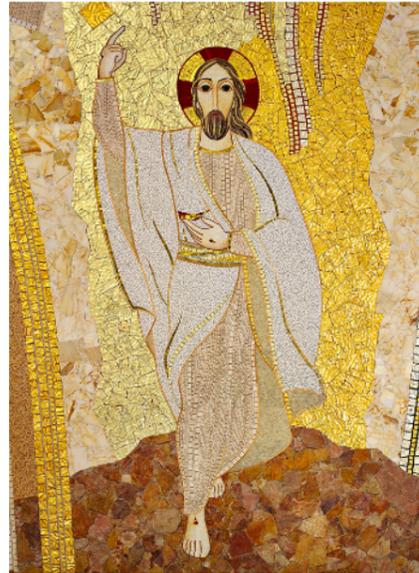
Public Masses are currently suspended.

Daily Mass is still being offered in our parish every day, in private, for the protection, blessing, and special intentions of all our parishioners, and for anniversaries, months mind remembrances, and all your other requested intentions.
Please contact Mary Mooney during office hours if you would like any of these Masses offered for a very special intention or remembrance.

The Sacrament of Confession at the moment is available outdoors on request.

Child Safeguarding: Our parish implements the Diocesan Child Safeguarding Policy. A summary is on the Church noticeboards, and a full copy is available online at www.galwaydiocese.ie/child-protection

Sincerest thanks to all parishioners who are faithfully continuing to support our parish during this challenging time by using their registered parishioner envelopes or online bank transfers. A once-off or recurring donation is very easy to set up on your banking app. All you need is our parish IBAN code: **IE40 BOFI 9042 2930 1848 83**. Kindly email the parish office for a receipt and note of our appreciation.



So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day RISE from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the FORGIVENESS OF SINS would be preached to ALL the nations beginning from Jerusalem YOU are witnesses to this.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Kilshanny

Saturday 17th

Kevin Greene,
Hilltop, Lisdoonvarna (A)

Lisdoonvarna

Sunday 18th

Father Michael Reddan (RIP)
Martin, Joe, John, Paddy, Bridget,
Mary and Eileen Reddan (RIP)
Paddy and Ellie Reddan (RIP)

Thursday 22nd

Mary Burke, Atlantic Road (A)

Sunday 25th

Breda O'Dwyer, Imperial Hotel (A)

Notes from the Parish Priest's Desk...

a cháirde,



As the days lengthen and warm up a bit - and the world of nature responds with new life, growth, and colour - I think we are all also growing more hopeful that the long winter of pandemic might soon draw to a close. There have been some hopeful signs recently in that regard.

From next Monday April 26th the numbers permitted to attend parish funerals will increase from 10 to 25 - subject to further public health advice. This will be of some support, however limited, to families sharing the loss of a loved one. Hopefully, it might also be a sign that we will not have to wait much longer than then for a green light to be given to resume normal parish life again.

In the meantime I am very thankful to everyone who is on standby to come out to help again with voluntary work of stewarding and sanitising for Mass - once we get the signal.



Also I want to acknowledge and thank the many families and individuals and local businesses who have been so generous and faithful in helping our parish financially throughout this challenging time. I am looking forward very much to meeting you all again and gathering together again with you and with the Lord for the Eucharist.

Please God we'll all make it together to that day safe, and sound, and soon.

The Offertory Collections and the Easter Dues

If your income has been affected due to the crisis, as it has for many, and you need to suspend your parish giving during this time, that is perfectly understandable. Your spiritual support in prayer, goodwill, witnessing, and the care of others is what counts the most.

Registered Parishioners who use the parish envelopes or bank standing orders for their weekly and dues offerings can have their contributions increased by 45% at no extra cost to themselves through the Charity Rebate Scheme. Please contact us to register if you haven't already done so. The form is on the opposite page.

Some parishioners kindly drop by their Church envelopes in my letterbox each week, or to Mary, our parish clerk.

As usual, the parish IBAN is in the left sidebar of this newsletter if more parishioners want to join in with those already making their regular contributions by online banking, which is surprisingly easy to set up.

You can also set up your offerings on our channel with *iDonate* available on our parish website www.lisdoon.ie

Thank you for your faithful faith-filled generosity always!

Sacramental Visits to the very ill and the dying are still available to bring the Lord's presence, power, and healing in the sacraments of Confession, Anointing, and the Holy Eucharist. It is a privilege to be able to serve in this way. Please let our very ill parishioners, or those nearing the end of life's journey, know that they can anytime ask me to visit with these sacraments.

God bless you all, and all your loved ones at Eastertide, and always,

- Conor

Thoughts on this Sunday's Scriptures...

