

Parish of Kilcummin (comprising the churches of Oughterard, Glann & Collinamuck)

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Parish Office open **Tues 11:30-12:30 & Thurs 14:30-16:30**. Mass bookings etc. through oughterparish@gmail.com or during above hours at 552290, min 2 weeks' notice. **News for the newsletter by 12pm on Tuesday**, emailed or letterbox of parish office. Please **leave public notices into the parish office** for display. **Mass Cards** available in office and in sacristy after all masses.

Baptisms

Will Resume in November, thanks for your patience

Confessions

After 7:00 pm mass Saturday. Please wait by the confessional

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 10:30-11:30

Thursday 19:00-20:00

Friday 10:30 – 11:30

Parish Support & Finances

Weekly Collections:

Weekly envelopes €1070

Restoration €150

Please support weekly envelopes, direct debit and candles too. Thank you.

Remember that our restoration works require substantial support to reach completion. Perhaps you would remember the parish in your wills. Benefactors are always remembered at the mass every month.

Parish volunteers

It will be November before we will be able to host renewal courses for the following ministries.

Eucharistic ministers

Readers of the Word

Choirs and liturgical groups

Alter society (flowers, cloths and the sanctuary upkeep)

Sacrament preparation groups

Pastoral council

The parish offices are in the process of being re-painted, and will be a bright and cheerful place for our meeting to take place.

Also, it may be possible to offer a "Sunday school" experience for young children under 8 years of age after 11:30am mass on Sunday's. This will allow busy parents to grab a coffee and treat after Sunday mass, and have their children receive some fun and interesting instruction on the mass, prayers, and learning how to be quiet, still and reflect, all in an age-appropriate way. Details will be posted in November, after the next phase of re-opening.

October 2021

The month of October is when we promote the **work of the missions**, remembering the great men and women who have gone to the far-flung regions of the world to live and work with the poor in the name of Jesus our Lord. Their missionary work is in more need of support now than ever, due to climate change, wealth inequality and the pandemic. **The 3rd Sunday in October is the main Sunday for donations**, please remember to have collection baskets on the altar rails, and to keep what is collected separate from other donations.

We are **still in the season of creation**, and we are called to make real and courageous decisions to play our part. I know that the message is being drummed every day, but consider what is happening. Climate change is top of the world's political agenda, pope Francis is reminding us that care for creation is akin to care for our brother and sister, the ecology and bio-diversity are being preached in the parishes continually, that a new industrial revolution is gathering momentum to de-carbonise. Are you still sceptical, or maybe indifferent? **Pray for an "eco-conversion" to inspire your decisions and actions.** Fr Michael.

Faith and Reason, things seen and things unseen ...

Day for Life 2021

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

This year's Day for Life will be celebrated in Ireland on **Sunday 3 October** on the theme 'The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion'.

In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, this year's message invites Catholics to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life.

The Catholic Church's approach to end of life care is well articulated in the recent Vatican document [Samaritanus bonus](#) on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life.

In that document we are reminded that Jesus gave us the image of the good Samaritan as the model for our compassion and our solidarity with those who find themselves vulnerable and who fear being abandoned in their final illness. The Good Samaritan is one who "crosses over", who "binds up wounds" and who, most important of all "stays with" the person for as long as is required.

Let us remember that we will inherit, and be subject to, the decisions and values we make and live in our lives in the present moment. The complex interconnectedness that is human society calls on us to live with a great sense of responsibility, justice, and compassion towards the marginalised, sick, vulnerable and elderly. How can we be sure that we will not be one of those kinds of people sometime in the future? What kind of a society will be there to speak up for us? We could very well be given the message, non-verbally but forcibly, that our lives "may not be worth living", that we "are a burden", that it would be best to "end the suffering and meaninglessness"? These reasons are inherently of a selfish slant, we ought to care for how we treat the needy and vulnerable because that is the right thing to do. But even if the motives are not too pure, the decision to speak up now will matter to countless thousands.

The year 2021: We have an opportunity like no other.

At the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in October, at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), countries will announce their plans to meet the goals of the Paris agreement. Ahead of those meetings, it is our responsibility as Catholics to lift up the voices of the most vulnerable and advocate on their behalf.

Please sign the petition on parish website

<https://churchmedia.tv/camera/church-of-the-immaculate-conception-oughterard>

Hearing Loop: The hearing loop for our church is now fully functional and works in all sections of the church; the south, east, & west (the whole Church). If you wear a hearing aid just move your setting to the "T" position and you will be able to hear clearly.

Church Devotions: We the parish community would strongly encourage your engagement / attendance at the various weekly devotions (Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Adoration) in our parish church for the month of October. Some of these devotions have been ongoing since May. As there will be no weekday mass for October, please make that "extra effort" for the month of Our Lady, and pray for the intentions of our parish, diocese, country, and world. Please keep an eye in the front porch for the times of the various daily devotions.

The parish would like to **facilitate the formation of discussion groups centred on the Catholic faith**. It is proposed to form small discussion groups of 6-8 people who would meet regularly with a focus on spiritual reading, including the Bible (with good commentaries), and other recommended faith topics. The format and frequency of the meetings will be shaped by the members themselves. If interested, **please call or text 086 320 7029 from 10:00-12:00 weekdays**.

There will be no resident priest in the parish for the month of October. What a pity that there will **not be any weekday masses** either, while **there will be just 2 weekend masses, 7:00pm and 11:30am**. Baptisms will resume in November, the 1st and 3rd Sundays as per normal. October therefore presents itself as a month to allow devotional practices to come to the fore. **Eucharistic adoration will move to the Lamb of God chapel**, while the rosary will be recited in the Church Wednesdays, along with the Divine Mercy chaplet. October is the traditional month of the rosary, and it would be a powerful expression of faith to introduce this prayer into homes also.

On Saturday October 9th, **The Hail Holy Queen Conference** will be on Radio Maria Ireland at 2pm. Guest speakers include Bishop John Keenan, Dr. Patrick Kenny, Fr. Gerry McCloskey, and Dr. Blythe Kaufman.

On Sunday Oct 10th, the Coastal Rosary will take place at 2.30pm. **Join people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our grottos, churches, at the coasts and other suitable places.** We encourage you to gather safely being mindful of COVID 19 regulations. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

WELCOME ALL FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN TO YOUR ENROLMENT MASSES! WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A SPECIAL YEAR TOGETHER. LET US MAKE THIS TIME REALLY BLESSED, PEACE-FILLED AND FUN TOO!
Fr Michael

The parish has received a most generous gift from a parishioner, a large number of books for Faith reading. I would love for us as a parish to **take on this book together please, from the 1st week in September, in conjunction with the season of creation. The book is called "the 4 sians of a dynamic catholic"** by Matthew Kelly.

Catholic Calendar

29 September – St's Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels
01 October – St Therese of the child Jesus
02 October – Our Guardian Angels