

# Naomh Fionán An Fál Carrach nuachtlitir



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B 2ND MAY 2021

## Mass Times and Intentions for the Week

Mass from the Church is available live on:

<https://www.falcarraghparish.com>

& Parish Radio @ 106.5 FM

**ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE VIA OUR PARISH RADIO OR ONLINE VIA WEBCAM**

Saturday 24th	7:00 pm	Intention	
Sunday 25th	11:00 am	Margaret Boyle, Glasgow.....	Anniversary
Monday 26th	10:00 am	People of the Parish	
Tuesday 27th	10:00 am	Special Intention	
Wednesday 28th	10:00 am	Special Intention	
Thursday 29th	10:00 am	Intention	
Friday 30th	10:00 am	Intention	
Saturday 1st	7:00 pm	Hugh Rodgers, Aranmore .....	Anniversary
Sunday 2nd	11:00 am	Neil Doherty .....	Anniversary

**CHURCH OPENING TIMES:** *The Day Chapel in the church is open for private prayer:*

*Sunday: 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Monday – Saturday: after Mass (or 10:30 am) – 8:00 pm*

**CONFESSIONS:** Available by request only

**Under current Covid-19 restrictions, all Masses (except funeral limited to 25 people) are without congregations at this time.**

## THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

*Lord, you said:*

*'I am the vine, you are the branches.*

*Separated from my you can do nothing,*

*but united with me you will bear much fruit.'*

*Thank you, lord, for the bond you formed with us.*

*And thank you for the bond that you formed with us.*

*And thank you for the bond that exists among us  
because of our union with you.*

*Thanks to this bond we have invisible riches  
to share with one another.*

*Grant that we may never be separated from you,  
so that we may produce in the world  
the fruits of faith, hope and love.*

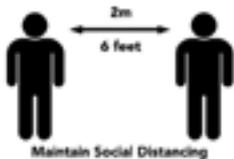


# NOTICES / FOGRAÍ

## POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN VISITING THE CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER.



Wear a Mask



Maintain Social Distancing



Use Hand Sanitiser

(Use wipes provided and ensure your hands are dry from the sanitiser before lighting candles)

**It is VERY IMPORTANT to also remember:**

**Remain safe at home:**

- If your health is vulnerable or you feel unsure about coming out
- If you have Covid-19 or have had contact with someone who has
- If you are awaiting results of a Covid-19 test
- If you have a flu or cold like symptoms

### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

I would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge all who are contributing to the parish at this time by dropping in their church envelopes or making payments online or through the bank at this difficult time to help keep the parish going. It is greatly appreciated.

**Ways by which you can contribute:**

- Placing your parish envelope through the letterbox in front door of the parochial house or to the letterbox on the wall beside the Sacristy door. All these are checked and cleared each day.
- Direct Debit / Standing Order: Account details: Falcarragh Parochial Account. BIC: BOFIE2D. IBAN: IE09 BOFI 9051 1744 9468 50.
- Online using the idonate button at the top of the Diocesan website, [raphodioces.ie](http://raphodioces.ie) and then choosing Falcarragh Parish.

### WHY IS THE MONTH OF MAY DEDICATED TO MARY?

Historians aren't exactly sure why May was chosen to honour Mary, but many believe that May being the month when spring is in full bloom has a lot to do with it. May is the height of spring—gardens everywhere are alive with blooming flowers and trees are filling their branches with leaves. This new beginning and new birth in nature reminds us of the life Mary gave to Jesus. Without Mary giving birth to Jesus, all the events that followed: Jesus' life, death, and resurrection wouldn't have happened. So, it's believed that May (when nature is showing signs of life) is the ideal month to honour the woman who gave life to our Saviour.

In the ancient Greek world, the month of May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fertility and life. For the ancient Romans, the month of May was the official beginning of spring and was linked to Flora, the goddess of bloom and blossoms. Over time, the ancient tradition of celebrating life and fertility in the May led Christians to adopt May as the month to honour the Mother of Jesus.

For Christians the custom of dedicating the month of May to Mary dates back to the 13th century. But it wasn't until the 18th century when this practice became popular. The practice became common among the members of the Jesuit Order in Rome. Because of the far reach of the order's schools, the devotion took hold, and by the 1700's it began to spread worldwide. Pope Paul VI who wrote in 1965 that the month of May is an occasion for a "moving tribute of faith

and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven."

### REOPENING CHURCHES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

Following the announcement on Thursday by the Taoiseach, the public will be able to attend Mass again from 10th May. This will be limited to 50 persons for the moment. The number of people allowed to attend weddings and Funerals will also increase to 50 from the 10th May. We are still asked not to hold First Communions or Confirmations ceremonies for the time being.

### CHURCH STEWARDING - CHURCH REOPENING

For those who worked as stewards/ushers for the Masses in the church earlier in the year, there will be a short meeting in the church on Tuesday 4th at 7:30 pm. As we reopen for the public to attend Masses from the 10th of May, we will need help with stewarding in the church once again, particularly for the weekend Masses. Therefore, if you can, please offer to help by contacting the Parochial House on 074 91 35196.

### MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals needs your help. War rages on in Tigray, Ethiopia, and much of the world remains unaware. The stories we are hearing from our trusted local partner The Daughters of Charity, about what people have gone through since the conflict began last November are nothing short of horrific. But with communication channels only partially open and much of the country still in 'blackout', global media remains largely silent. To find out more please go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or call Patricia Friel on 0863140814

### SIOPA POBAIL

You can drop your donations at Siopa Pobail on Mondays and Saturdays from 11am-12noon.

### 50/50

Congratulations to Rose Cannon, Ardsbeg, who won the 50/50 prize this week of €865. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

### THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Local contact number: 087 1443464

### SUPPORT LINES FOR OLDER PEOPLE DURING COVID-19

ALONE Open every day: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm, by calling 0818 222 024. SeniorLine: Open every day from 10am-10pm. Freephone 1800 80 45 91

Parish Newsletters is available online on our Parish website: [www.naomhfionan.com](http://www.naomhfionan.com) & Facebook page: [@falcarraghparish](https://www.facebook.com/falcarraghparish).

### Cuimhneacháin Báis:

**Maurice O'Donnell**, Well Brae, Ballina, whose funeral took place in Gortahork on Friday.

**Bella McGee**, Ballina, whose funeral took place in Gortahork on Tuesday last.

**Frank O'Brien**, Lower Dunmore, whose Months Mind will take place on Friday evening @ 7:00 pm

### Anniversaries:

**Hugh Rodgers, Neil Doherty, Owenie & Mary McGee & Kathleen O'Brien.**

**May They Rest In Peace**