

Moynalvey Kiltale Parish

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4 JULY 2021 IS THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B

KILTALE		(KILTALE WEBCAM)
SATURDAY	6.30 pm	Edward & Veronica Costello
SUNDAY	10.00 am	Ronan Kelly
Tuesday	7.00 pm	St Maria Goretti
Wednesday	10.00 am	St Maelruain
SATURDAY	6.30 pm	
SUNDAY	10.00 am	
MOYNALVEY		(MOYNALVEY WEBCAM)
SATURDAY	8.00 pm	Paddy Weldon
SUNDAY	11.30 am	John & Bridget Goggin
Thursday	7.00 pm	St Killian
Friday	10.00 am	St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions
SATURDAY	8.00 pm	
SUNDAY	11.30 am	Jim Moran & Family

EUCARISTIC ADORATION EVERY THURS in Kiltale church from 9am to 10pm.

THANK YOU for supporting our parish:

Standing orders: € 135

Building Fund envelopes: € 565

Online donations: € 72

Plate collection: € 280

READERS for next weekend:

[Kiltale](#) 6.30 pm: D. Cummings 10.00 am: E. Donoghue & B. Rooney
[Moynalvey](#) 8.00 pm: J. Weldon 11.30 am: T. Brady

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS for next weekend:

[Kiltale](#) 6.30 pm: P. McKenna 10.00 am: M. Lydon
[Moynalvey](#) 8.00 pm: Fiona Lawless 11.30 am: C. Mallee

CHURCH CLEANING for July:

[Kiltale](#) M. Wiseman & Family

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

5 July **St Antony Mary Zaccaria** (1502 - 1539) was born in Lombardy. He was studying medicine, but then decided to become a priest. He was part of the movement to self reform in a Church that was responding to the Protestant Reformation.

5 July **The Wexford Martyrs** were executed for their Catholic faith in 1581.

6 July **St Maria Goretti** (1890 - 1902) is one of the youngest saints to be canonized. She died after being attacked by a young man she knew. Before she died, Maria forgave her attacker and promised to pray for him. She is honoured as the patron saint of Catholic Youth, Girls & Teenagers.

7 July **St Maelruain** (- c.791) founded the monastery at Tallaght, in Dublin. Together with St Aengus he wrote a detailed Rule for the community, which is an important document in the history of early monasticism.

8 July **St Kilian** was born in Cavan. He was a missionary Bishop who was killed in 689.

9 July **St Augustine Zhao Rong and 119 of his companions** were martyred in China between 1648 and 1930. Augustine Zhao Rong was one of the Chinese soldiers who escorted Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse to his execution. Moved by his patience, he asked to be baptized, and in due course was sent to the seminary and ordained a priest. He was arrested and savagely tortured. He died in 1815.

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THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME:

SCOTT HUGO GARVEY, Boycetown, Kiltale

SONAS SASTA - MEALS ON WHEELS

Do you have a couple of hours a week to join our team of volunteers? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Pat Dunne on 086 877 85 66 or Mary Nally on 087 288 90 05

KILTALE H.C.C. LOTTO NOT WON

Numbers: (26 June) 20, 26, 28, 29
Lucky dip €50 :-) Peter Collins

MOYNALVEY G.F.C. LOTTO NOT WON

Numbers: (28 June) 2, 16, 19, 28
€20: Mallee Family, J. Gilsenan, E. Murray
GOLF CLASSIC in Kilcock G.C. on Fri 23 July.
Call Mick O'Shea 087 255 06 42 for details.

STATEMENT BY BISHOP TOM DEENIHAN, ON THE CANCELLATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND

CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES

As you will be aware, Government has, once again, decreed that the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion should not proceed at this time. The decision was, according to the Tanaiste, based on the recommendation of NPHE. However, today's newspapers report that Dr Tony Houlihan informed members of Dail Eireann yesterday that he never requested that Confirmations and First Holy Communion be postponed. That has added to the sense of confusion and anger amongst callers to the Diocesan Office. This decision by Government is a source of much disappointment to the young people who have been preparing for and looking forward to the various ceremonies. It is a source of disappointment to their parents, teachers and clergy too who have been involved in preparing them for an important moment in their faith. The proximity of the cancellation to the actual ceremony, which was based on previous Government advice, means that parents have days off planned and other expenses have been incurred. It is of some surprise that while Government officials have indicated that churches are safe, their concern is what happens afterwards in relation to domestic and other settings. I am confident that, at this juncture, parents know what is safe, will not want to put their families at risk and should be trusted in relation to what happens in their own home.

The Church is in a difficult position in this regard. While there is a temptation to ignore Government on religious worship and the celebration of the sacraments, and many have encouraged such a course of action, that would cause concern to some parents too and would politicise the Sacraments, something which, I believe, should be avoided at all costs. Once again, despite having a schedule devised for Confirmation in the Diocese starting next week, I find myself in the troubling and regrettable position of having to cancel. This is a political decision that was made without consultation with Church authorities. I remain troubled that any Government or Government minister can cancel the celebration of religious worship or the Sacraments while, crucially, saying at the same time that what happens within a church is safe. This goes to the heart of freedom of worship. All religious authorities have worked hard to ensure that whatever happens in places of worship is safe. The parishes of this diocese, through the voluntary work of parishioners, have responded generously, courageously and at some cost to ensure that all ceremonies are conducted in accordance with safety measures for the protection of public health. This is the right, necessary and prudent thing to do. It is unreasonable to ban Sacraments for everyone on the basis of what might happen in some cases afterwards. Such measures have not been applied across any other sector of society. Other places have either been closed or can open based on what happens within those places. The Church seeks no more and no less. Many people have been contacting this office and the various parishes expressing concern and seeking information. In the light of Dr. Houlihan's clarification, I would suggest that such calls are directed towards the politicians who made this decision. In the meantime, be assured that the important Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated as soon as possible in the Diocese. The celebration of Baptism will proceed in this diocese subject to the pastoral judgement of the local clergy, minimum numbers and public health precautions.

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