

# Parish of Killenaule & Moyglass EASTER 2020

## Easter Blessings from Fr Jimmy

**Easter 2020** will be remembered for a long time to come as the year we didn't celebrate our Easter ceremonies, as churches were locked and mass was celebrated in private, behind closed doors.

It's a strange and sad feeling for all of us that as we enter this special week of our faith, we must remain apart.

It's difficult for everybody, from the youngest to the oldest to comprehend the difficult times we are experiencing as we are confined because of the corona virus.

I take this opportunity to write these few words and to post them on our Parish web so that these blessings may reach far and wide in these difficult times. Since the lock-down began we are all appreciating the benefits of technology in connecting us together like Parish radios, webcam, Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter and Zoom.

But we are also finding out they are limited and no comparison for the tried and tested coming together of parish and communities.

Our hearts and sympathies go out at this time to bereaved families and who have to bury their dead without the support and friendship of neighbours and friends.

Despite all the restrictions that are in place I want to wish you, the people of Killenaule and Moyglass and all your homes and families the joy and happiness of this Easter time.

Easter is the great pinnacle of our faith, when the message of Christ resurrection still fills us with hope and meaning.

It is a time to unite together and pray for our Country, for all who lead us in making the difficult decisions, for all on the front-line of essential services and ultimately in finding a cure so that we can resume our lives again.

My hopes and prayers are that when this is all over, we will be able to go back to our everyday lives, to things we took for granted and that we will value them more than ever and that our faith will be the stronger for what we have endured together.

**Gods blessing on you all this Easter time.**

**Fr. Jimmy O'Donnell**

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