

# Laragh Parish Newsletter

## The Return to Public Masses

The easiest way to determine if we are following government regulations is to treat the yellow circle on a seat as one person. This does not apply to households, of course. Families can sit together. *However,*

If a seat has 2 yellow circles, it must hold at maximum either **two individuals or one family**. (This applies, for example, to Carrickallen Church)

If a seat has 3 yellow circles, it must hold at maximum either **three individuals or one family and an individual**. (This applies to parts of Clifflerna Church)

If a seat has 4 yellow circles, it must hold at maximum either **four individuals or one family and two individuals or two families**. (This applies to parts of Laragh Church)

*In all of these cases,*

- Social distancing guidelines must be adhered to
- Masks must be worn throughout
- People should not move between areas of the church before, during or after Mass
- People should not gather in groups outside
- Solo singing only is permitted

**Funerals and Weddings:** The number at funerals and weddings is capped at 50 regardless of the size of the Church.

**First Communion and Confirmation:** We would hope that Confirmations will be able to take place in June. Subject to risk assessment, First Communions in rural parishes may also be permitted. (Urban areas will probably have to defer until September). Some parishes apparently have already announced dates. Neither the government advice nor the diocesan guidelines would encourage us to follow suit. We will give further details in the coming weeks.

Your co-operation will be very much appreciated.



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### Emergency Numbers

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**9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

## On Being the One Jesus Loves

Brennan Manning, an American author, lecturer and former priest, who died in 2013, used to tell the story of the Irish priest who, walking in the country one day, came across an old man kneeling by the side of the road, praying. Impressed, the priest said to the man, 'You must be very close to God'. The old man looked up from his prayers, thought for a moment and said with a broad smile, 'Yes, He's very fond of me'. Manning was so taken by the man's reply that he devised a slogan to introduce himself to others: 'I am the one Jesus loves'. The line is taken from St. John's Gospel where the disciple John is referred to as 'the one Jesus loved'. Manning says, 'If John were to be asked "What is your primary identity in life?", he would not reply, "I am a disciple, an apostle, an evangelist" but "I am the one Jesus loves"'. Today's readings remind us that this is our primary identity in life *if we follow Jesus' commandment to love one another.*

## GENERAL NOTICES

### ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH LARAGH

#### Masses this week:

Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00 am	Eugene & Henrietta Cusack & Dec family mbrs, Killymeehan A/V Marie Lynch, Dublin & Cavan 1 <sup>st</sup> A/V
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	As Requested
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	For the People of the Parish
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	As Requested
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	As Requested
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Sean McCartney, died on Lappin Bawn Mtn 100 Years ago on 8 <sup>th</sup> May – Requested by Seamus Duffy

**Eucharistic Adoration:** On Tuesday from 5pm – 7.45pm

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH CARRICKALLEN

#### Masses this week:

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm Eugene Lynch, Doureagh M/M

### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CLIFFERNA

#### Masses this week:

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> May 7.00 pm Peggy Fitzpatrick, Tierlahood M/M  
Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am As Requested

- 1. Return to Masses:** Details on the back page.
- 2. Online broadcasts:** Now that we have returned back to public masses, all masses from Laragh Church will be broadcast on [www.churchtv.ie/laragh](http://www.churchtv.ie/laragh)
- 3. Recent Baptism:** The Christian Community welcomes with joy, Baby Lana Mae Smith, Carrickacromin who was baptised in St. Patrick's Church, Carrickallen on Sunday last. Baby Kyrin James O' Reilly-Coleman, Killymeehan, who was baptised in St. Michael's Church, Clifferna on Sunday.
- 4. Clifferna Church Envelopes:** will be accepted in St. Michael's Church, Clifferna on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 11.30am – 12.30pm.
- 5. Envelopes:** If you wish to bring your contributions up to date, you may do so in the coming weeks. Thanks to all who handed in envelopes over the past number of months.
- 6. Lourdes Website:** A new website for Lourdes has been created. You can view on [www.saintbernadette.info](http://www.saintbernadette.info)
- 7. Laragh United GFC Lotto Results:** No jackpot winner. Winning numbers 15, 19, 25, 30. €30 Paddy Denning, Yearly Lotto, Siobhan Mannering, Caulfield, Frank Brady, Cordegan, Fidelma McMahon, Moneycss, Erin McGuire, Yearly Lotto. Next week's draw €11,800. Many thanks for your continued support.
- 8. Good Morning Cavan Free Phone Call Service for Older/Vulnerable People:** This is an independent service run by Positive Age Cavan. It is operated by volunteers who phone older or vulnerable people for a friendly chat to help them access any supports or services they might need. If you know of an older or vulnerable person who needs this service, you can refer them by contacting Positive Age on 049-4380725 or 087-7759584 or by filling out an application form (available at parochial house) and sending it to Positive Age, Castlemanor Community Centre, Billis, Cavan H12 Y8K3. Any older or vulnerable person who wishes to receive the service must give their consent.

#### Your prayers are requested for the soul of the late:

- **Fr Benny Fitzpatrick, Rathcorrck and former CC of Clifferna**, whose funeral took place in Swanlinbar on Monday, followed by burial in Killygarry cemetery. We extend our sympathy to his nephew James and family, Drumcrow.