

Islandeady-Glenisland Parish Newsletter

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Weekday Mass Times: Glenisland Church at **7pm** & Islandeady Church at **8pm**.

Weekend Mass Times: Glenisland Church **SAT 7 pm** & Islandeady Church **SUN 11am**.

Remembering in our Masses this week: (Sun 17th May – Sun 24th May)

Sat 16 th	- Mass for James McLoughlin, Beltra. - Mass for Kathleen & Martin McGowan.
Sun 17 th	- Mass for All the People of the Parish/Pro Populo.
Mon 18 th	- Mass for All Healthcare Workers.
Tues 19 th	- Mass for All in the Emergency Services.
Wed 20 th	- Mass for All New Babies.
Thurs 21 st	- Mass for All Leaving Cert Students.
Fri 22 nd	- Mass for All Our Dead.
Sat 23 rd	- Mass for All the Sick of the Parish.
Sun 24 th	- Mass for All the People of the Parish/ Pro Populo.

People of God ministering / helping in CHURCH next Week: Sat / Sun /

Ministry:	Glenisland:	Islandeady:
Mass Servers:	Team 2.	Team 3.
Music:	Anne & Choir	Nora & Choir.
Readers:		– 7 th Sunday of Easter
Ministers of Eucharist:		
Offertory Collectors:		

FUNERALS:

THE Government has said that immediate family members can still attend funeral services of loved ones, including those who may have died from Covid-19, as long as social distancing is applied.

No more than 10 people should attend in places of worship and at the graveside, but that this may be restricted further in smaller, enclosed spaces and individual churches may put in place special restrictions to respond to specific local circumstances. All this is subject to CHANGE.

PARISH MASS:

Fr. Chris will say mass every morning in Islandeady behind closed doors. Each day Mass will be celebrated for a special intention and **YOU** will be remembered in Prayers. The **Prayer Garden** in St. Patrick's Church Islandeady remains open as a place of Private **PRAYER & REFLECTION**. Pop in anytime, light a candle & pray for your intention in peaceful surroundings.

CHURCH ENVELOPES:

In Islandeady your weekly envelopes may be placed in the box in front of the altar or into the letter box of the Parochial House. In Glenisland the envelopes may be placed into the letterbox of the Presbytery. **Thank You** for your continued support & generosity during these uncertain times.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN AS USUAL:

Saint Patrick's Church Islandeady and Holy Rosary Church Glenisland remain open at the usual times, when possible the doors will remain open so that people may enter and exit without touching the doors. In Saint Patrick's Church a **candle remains burning** on the altar all day representing the prayers of all the people of the Parish before the Blessed Sacrament.

CHURCH FUNCTIONS:

As it is impossible to implement the present protocol of social distancing in both churches of the parish, therefore it is not possible to hold any public function in the church under the present circumstances. Fr. Chris remains available to meet any individual **BY APPOINTMENT** in Saint Aidan's Room while observing and maintaining all the health and safety protocols of social distancing. If you wish to make an appointment with Fr. Chris you can contact him by voice or text message on (087) 1962 674, or by E-Mail on brennan2islands@gmail.com.

CHURCH WEEKLY COLLECTION AND ENVELOPES

The Church Collection Envelopes for 2019/20 is now finished and as the printers is not working and with the limitations of the present situation it would be impossible to distribute them.

Every possible measure has been taken to reduce parish expenditure and yet keeping the churches open, clean and safe for all to use for private prayer and reflection during the day. Yet there are ongoing expenses which cannot be eliminated. To keep the churches open and functioning and available for the future depends on the ongoing generosity of the people of the parish.

Anyone may make a donation to the parish at any time; envelopes may be placed into the letterbox of the Parochial house in Islandeady or the Presbytery in Glenisland. If you are using your own envelopes please put the number from your Church Collection Envelope on it so that we can claim the Tax Back as this forms an important part of parish income.

Alternatively you may set up a standing order with your Bank making a weekly or monthly donation once again it is important that you let us know your envelope number so that the tax may be claimed back. There is a Direct Debit Mandate available on the website which you may complete and send to your bank, the printed version of Direct Debit Mandate is also available in both Churches.

Thank you to all who continue to support the parish in these strange and difficult times.

