

Billy Derrykeighan

Rectory Ramblings

Public Health Alert

Morbus Sabbaticus!

Morbus Sabbaticus is seeing a sharp increase in 2021.

- The symptoms vary, but never interfere with the appetite.
- It never lasts more than a few hours.
- No physician is ever called.
- It is highly contagious.

The attack comes on suddenly on Sundays. No symptoms are ever felt on Saturday night. The patient awakes as usual feeling fine and eats a hearty breakfast.

About 9am the attack comes on and lasts until noon. In the afternoon, the patient is much improved and is able to go out in the car, work in the garden, watch TV, and read the Sunday papers.

The patient is able to go to work on Monday as usual.

The ailment can be chronic and usually life-diminishing!

To the tune Morning Light (Hymn 488)

*Get up, get up, for Jesus, ye sluggards of the Cross,
a lazy Sunday morning, means certain harm and loss!
If Christians on a week day, can rise at half past seven
they surely on the Lord's day, can rise for eleven*



At the moment, even though we are in lockdown, churches are allowed to be open, if the Public Health Guidance is followed. Both churches have viral disinfectant foggers and are cleaned after every service.

Unless the guidance from Stormont changes, hopefully Sunday worship will continue—masked, distanced, hand hygiene etc,etc.

I know that more and more parishioners have been told to isolate recently or have even tested positive. We will all look forward to the vaccine, but until then, don't attend church if you or anyone in your household have symptoms.

Sunday 10th January—The Baptism of Christ

Sunday 17th January—Epiphany 2

Sunday 24th January—Epiphany 3 (Conversion of St Paul)

Sunday 31st January—Epiphany 4 (Septuagesima)

Sunday 7th February—2nd Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima)

Sunday 14th February—Sunday before Lent (Transfiguration)

Sunday 21st February- CONFIRMATION ONLY

Sunday 28th February—Lent 2

Sunday School Joint Christingle Service, 24th January

4pm in Derrykeighan

Ash Wednesday, 17th February

Morning service 11am in Billy

Evening service 7.30pm in Derrykeighan



Graveyards

Once again, thefts of flowers, and pots were reported to me before Christmas. I can only suggest that nothing of value is placed on a grave. Giving a donation to charity in memory of your loved ones may be an alternative.

The graveyards will have their usual tidy up by the Rector in February before the beginning of Lent. Please do ensure that Christmas wreaths and faded flowers are taken away and it would be a great help if you could take them home and use your own bin. The church bins cannot cope with the amount of post Christmas waste.

Confirmation

At the moment I am hoping Confirmation will go ahead on Sunday 21st February. **There will be NO morning services that day. The usual congregation can take the Sunday off.** Due to social distancing and the number of candidates, Bishop George has very kindly agreed to come morning and afternoon to Billy Parish Church. Each candidate will have one pew only for themselves and their guests.

At the minute, all the arrangements still stand for the 2 preparation afternoons on Sundays 7th and 14th February.

All paperwork needs to be returned by Sunday 7th February and candidates must finalise the details of their guests for track and trace purposes.

This Confirmation will be different and I trust our new Bishop will guide us and put the candidates at ease.

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The best way to move mountains to begin with no hills and work your way up.

Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.

Blowing out another persons light never makes yours burn any brighter.

An opportunist is a person who does what you thought about doing.

God is interested in your use-ability just as much as your ability.



Parish Registers



Christian Burial

St Colman's 12th December

Annie Small



Billys Holy Dusters

2nd & 9th Jan

Elaine & Jean McCook

16th & 23rd Jan

Anna & Brian Brown

30th Jan & 6th Feb

Evelyn Kane & Jean Ramage

13th & 20th Feb

Brenda McCook & Louisa McGoogan

27th Feb

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