



Masses on Webcam Only until further notice

Friday 20th March will be the last day for open Masses until further notice.

Those attending are of vulnerable age and the risk to them is too great.

My private Masses will be broadcast on our parish website:

www.stmatthewsballyfermot.com

Monday to Friday at 7.00pm,

Saturdays 6.30pm and

Sundays 10.30am.

The Church will be open every day from

9.30am till 11.30am on weekdays and from

11.30am till 1.00pm on Sundays

and people are encouraged to come in on their own to pray for a while.

However, the adoration chapel (prayer room) will be closed altogether as the space is too confined.

RTE are broadcasting Mass daily from Letterkenny Cathedral at 10.30am on the RTE News Now Channel.

Fr. Piaras

**Prayer Room
Closed
until further notice**

*Please take a Trócurie Box
For Lent*



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Mass Times St. Matthew's Webcam only

Weekends:

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am

Weekdays:

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 7.00pm

Tue: Morning Prayer 10.00am

**Mass in Cherry Orchard Hospital
Cancelled until further notice**

Readings for this Sunday

1st Reading: **1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13**

David is anointed King of Israel by Samuel

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 5: 8-14**

'Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on

you' Gospel: **John 9: 1-41**

Curing of the man born blind


Don't forget to visit our website

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Please take the newsletter home with you.




Mass Intentions
Saturday 6.30pm: Francis Lynch, Bridget O'Leary
Sunday 10.30am: Christy, Lil & Paddy Nugent
Wednesday 7.00am: Bryan Higgins
Thursday 7.00am: People of the Parish

Advocate Sunday (St. Vincent De Paul Society)
The annual **Advocate** church gate collection in aid of Sunshine House, the children's holiday home due to be taken up on the weekend of Palm Sunday 4/5 April has had to be cancelled owing to church closures due to COVID-19.
It might be possible to arrange for this collection to be taken up later in the year.
You can still donate online at 
<https://www.sunshinefund.ie>
This is currently our only source of fundraising

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People
ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).
Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Church Collections
8 March
1st Collection 525 (to the Diocese)
2nd Collection 415 (to the Diocese)
Family Offering 480 (To St. Matthew's)

Reflection
Lent is a time to reflect on
Jesus Christ
His Suffering
His Sacrifice
His Life
His Death
His Resurrection



Recently Deceased
We remember in our prayers:
Andrew Corrigan Mary Molloy Christopher Stynes
whose funerals took place recently in St. Matthew's.
We offer our sympathy to their families and friends
May they rest in peace.

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Mon 23/03 | Jn. 4: 43-54 | 'Go home, your son will live' |
| Tue 24/03 | Jn. 5: 1-3, 5-16 | The healing at the pool of Bethesda |
| Wed 25/03 | Lk. 1: 26-38 | The Annunciation of the Lord |
| Thu 26/03 | Jn. 5: 31-47 | My works testify that the father has sent me. |
| Fri 27/03 | Jn. 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30 | 'There is one who sent me and I really come from him' |
| Sat 28/03 | Jn. 7: 40-52 | 'There has never been anybody who has spoken like him' |