Keep well, keep safe, and keep each other safe and in prayers – **Fr. Chris Brennan ADM.**

ISLANDEADY 2020 YEARBOOK/MAGAZINE COVID-19

The Community Council want to document the events of the year related to the Corona virus lockdown. It's a major event in world history so it's important to record it from a Parish/Community perspective. Were you off school, college or work? Were you working in a different way? Maybe you were confined to the house? Had you a major event planned and couldn't go ahead with it? Are you a frontline worker? Were your sporting or social outings curtailed? Did you volunteer to help others? Did you do something new or learn a new skill? Why not write out the effect it had on your life and the lifestyle changes you had to make. Stories, poems & pictures welcome from all age groups. Email items to islandeadynewsletter@gmail.com

Trocaire

As you know, it has not been possible to gather this year's Trócaire collection in the usual way & yet the important work Trócaire does & projects it supports continue despite the pandemic. Parishioners may return their contributions in the coming weeks. If possible kindly convert the contents in their Trócaire box to notes and deliver them to the Parochial House, Islandeady or the Presbytery in Glenisland. Alternatively people can post a cheque.

May God support us all the day long,
Till the shade lengthen
& the evening comes
And the busy world is hushed
& the fever of life is over & our work done.
Then in his mercy
May he give us safe lodging, a holy rest
& peace at the last. Amen.

- Cardinal John Henry Newman

JUST A THOUGHT
Make sure you test positive for Faith.
Keep your distance from Doubt.
Isolate yourself from Fear.
Trust in God through it all.

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Faith is not about everything turning out
okay!
Faith is about being okay no matter how
things turn out!

PUBLICATIONS

All publications and leaflets have been removed from both Churches. Please do not leave any publications, literature or papers anywhere in the Church.

When reading church notices please do not touch them, please do not place any notices on the Church notice board.

FAITH RESOURCES

Monica Brown is the Director of Emmaus Productions. They provide music and other audio visual resources, which enable children, youth and adults to connect with their faith. In response to the present virus crisis and the closing of our churches for Easter, Monica has kindly offered to make available much of her material **free of charge** to anyone who wishes to log on to the link below. They are very inspiring and should be of benefit to both adult and young people at these challenging times for our faith communities.

<https://www.emmausproductions.com/special-feature/spiritual-comfort-for-troubled-times-holy-week-2020>

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Are you Thoughtful? Some elderly & housebound parishioners in **Islandeedy & Glenisland** have remarked how very much they appreciate it when a neighbour or family are thoughtful enough to bring them a copy of the weekly **Sunday Bulletin** ... & how much it helps to keep them in touch with life in the parish especially now with the Covid 19 restrictions. **So... are YOU Thoughtful?**

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COVID-19 Support Line for Older People - ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Corona virus). Professional staff is available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is **open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm**, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

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Radio Maria Ireland is at your disposal in this current moment of challenge for the faithful in Ireland. We are broadcasting **24 hours each day** according to our threefold mission of prayer, catechesis and human formation. Daily Mass will be aired at **10am each day** from our **studio chapel**, including Sundays for those who would like to tune in. Radio Maria Ireland is to be found on television – Saorview, Channel 210 or by downloading our free app for mobile devices – Radio Maria Ireland

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Deadline for any items for inclusion in the Islandeedy/Glenisland Parish Newsletter is **12 noon** each Fri.

➤ **Phone** or send a **text message** or leave a **voicemail** to Liam on (087) 1361 895 **or**

➤ You can **email** Liam at islandeedyadm@gmail.com

All local Community Clubs, Primary Schools & other groups are invited & encouraged to submit a short notice(s) within 2-3 lines (**& NOT AN ESSAY**) for inclusion in the weekly newsletter.

Due to an increased interest in enrolment with **Bilberries Playgroup** it currently appears that we are full for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 and have a waiting list for spaces. We are also taking names for 2022/2023. We are therefore considering offering an afternoon session (approx. 1.30pm - 4.30pm) should there be sufficient numbers and would request that parents contact us ASAP to express interest. Tel. **087 6026947** or Email bilberriesplaygroup@gmail.com

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The Islandeedy/Glenisland Pastoral Council for 2018-2022.

They are: Michelle Lavelle (**Chairperson**), Saphine Morris (**Vice Chair**), Breege Carney (**Secretary**), Lesley McNicholas (**Vice Sec**), Siobhan Barrett, Phil Browne, Noreen Coyne, Michael Dooley, Liam Keaveney, Michael McCormack, Cathriona McNally, Seamus O'Donnell, James O'Malley, Caroline Price, Anne Roache, Noreen Sadler, Teresa Walsh & Fr. Chris Brennan.

A Parish Prayer

Lord, bless our parish community at this difficult time.

Give me patience with myself and others so that I will not make these times any more difficult than they already are.

Grant me the ability to acknowledge my fears so that I will not hide from acting in a responsible manner.

Give me courage to overcome any selfishness that hinders any concern for others.

Grant me the grace to reach out to others by safe means and in a helpful way.

Give me courage when I am feeling lonely and the knowledge that isolation is a good thing for now and that I am never fully alone.

Grant me the gifts of kindness, patience and love.

Give me your blessing: in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.



Let your Heart not be Troubled

Heavenly Father,

I praise YOU for the gift of another beautiful day,
For YOUR mercies are new, each and every morning.

