

## Parish of Tynagh & Killeen Newsletter.

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### Mass Times in Tynagh & Killeen this week, Sat 13<sup>th</sup> to Sun 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>** Killeen 8pm. Thanksgiving Mass.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** Tynagh 11am.

1. Martin and Bridget Larkin, Lisduff. Anniversary.
2. Sean, Stephen, Delia and John Walsh, Flowerhill. Anniversaries.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** Tynagh 9.30am. Private Intention.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** Killeen 9.30am. Personal Intention.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** Tynagh 9.30am. Josie, Chrissie and Sr Edit Whyte and  
The Deceased Members of The Whyte Family

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** Killeen 9.30am. Jimmy and Mary Burke, Brackera.  
Anniversary and The Deceased Members of The Burke Family.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** Tynagh 9.30am. Personal Intension.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>** Killeen 8pm. Fr Vincent Shalvey, Killeen. Anniv.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>** Tynagh 11am. Billy Carney, Derryfrench. Anniv.

**Our Parish Facebook Page:** Follow "Tynagh & Killeen Parish" for live Mass broadcasts from Tynagh and Killeen at the above times.

**Congregation at Masses:** The public celebration of Mass can resume on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, with congregation present. Please read the Western Bishops Guidelines on our Parish Website: [tynaghkilleen.com](http://tynaghkilleen.com) or on our Facebook Page: Tynagh & Killeen Parish.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** committee meeting this Monday night 15<sup>th</sup> June at 8.30pm in Tynagh Old School to make preparations for congregations to return to Mass. Committee have been notified by text. If anyone wishes to volunteer in the areas of stewarding, sanitising, cleaning, etc please contact your area representative or myself Fr Seamus 087 2304493 before Monday Night. If we are not ready, we can't open Bishop Duignan has said.

**Sanitiser:** The Sanitiser in both our churches is now operated by foot pedal.

**Thought:** It is better to look ahead and prepare, than to look back and regret.

### Message from Bishop Michael on Reopening the Pastoral Life of the Church in the Diocese of Clonfert.

After twelve long weeks of being apart – it is good news to hear that we may in a position to gather again as a Christian community from 29th June 2020. The virus has not gone away. It still remains a very real threat. For the good of everyone we must continue the hard work and sacrifice that has brought us to this point. Such progress is fragile and we cannot let our guard down. The next few weeks will give our Parishes time to put in place the safety measures necessary to ensure that all those who come to Church are protected to the best of our abilities. During the week the Western Dioceses published Nothing Can Separate Us From The Love Of God (Rom 8:39): Guidance for a Return to the Public Pastoral Life of the Church in the Tuam Ecclesiastical Province (June 2020) to assist in the task of reopening to the public the pastoral life of the Church. See [www.tynaghkilleen.com](http://www.tynaghkilleen.com) or our parish Facebook Page: Tynagh & Killeen Parish for the full document.

This will require a significant effort on the part of local Church communities. It could be an opportunity to rediscover that ancient Irish sense of Meitheal: That coming together to help one another. Help will be needed especially from people with expertise and experience in the areas of stewarding, cleaning, signage and health and safety. It might be an opportunity for those who have not been involved in their parishes before to volunteer to help? Younger parishioners in particular might consider lending a hand?

This is not going to be a return to the way things were. It is a new reality and will have to be approached in a new way. We need to be patient and take our time. Initially, those who are vulnerable or nervous might prefer to continue to join the community by radio, television or over the internet. Implementing social distancing will mean that the number of people allowed in Church at any one time will be significantly reduced. This will need to be managed. Some of the ways we prayed together will be modified in light of health recommendations. Our Churches will need regular cleaning and disinfecting. Co-operation, understanding and patience will be needed. If Churches are not fully ready to receive parishioners safely on June 29th, then they should wait. Wait as long as it takes until all the necessary preparations are in place.

Confident that God never abandons his people –we entrust this process to his care and ask that he walk with us as we make the preparations that are necessary so that his people can gather together again. Let us not forget those who have died from the virus and their grieving families, those who have lost jobs or worry about the future and those who have suffered because of the loss of contact with family and friends. Let us also give thanks to God for all frontline workers. We pray for our scientists in these challenging days. St Brendan – Pray for us! Our Lady of Clonfert – Pray for us.