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Abbeystrewry Union of Parishes

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Congratulations to all those who were confirmed by the Bishop on Sunday 5th June in Abbeystrewry Church. (Thank you to Kornel Photography for use of the photo).

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Current worship guidelines.

Pretty much all of the pandemic restrictions to worship have now been lifted! This is fantastic news as we settle back into near 'normality'! The only restrictions that remain in place for our services are that we will not be exchanging the sign of the peace at our services.

After discussions at the Easter General Vestry meeting, receiving from the common chalice will be phased in on general basis. Holy Communion in both kinds will be available for those who wish it, but there is no pressure to receive in both kinds!

People are no longer required to wear a Face mask or covering, but of course are free to do so if they wish. One of the things our churches have is plenty of space. If you feel safer, please feel free to spread out (there is usually plenty of room at the front!)

Parish visiting and House Communion. Over the last two years visiting from the Rector has mostly been in case of pastoral emergency. As the situation continues to improve, and if you feel you would like a visit from the Rector please do not hesitate to contact me. Similarly if you would Holy Communion but feel unable or are nervous of going to Church, please contact the rector and we can see what might be arranged. We can make sure we come up with a way to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please note that at the moment visiting will be by appointment only, as not everyone would probably feel comfortable with unannounced visitors!



Concerts ~ The return of concerts to our churches is wonderful!

Faure's requiem will also be preformed by the West Cork Choral singers in Abbeystrewry Church on **June 18th** in Abbeystrewry Church. (If you can't make it on 18th June, it will also be preformed in St. Barrahanes on Thursday 11th August.)

We are also looking forward to the return of St. Barrahanes Festival of Music to St. Barrahanes Church, Castletownshend. A number of concerts have already been confirmed, you can find details on our website:

www.barrahanemusic.ie

We also look forward to welcoming Skibbereen Arts Festival to Abbeystrewry Church for their concerts at the end of July.



We remember with love those recently departed from the parish.

The funeral for Kenneth Evans took place on Thursday 2nd June in Abbeystrewry Church.

The ashes of Mike Newman were buried in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend on Tuesday 24th May.

May they both rest in peace and rise in glory.



Kingston College which is a community of 31 small terraced houses, which have been providing housing to people in need since 1761. It is located outside Mitchelstown. These beautiful houses are grouped around a large square with a chapel as it's central focus, and have been in Trust since the mid-eighteenth century to three Church of Ireland Bishops, who have been maintaining them via a fund.

Our Bishop has been appealing to raise money to do up 8 vacant properties to house refugees and their families. RTE programme DIVSOS have announced that they wished to be involved and intend to shoot a two episode special on the renovations.

The Diocese is appealing for ...Groundworkers, Machine Drivers, Carpenters, General Labourers, Plumbers, Electricians, Roofers, Slabbers, Blocklayers, Painters, Plasterers, Joiners, Pavers, Landscapers, Tilers, Catering, Cleaning – you name the trade, we need you there!

If you'd like to get involved, please get in touch via email or phone (diysoscork@gmail.com / 083 013 9827) and include your: * NAME, * NUMBER, * EMAIL * Details of your TRADE or what you can SUPPLY.

New arrivals to the Diocese ~ As a parish we welcome Rev. Cliff Jeffers to the Diocese of Ross as he prepares to move from Fanlobous Union of Parishes to Ross Union of parishes to be the Dean of Ross. His institution and installation as Dean will be on Sunday 17th July at 4pm.

We also welcome to West Cork the Rev. Terry Mitchel to be Priest in Charge of Kiloe Union of parishes and also Diocesan Further Education and Training Officer for the Diocese. His service of institution will be on Sunday 24th July at 4pm.



St. Matthew's ~ We are delighted with the return to services at St. Matthew's Baltimore this summer. We have changed the time of Sunday service to 8 pm, and we will be introducing the service of Compline for most evenings. The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (*completorium*). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection. Compline will be a shorter service to what you may be expecting, and it is a great end to the day.

Please note that the Rector is on holiday from 25th June to 9th July. In case of pastoral emergency please contact Rev. Carole Pound on 0863569952 or Canon Paul Willoughby on 027 61011.

Services in June

Sunday 12 June ~ Trinity Sunday

- 9.00 Eucharist in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend
- 10.15 Morning Prayer in St. Mary's, Caheragh
- 11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church
- 20.00 Compline in St. Matthew's, Baltimore

Sunday 19 June ~ The First Sunday after Trinity

- 9.00 Morning Prayer in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend
- 10.15 Eucharist in St. Mary's, Caheragh
- 11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church
- 20.00 Eucharist in St. Matthew's, Baltimore

Sunday 26 June ~ The Second Sunday after Trinity

- 9.00 Morning Prayer in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend
- 10.15 Morning Prayer in St. Mary's, Caheragh
- 11.30 Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church
- 20.00 Compline in St. Matthew's, Baltimore

Sunday 3 July ~ The Third Sunday after Trinity

- 9.00 Morning Prayer in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend
- 10.15 Morning Prayer in St. Mary's, Caheragh
- 11.30 Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church
- 20.00 Compline in St. Matthew's, Baltimore

The Eucharist will also be celebrated on the following Wednesdays in June at 10.30 am in the Creagh Chapel, Abbeystrewry Church: **Wed 15th and Wed 22nd** of June.

The Sunday services will be live streamed on the parish YouTube account search Abbeystrewry on YouTube (and please do subscribe!). Services can also be viewed through the parish Facebook page (search Abbeystrewry on Facebook) and on the parish website

www.abbeystrewry.com



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