As the sun rises, the pain of the night fades away

And YOUR Joy emerges with the light.

Let the worries and sorrows of yesterday be diminished

At the sound of YOUR great name. Amen.

Remember Me

*Speak of me as you have always done,
Remember all the good times, the laughter & fun.*

*Share the happy memories we've made,
Do not let them wither or fade.*

*I'll be with you in the summer's sun,
and when the winter's chill has come.*

*I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze,
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.*

*I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,
but memories we've shared are yours to keep.*

*Sometimes our final days may be a test,
but remember me when I was at my best.*

*Although things may not be the same,
don't be afraid to use my name.*

*Let your sorrow last for just a while,
Comfort each other and try to smile.*

I've lived a life filled with Joy and Fun,

Live on now & make me proud of what you'll become.

Thank you for keeping Catering in St Aidans & the Presbytery simple! Again please remember these rooms are in a Church setting & for the sake also of minding expensive carpet & chairs ... please NO egg sandwiches, salad sandwiches, cream or jam buns etc. Confine food to biscuits, buns, brack, simple sandwiches or cake that doesn't fall apart! Just use common sense. Remember most people have a mug in one hand and food in the other.

For **catering** in the Presbytery & St Aidans – on occasions of Weddings, Funerals, Anniv & Months Mind – nice customs emerged whereby **neighbours** offer to help out OR **a family** can make their own arrangement for catering ... OR members of the **Pastoral Council** kindly step in to organise ...OR ... just thoughtful **kind parishioners** from any **village** offer to help out. **Thank you** for keeping this nice custom alive in our Parish, it is nicely remarked on by people 'within' & visitors 'outside' our Parish.

5 Special Requests from the Priest....

- 1) **Readers:** 5 mins before Mass please pop into Sacristy & let priest know YOU are reading today.
- 2) **Ministers of Eucharist:** Please sit in **front** seat with your family or the other Minister so that priest sees/knows there's help for Communion.
- 3) **For Offertory Collection** please take baskets from outside of seat & move baskets towards the back & hand it to Collector (or mass server).
- 4) In the event there aren't enough mass servers, please take a newsletter which will be already placed in the holders at each of the 3 doors in Islandeady Church.
- 5) Prayer Cards are available in church seats; please use them to assist you saying the prayers during mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – (Adoration Times in our Parish)

Glenisland: Monday & Wednesday Nights **7-8pm.**

Islandeady: Sunday & Monday **7-8pm** / Tuesday **7-8pm**, Thursday Night **8-9pm.**

The **Islandeady Men's Shed** is officially up and running and has a wonderful group of Men from Islandeady/Glenisland involved. Officers of the committee include: Owen O'Malley (Chairperson), TF Gibbons (Vice Chair), Liam Keaveney (Secretary), Ciaran Moran (Asst Sec), Thomas O'Brien (Treasurer), Seamus Cleary (Asst Treasurer), Michael Chambers (PRO), Johnny Burke (Asst PRO). The aim of the Men's Shed is to provide a social outlet for Men aged 18-100 years where they can participate in a wide range of activities & give back to the community. Men from Islandeady – Glenisland are welcome to join. The group will meet again on **Thurs 16th Jan 2020**. New men are welcome to join & membership will be **€25**.

Church Envelopes are now available for the coming 12 months. They will be available in the Church Porches from this weekend. Please take your box of envelopes & if you see a neighbours one please kindly take it & deliver it to them. If you would like to take a box of envelopes to contribute to the weekly upkeep of our two churches, please let Fr. Chris or James O'Malley know & they will organise.

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The Pastoral Council wish to remind all local groups & charitable organisations that for 2020 all **Church Gate Collections** held in Glenisland & Islandeady Churches must be held **OUTSIDE** the Church Gates as per conditions of the permit **& NOT** inside at the Church Doors. There will be no exception to this.

New Singers & Musicians who are **Young & not so Young** are always “**Welcome to join**” either Glenisland or Islandeady **church choir** each weekend to uplift our Spirits – please let Nora or Ann know that you would like to join & share your **TALENTS** each week in church.

New Singers & Musicians of **ALL ages** are always **WELCOME** to join either Glenisland or Islandeady church choir each weekend to uplift our Spirits – please let Nora or Ann know that you would like to join to use & share your **TALENTS**...!! & **THANKS** Nora & Ann for organising the choir every weekend.

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Bingo Night continues every Tuesday Night from **8:30 – 10:30pm** in Islandeady Community Centre. Everybody young and old is welcome to come. Anyone wishing to avail of **transport** for the **Tuesday Night Bingo** is asked to contact Michael O'Haire at (087) 2202 123. Bus fare is **€5** per person

