

7th May 2020

Well this is interesting chums! I was looking at my diary and I'm supposed to be going on holiday with the lovely Janette in a couple of weeks time! Not that we would be going anywhere as the building work on our cottage isn't finished and is at present at a standstill. But nevertheless...

I am well aware, of course, that many people won't get the chance of a holiday this year and many have had their vital break away from work, cancelled by the travel agent or airline. So I can't say I feel particularly hard done by in comparison.

The big question for me though, is, 'What do I do with my break if the lockdown is still in place?' Well, the Sunday Mass will be uninterrupted but should I continue with the daily e-pistle and morning and evening prayer? (keep any answers polite please). I know that quite a few people have been greatly supported by these daily features of lockdown life and so I find myself in a bit of a dilemma. There's no way I'll be able to fit in all my holiday time when the lockdown is over, so perhaps I should to take it as planned, however, I feel very strongly, my duty to the parish and the people who gather to pray each day at 'Virch'. In all likelihood I'll just carry on with the services as usual but not do any other work, we'll see.

Compared to the struggles of many around the world this seems a pretty insignificant issue. It does go to show, however, how, in situations like the one in which we currently find ourselves, small things can take on a much greater significance than they might normally merit.

And finally...Anonymous friend sent this.

No Not a joke but a letter found in The Irish Times.
pubs before we all become alcoholics."

"For God's sake open up the

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