

Week 3: *The Lord is Compassion and Love 'Rejoice and Be Glad': Pope Francis invites us to "Live the present moment, filling it to the brim with love. Seize the occasions that present themselves every day." He also reminds us that God bends down and uses us, you and me, to be his love and compassion in the world, each in his or her own way, wherever we find ourselves.*

## YOU CAN BE PART OF OUR DAILY AND WEEKEND MASS FROM HOME

From now until next Friday. The regular Mass Schedule is set aside. The decision of the Diocese of Kerry is that no public Masses will be celebrated this weekend or St Patrick's Day. No public weekday Masses will be celebrated.

Adoration will also be suspended for this week only.

Join us for daily Mass through our Parish Streaming Service

As part of the Millstreet pastoral Area we invite our neighbouring parishes to join us also.

## Streamed Mass Schedule

Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00p.m
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7.00p.m
St Patricks Day		11.00a.m
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00p.m
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	7.00p.m

## How do I access this Mass?

Computer, iPad or Phone

Google Search MCN MEDIA KERRY

Click the following link: St Joseph's Church, Rathmore Live Webcam ... - MCN Media

### An invitation to help others.

During the present situation it is not only a case of watching out for ourselves, it is also about being there for others. Grandchildren whose grandparents can't attend mass at this time could help by using your technical skills to help your grandparents make use of this streaming service.

**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: Mon. and Tues. 9.30am to 12.30pm. Wednesday 4pm to 7 pm. CLOSED THURSDAY Friday 11 am to 2pm

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*This is an occasion for all of us – especially in families -to pray more intensely for each other and especially for those who have succumbed to the illness. We should pray also for those in the frontlines – especially doctors, nurses and medical staff and other carers, including clergy – that the Lord will protect them as they place their own wellbeing at risk in the service of all.*

## **Temporary Guidelines for the diocese of Kerry.**

From now to Thursday next:

**Regarding Masses (daily and weekend) and other liturgies in the context of Covid-19 pandemic:**

**The decision of the diocese of Kerry is that no public Masses will be celebrated this weekend or St Patrick's Day.**

**No public weekday Masses will be celebrated.** Many of those who regularly attend are in the vulnerable category. In solidarity with them we want that no one will be coming out to Mass. Every person minimising social contact is key. If this saves even one life . . .

- Priests will continue to celebrate their Masses, without a congregation, for all the people of the diocese. Where possible this will be broadcast via parish radio or webcam / streaming. People are asked to consider setting aside a few minutes for prayer at 11 am on Sundays and St Patrick's Day. Thus we all unite as one in prayer, uniting with all the Masses being celebrated privately. Also many people are deciding to pray the Rosary or a decade at home each evening.
- Meanwhile the diocese will seek to consult widely and by Thursday will make decisions regarding the next few weeks. This gives us time to pause and make good decisions.
- Our parishes need time to think things through: serving all the faith-needs of the people; a special care for the health of those with underlying conditions and those advanced in years; proper guidance for priests and key parish workers e.g. regarding funerals and baptisms. It is important for the functioning of each parish that our priests do not contact the virus.
- This coming weekend is very important. Who knows how quickly the virus will further spread? All of us need to adapt to all the measures that the government are asking us to implement. I encourage everyone to follow all their recommendations. Together, looking out for each other, we can come through the days and weeks ahead well.
- Be a good neighbour. Who around you needs a phonecall?
- A special greeting to all candidates for Confirmation and their families and school communities. We have had such wonderful celebrations in recent weeks. How disappointing for those whose ceremonies are now delayed. In time all will be rearranged. Did we think we would be looking to the Holy Spirit so soon to lead and guide us all during this pandemic?

We seek consolation and peace in the Word of God:

*"Do not let your love be a pretence . . . Love each other as much as sisters and brothers should, and have a profound respect for each other. . . If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. . . If any among you are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care."* Romans 12

*The words of Jesus Christ to us all: "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."*  
Mt 11:28

Bishop Ray Browne. 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

### **Shamrock for St Patrick's Day**

**Shamrock will be available in all the churches ..... Please drop in and take some.**

### ***Memorare***

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, we fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer our prayers. Amen.