



**Mass Intentions for this week:**

Sat 24th Oct Special Intention.  
Sun 25th Oct John & Eileen Mulvihill & D.F.M. Leab.  
Mon 26th Oct John & Bridie Rowan, Derrygowra.  
Tues 27th Oct Special Intention.  
Wed 28th Oct Special Intention.  
Thurs 29th Oct Special Intention.  
Fri 30th Oct Peter Nolan, Carrickmoran, (5th Anniv).  
Sat 31st Oct Margaret & Patrick Mulvihill & D.F.M. Also Rem. Brid.  
Sun 1st Oct Special Intention.

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Wednesday 3-9pm.

**Month of The Holy Rosary** I invite you to join with families all over Ireland this October in praying together the Rosary, or even a decade of the Rosary, in your homes each day for God's protection during this time of Coronavirus.

**Lotto draw** held on Monday 19th October. No's drawn 1,3,12&25. No jackpot winner. €30 €5 envelopes to Fiona Gillen; €30 to James O'Flaherty; €20 each to Tom Sweeney and Sean Casey. Next weeks draw will be held in the Clubhouse on Monday 26th October at 9pm and the jackpot is €4,400. Thanks for your support.

**Facebook Page** has been established - so we will be able to send out the newsletter and notices regarding Covid updates to parishioners - Special Thanks to Tom Dennigan and David Hanley.

**Remembrance Message from Bishop Francis Duffy** "On 1st November at 3.00pm the bishops and priests of Ireland will lead a short service of prayer to dedicate the month of November to 'Remembrance of the Dead and Prayer for the Bereaved'. We invite the whole country to unite in this moment which will be followed by parish liturgies throughout the month of November, reaching out as much as possible to those who cannot be physically present". I will lead a Service of Remembrance in Saint Mel's Cathedral on Sunday 1st November at 3.00pm.

It will be live streamed on [www.longfordparish.com](http://www.longfordparish.com)

**Since midnight on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020** the country entered Level Five of the Government's 'Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021: Plan for Living with COVID-19'.

The following are the implications for Church practice:

- **Public Masses** cannot be celebrated. A priest may celebrate Mass in the church privately but with no congregation present, this may be live streamed. Outside speakers should not be used at this time as outdoor gatherings are not allowed at Level 5.
- **All other ceremonies** cease for the duration of Level Five: First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism and the Sacrament of Penance etc.
- **First Friday Calls** should not take place until further notice.

**The following are allowed:**

- **Funeral Masses** with up to 25 mourners. Marriages with up to 25 guests.
- Churches may remain open for private prayer, with adequate sanitising.
- **Anointing** of the sick may take place when invited by the family and taking all the necessary precautions of hand sanitising, social distancing, face covering and anointing with a cotton bud.
- **Priests** are permitted to travel **beyond the 5 km limit** to lead services remotely through the use of information and communications technology, to conduct weddings or funerals and to administer the anointing of the sick.

**Jesus' Wisdom in Today's Gospel:**

*"How people treat you - is their future -  
How you react will be yours".*

When the Nazis invaded Sarajevo in 1941, the Kavilio family were sure their days were numbered. They were Jews, and they needed to get out. A Muslim friend, Mustafa Hardaga, invited the Kavilios to hide out in his home and then helped them escape the country. With the help of the Hardagas, every member of the Kavilio family got out safely - except for the father, Josef Kavilio. Josef was caught by the Nazis and put to work in a chain gang. Once again, though, he was saved by the Hardagas. Mustafa's wife Zejneba helped him break free, and let him hide in their house. Then they smuggled him out the country to reunite with his family.

Over 50 years later, the Hardagas were still in Sarajevo when the Bosnian War began. It soon turned into a genocide in which 8,000 Muslims were massacred.

The Hardagas were facing death, but Israel's Holocaust memorial, Yad Vashem, knew about their story. As soon as the genocide began, the organization pulled strings to get the Hardagas into Israel. They returned the favour the family had given the Kavilios and saved a Muslim family from genocide.

**Moral:** Jesus tells us - "Love your neighbour as yourself - It will be its own reward!"

"We are not punished for our sins, but by them;

We are not rewarded for our good deeds but by them .

Each bad choice diminishes us ... just as each good one augments.

Therefore - Always be kinder than necessary." - Dante.

*Or again*

When people insult you, don't take it personally - but do listen to their words - Why? What they *think* they see in you is a reflection of what's really in them - The origin of their negative feelings towards you is within their own "heart". Hence the mystical wisdom of Jesus when he calls on us not take offense when faced with insult:

*"How people treat you - is their future -  
How you react will be yours".*