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## KILMOCOMOGUE UNION OF PARISHES



Thursday 4 June 2020

Dear Parishioners

I write to update you on the current situation here in the parish and to seek your support for it's ongoing life and ministry.

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As is the case everywhere, our primary concern is to make sure that everyone in the community and parish is safe and well. We stand together as God's people with huge respect for the staff of the HSE and many other front line workers who are acting in such a gracious, selfless way on behalf of the entire community. Our prayerful thanks and good wishes go to the staff of Bantry General Hospital and to all in the emergency services and volunteer agencies who are supporting us locally. We applaud them and support them best by observing the government and health guidelines. It has been demanding and challenging, but our national statistics demonstrate that we have done very well. We need also to state unequivocally that all lives matter, that black lives matter.

Since the restrictions started both our churches have remained closed. As you are aware worship has been continuing in the parish through our own YouTube channel.

We have also had to postpone baptism and weddings. We extend our very best wishes to those families who have been affected. They are in our thoughts and prayers. In this regard we are guided in all our decision making by national and diocesan church advice. You will find a pastoral letter from the Bishop together with this letter.

It is most likely that with current restrictions we will not be able to have services in the 'smaller' churches in the Diocese and Unions of Parishes until later in the year. We will have more details once the Select Vestry have had an opportunity to physically meet. Having consulted with members of the Select Vestry, our aim, for now, is to have one weekly Sunday service in St. Brendan's Church, Bantry at 10am. We will be starting at the end of July if the stages in the roadmap are followed correctly and if all can be arranged and managed safely.

Thank you all for your support for our recent Christian Aid project. We were able to raise €1,270 directly with many other donations going directly to Christian Aid. This was a great achievement.

Unfortunately, it will be impossible to have a Garden Fete this year. The 5th roadmap phase begins on August 10th. Even if that close deadline passed safely we would still have to arrange incredibly complicated crowd control and safety procedures which I fear would be beyond our capability. We have also been guided by other large outdoor events which have been cancelled.

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One of our concerns, like many parishes, is finance and in particular supporting the ongoing life and ministry of the parish through the Fair Share and Offertory collections. Thank you if you have been able to pass on a donation. If you are in a position to pass on a contribution to Judith Payne (General Parish Funds) or Hazel Vickery (Fair Share) we would be most grateful. You can contact them directly to arrange how to pass on any such donation, which would be truly appreciated.

### **Standing Order/Bank Transfer/ Electronic Fund Transfer**

**To give a donation to the parish Offertory collection (Sunday plate) please use these details.**

**Account Name:** Kilmocomogue Union Offertory  
**Bank:** AIB Bank Bantry  
**Account Number:** 41314278  
**BIC:** AIBKIE2DXXX  
**IBAN:** IE97AIBK93601441314278

**To give a donation to the Fair Share Account please use these details.**

**Account Name:** Kilmocomogue Union Select Vestry  
**Bank:** AIB Bank Bantry  
**Account Number:** 04367032  
**BIC:** AIBKIE2D  
**IBAN:** IE 94 AIB9360 1404 3670 32

### **Online Donation**

We have also set up online donation. There are two options for online donation. Go to the homepage of the parish website ([www.durrusfete.ie](http://www.durrusfete.ie)) and click the 'Donate' button. You can either give a 'once-off' donation or you can sign up for a monthly subscription using either Paypal or a Credit or Debit Card. Any of these donations will go straight into the parish bank account.

Very many thanks indeed to you all for your support.

Yours in Christ



Canon Paul Willoughby

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