

RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Streamed Mass Schedule from St. Joseph's Church Rathmore

Saturday	18 th	7.00pm	Kay McCarthy (nee Mullyooly) I/o Convent Place & Kanturk Arthur Moynihan, Lr. Shinnagh (2nd Anniversary) John O'Leary, Clounts
Sunday	19 th	11.00am	Helen Cashman, Gullane (1st Anniv.) Patrick Moynihan, Gortnagown Noreen Reddington, I/o Church Place
Monday	20 th	7.00pm	Dan Collins, Tureenamult
Tuesday	21 st	7.00pm	Patrick & Mary Foley, Mounthorgan
Wednesday	22 nd	7.00pm	People of the Parish
Thursday	23 rd	7.00pm	Donors Intention
Friday	24 th	7.00pm	Rita Fitzpatrick, Knocknagree
Saturday	25 th	7.00pm	Antoinette Cronin, Shinnagh Jeremiah & Ellie O'Leary, Tureenglanahoe Fr. Jerry & Fr. Bertie Hickey, I/o Mountcain
Sunday	26 th	11.00am	Pats & Mary Ann Moynihan & their son Patrick, Shronemore Christy & Mai Crowley, Gortdarrig & remembering their granddaughter Denise Crowley Con Doherty, Gneeveguilla & deceased of Doherty family John Cremin, Cottage



Fr. Tom Leane P.P. (029)78096 & (087)2300565 is the priest on duty this Sunday for emergency and sick calls

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Opening hours are limited BEHIND CLOSED DOOR but leave a message on phone or email or postbox and we will get back to you. Booking of Masses or any query and we will get back to you.

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**IN THESE CHALLENGING AND ISOLATING TIMES FOR ANYONE WHO NEEDS HELP, SUPPORT OR EVEN A CHAT –
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HEARTFELT PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To Siobhan Collins & family, Lyreacorring, on the death of her brother **Derry (Jeremiah) O'Leary, Killarney** who passed on Sat. 11th April. To Martin & Gerard Anthony Horgan on the death of their mother **Geraldine Horgan (nee Hyde) Ard Mhuire** who passed on Mon. 13th April. May **Derry & Geraldine** rest in peace with the Risen Christ. May the O'Leary family and Horgan family be comforted and supported by the love and prayers of family and friends.

LENTEN TROCAIRE CAMPAIGN - RETURN YOUR BOXES BUT AT A LATER DATE

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A SAINT FOR DARK TIMES

We all know that life can be painful and messy at times. In these times, it can be hard to hang onto our faith when we are in pain, or grieving, or anxious. It might be difficult to accept the assurances of others that God is with us and will help us through it. We might also struggle to pray. In dark times, sometimes we just can't see the light. Thomas is a saint for those times of darkness and doubt. In our darkest days, may we, like Thomas, encounter the healing presence of the risen Christ.

3 o'clock prayer to the Divine Mercy

You expired, O Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. (recite one time) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen (recite three times)

"I Desire Mercy not Sacrifice"

By Lorie Sage

My stepfather, Bruce, went into the North Kansas City Hospital for a hernia operation. The surgery was a success, but while in the recovery room talking to my mom, he suffered a heart attack. He was without oxygen for 12 minutes before they could revive him. That morning I had read the reading of the day and attended morning Mass. "I desire mercy, not sacrifice," Christ says in Matthew 9:13. It was a sentence I had read before and loved, but in the following days I would learn the true meaning of these words.

In the following days He underwent surgery to put stints in to open the 100-percent blockage to his heart. He had high enzymes in his liver. He had pneumonia. He was cold to the touch and had many different tubes coming out of him. We also worried about the effects the lack of oxygen would have. We feared the worst. So we prayed. On Sunday, July 18, I went to evening Mass. I arrived a few minutes early so I could go into our small chapel and pray. As I moved to the pew and placed my knees on the kneeler, I immediately heard in my heart a clear command to "pray the chaplet." It was a forceful and urgent command, and I, of course, followed it.

On Monday I began the Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets and also placed the image of The Divine Mercy on the wall of Bruce's hospital room. I also told my family that the following Tuesday "something" would happen; I didn't know what, I just knew I wanted them to pray with me.

As the days went by that week and Bruce lay there unresponsive and speechless, my mother's actions were so beautiful to witness. With each touch and word she was willing him to live. It was so beautiful to witness. In those moments, I experienced what the scripture verse said, "I desire mercy not sacrifice."

It is not our repetitive acts of worship, but our devotion to love. It is our denial of self for another, our expression of love in another's suffering, our Christ-like extension of hands and feet to another. That is what I felt Jesus wanted me to understand and see in this time of crisis. This very scripture verse I had read many times and pondered was now coming to life.

On Tuesday - the ninth and final day of the Divine Mercy Novena - I called Bruce on the phone before I went into work. He sounded great. That evening I got a text from my sister that said, "Dad is going home!"



**This Sunday April 19th 3pm - 4pm HOLY HOUR TO CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Cathedral Killarney by Webcam**

May you know God's love and abundant blessings in your life

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From Mon 20th April our new opening hours will be: Mon to Fri 9am to 6pm
Sat 9am to 3pm Closing for lunch each day from 1pm to 1:30pm
We would like to express our appreciation to those making the effort to maintain social distancing and those doing the difficult job of cocooning at home. (10/5)

