

Webcam Broadcast C-19 26

Hello Everyone! I hope you continue to keep safe and well.

It's Monday 14th September 2020.

I'm glad to be able to report that Baptisms, scheduled to be celebrated after lockdown 6 months ago, have now at last taken place. We have caught up with the backlog of Baptisms, First Communion and Confirmations. It's a relief to all concerned that we have been able to take the steps required to bring us up to date.

Now we are able to plan for new Baptisms. The new Baptism schedule until the end of this year is now available on the Parish Website, kilnamanaghcastleview.com. Bookings for Baptisms can be made by contacting the Parish Office by telephone, 4515570.

The only update I have regarding my new friend the mouse is that I have had no sighting of him for some days now. I will continue to keep an eye out to see if he is still about.

It has been quite a marathon these last weeks. In fact the régime since the Pandemic began has been quite trying. I need a break. I need a rest. I can't go on and on and on without a recharge. The Bible tells us that God rested on the Seventh Day after all the work he had been doing. And Finn McCool, legendary hero of Old Ireland, after fighting a giant, needed a rest.

We have a new word now, Staycation. I take it to mean staying at home, or staying in the country for a break or a holiday. I think it's my turn now for a staycation.

Bishop Eamonn is going to fill in for me, and I am very grateful to him for making himself available.

The day has come that when the priest is away Mass will not be celebrated because no priest is available.

This is Monday Message Number 26. I don't envisage a Monday Message for the next two Mondays. If I am able, I will resume on Monday 5th October.

We are into change of season as well, from summer to autumn. I notice the swallows have their bags packed for their great journey to South Africa on their migration.

Until next time.

Keep safe and avoid situations of risk regarding your health.

Slán agus beannacht.