

Tralee and Dingle October Newsletter 2020.

Date	Ballyseedy 9.45 am	Tralee 10.45 am	Ballymac 12 noon	Kilgobbin 10.00 am	Dingle 12 noon
4 th October	HC	MP	HC	HC	HC
11 th October	No Service	Harvest	No Service	MP	MP
18 th October	MP	HC	HC	MP	HC
25 th October	No Service	MP	MP	HC	HC

Thank you.

I would like to thank all those who very kindly thought of me and my family on the death of my mother Elizabeth Stephens. I am most appreciative of all those who telephoned, sent texts, cards and flowers and the very many people who posted their messages on RIP.ie. Thankyou also to those who covered the services that I was rostered for in the last weeks of September. This has meant a lot to me and my family.

Elizabeth, although born in Beaufort, spent the first eight years of her life in Ballymacelligott where she was cared for by her Uncle Richard and Aunt May Poff, following the death of her mother when she was a baby. She will be greatly missed by her six children, her twelve grand children and her two great grand-children. Her funeral service was held in St Michaels Church Killorglin and she was buried in Kilcolman Church grounds in Miltown.

Easter Vestries.

The Easter Vestries have been concluded successfully and again we are most appreciative of those who give of their time and energy to our parishes in so many different ways.

Church and Glebe Wardens Tralee and Ballymacelligott

Ballymacelligott, Ann Shanahan and Trevor West
Ballyseedy, Heather Sugrue and Vivien Blennerhassett.

Tralee, Susie Keating and Marion Hogan.

Treasurer, Phyllis Mason and Secretary Olive Flynn.

Glebe Wardens, Robert Groves and Mark Boyle.

Church and Glebe Wardens Camp and Dingle

Kilgobbin, Joyce O'Donnell and Myrna Beardsworth,

Dingle, Eric Prestage and Ellie Roberts,

Glebe Wardens, Robert Hoffman and Eoin Martin.

Treasurer, Belinda Gascoigne and Secretary Cecil Hoffman.

Harvests.

We are well into the harvest season and the first of our harvests will be held in both Camp and Dingle this Sunday, 4th October which is the Feast of St Francis. It has been suggested that parishioners may like to bring some tinned or dry goods which can be donated to the soup kitchen.

The second harvest thanksgiving will be held in Tralee on the 11th October and The Bishop has very kindly agreed to preach.

Heating St Johns Ashe Street.

A new heating unit was installed in St Johns recently, we are looking forward to a warmer church this winter. It is likely that this may be the first part of gradual upgrade to the heating

system in the Church. This work was coordinated by Simon Keating and Mark Boyle, the unit was installed by Coolstream Services, the ground work was carried out by Alan Boyle and Company and Freemans did the electrical work.

Confirmation.

It is hoped to hold a confirmation service in the parish next year. Confirmation provides an opportunity for our young people and their parents and indeed for the whole parish family to think again about the Christian faith and what it means, its relevance to us, and to society in general.

Confirmation preparation offers our young people, if they so wish, the chance to think about these things, and to take the next step and confirm for themselves the promises that their parents and God Parents made on their behalf at their Baptism. It is an opportunity for me to get to know the young people a little better and to share a little of the Christian faith.

I believe that as Christians we are the custodians of something that is very precious and of value to ourselves and the world around us.

As the Hymn says, 'We have a Gospel to proclaim, Good news for all throughout the world.

Just think of the difference that those motivated by their Christian Faith have made in the world, and where we would be without them and what type of a world would we be living in now. The Message of Christ still needs to be told and witnessed to in the world. I saw a challenging sign outside a church one time, it went like this '**Jesus the Carpenter needs Joiners!**

Boys Brigade.

The Boys Brigade are not meeting physically at the moment but Collette the ever-inventive Captain is setting them some monthly challenges. The First was a photographic competition and the results will be on the parish website shortly. The Second is on thankfulness.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair was always a wonderful community building and fund-raising event, sadly this won't happen this year, but we may try a raffle or some other events, I have had some suggestions and if you have any ideas please let us know at the parish email address, or text or ring.

The Harvest Collect.

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
Grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need
and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.