The Word of God this Sunday, the third Sunday of Easter, reminds us of how radical a thing it is to be a Christian. We should relish and revel in this with great joy, as well as with love, humility, and mercy. We should never water down or secularise our Christianity in order to appear more 'reasonable' to the broader culture. We would be selling our sisters and brothers short if we did so. It would be a lack of love on our part for those who do not yet believe.

The Gospel of Luke today teaches us that the very core of our faith - without which all else would just be the false hope of superstitions and fairytales - is that Jesus actually rose from the dead.

Imagine that! Laid out in a tomb, cold and gone. All because of brokenness of creation, the sin, selfishness and evil that he had no hand, act, or part in. Yet, he was raised up, and offers the same safe channel through the parted sea of danger and death for all who are humble enough and loving enough to graft their lives onto his.

That's why Saint Peter in the first reading - on fire with the Holy Spirit - speaks fearlessly to us teaching us that all of the ancient prophecies were preparing us to recognise that God himself would enter into our flesh and blood so that love, humility, and repentance might give us a foothold on his conquering Kingdom.

That's why Saint John in the second reading has no fear about standing in front of modern society in all its so-called sophistication and telling God's children not to be duped by the latest trends or opinion polls. The world's standards are beneath the dignity of the brothers and sisters of the risen Lord. Instead we seek his power behind us as we strive and sail towards holiness. That's what following him is about.

In the words of today's psalm we pray that the light of God's face may shine upon us now and for eternity.

Suggested Prayer Intentions this week...

As Eastertide invites us to deepen our joy in the Lord's resurrection, and our openness to the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the resolve to work for real spiritual renewal as disciples and as a parish.

For the young, the elderly, those with special needs, those under financial pressure, and everyone who is finding this time of pandemic very difficult to cope with.

That each of us may use our gifts, talents, opportunities, and the time given to us to help God's Kingdom of justice, peace, and love to unfold on earth to more and more resemble its fullness in heaven.

For a more widespread reverence and care for the environment and the balance of nature, and that human beings may treat all animals with gentleness and respect.

For God's blessing of encouragement and fulfillment upon all who build community spirit in our parish by volunteering for various jobs and initiatives, and by serving our youth in art, culture, and sport.

For a share in Christ's resurrection for all our beloved departed, for the recently dead, and for parishioners whose month's mind remembrances and anniversaries we mark around this time. May they have the health and happiness of heaven.

Registered Parishioners Form

Everyone is invited and encouraged to become a registered parishioner. All your Sunday offerings, parish dues, and parish charitable gifts - when made by registered parishioners who also sign the charity nomination form - can be topped-up by the state's Charity Rebate Scheme by 45% at no extra cost whatsoever to the donor. This is a great support to your local parish and to the Church's missions.

I would like to register myself/my family as enrolled parishioners of the parish and to support our parish by using special donation envelopes. I consent to this data being safely retained by the parish as needed for this purpose only, and in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations.

NAME/S: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
SIGNED: _____

(Please return this completed form to Conor, or Mary Mooney, or in the offertory basket at any Mass.)

Notices of Community, Sport, and the Arts...

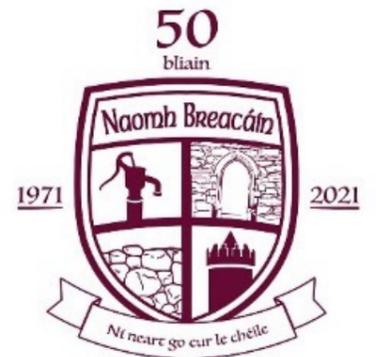
Saint Breckan's Registration

There is some positive news in the GAA with the announcement of the return to playing.

All players need to be registered before entering the pitch for training or playing any matches.

Members can log on to the link below on the foireann website to register.

For anyone that's having issues or needs any assistance in registering please contact a member of the executive. <https://gmssupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/articles/360018415879-GAA-Online-Registration-Stripe-Payments->



Sunday Mass and Weekday Masses on TV and Online this week

Sunday Mass on RTE TV today is broadcast on RTE NEWS channel at 2.15pm. **Daily Masses** are broadcast on RTE NEWS channel on weekdays at 10.30am. Our diocesan Cathedral in Galway share Mass online on Sundays: 8.30am (Gaeilge), 10.30am, 12.30pm and 6.00pm; and on weekdays at 11.00am and 6.00pm at www.galwaycathedral.ie/webcam

Parish of Lisdoonvarna and Kilshanny Spiritual Communion

O My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now
as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me
to be separated from you.
Amen.