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INTRODUCING THE NEW MISSAL.

Why the response, 'And with your spirit'? This response 'And with your spirit' is one of the very obvious changes as we use the new edition of the Missal. When the priest proclaims 'The Lord be with you', the new response from the congregation, 'And with your spirit', will replace the wording of the previous response which occurs before the Gospel, at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer and at the Blessing at the end of Mass. 'And with your spirit' is the literal translation of what we find in the Latin text, 'et cum spiritu tuo'. This translation is already found in other languages, for example, German, Italian, French and Spanish. Scripture is very much the source for this dialogue between priest and people. In four letters of St. Paul he uses the following greetings: Galatians 6:18 - 'May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit'; Philippians 4:23 - 'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit'; 2 Timothy 4:22 - 'The Lord be with your spirit'; Philemon 25 - 'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit'. Similar greetings can be found in the Old Testament.

What does 'your spirit' mean? It is not a reference to the Holy Spirit, though it is spoken by people who live according to that Spirit. For St. Paul the spirit is our spiritual part that is closest to God. 'And with your spirit' is about having the spirit or mind of Christ as your guiding light, as what guides us through the day – a Christian spirit. While it will sound unfamiliar to us, this greeting and response captures our biblical roots. It is recognition of the spirit that is among us as Christians, a spirit that we must live, and in greeting one another, it proclaims the presence of Christ among us.

FR. LYNCH – will visit the sick of Magheramore Rd., Crebarkey Rd., Corick Rd., Glenshane Rd., Magherabuoy Houses, Glenroe, Finvola Pk., & Curragh Rd., on **Thur. 6th Oct. between 11.00 am. – 1.00 pm.** The sick of Mitchel Pk./Crescent, Priory Rd., Ard-na-Grann, The Grove and 18 Curragh Rd., on Fri. 7th Oct. between 11.00 am. – 1.00 pm.

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF TIME OF DAILY MASS.

On **Tues. 4th Oct.**, the daily Mass for St. Patrick's Church will be celebrated at **7.30 pm.** - <u>not 10.00 am</u>. There will be <u>no Mass</u> in Gortnaghey on Friday evening.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS.

For Rose Hazlett on Sat. 8th Oct. at 6.00 pm. Vigil in St. Patrick's Church.

BAPTISM TIMES - **St. Patrick's Church**: Saturday at 4.45 pm. or Sunday at 12.15 pm. **Drumsurn and Gortnaghey:** by arrangement.

PARISH MASS TIMES - **St. Patrick's.** Mon. 10.00 am. **Tues. 7.30 pm.** Wed. – Sat. 10.00 am Vigil 6.00 pm. Sun. 9.00 & 11.30 am. **St. Matthew's.** Mon. & Tues 10.00 am. (*No Mass on Wed.*) *Thurs.* **7.00 pm.** Fri. & Sat. 10.00 am. Sun. 11.00 am. **Immaculate Concept.** Mon. & Wed. 9.15 am. (*No Mass on Fri.*) Sat. Vigil 7.15 pm. Sun. 10.15 am.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

Blessing of family pets will take place in the church car park on Tues. 4th Oct. at 6.00 pm.

FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK IS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.

(Confessions on Wednesday 5th October from 6.30 – 7.00 pm.)

CONFESSIONS - **St. Patrick's.** Sat. 10.30 – 11.30 am. & 5.15 - 5.50 pm. **Immaculate Conception.** Sat. 6.50 pm.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £2,642.

(St. Patrick's £1,768. Drumsurn £367. Imm. Concept. £507.)

PARISH BINGO - EVERY TUESDAY - ST. CANICE'S HALL @ 8.30 PM. SHARP.

PRO-LIFE - Monthly Private Prayer on Tuesday 4th Oct. from 8.00 - 9.00 pm. **ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY** – Mon. 3rd Oct. after the 10.00 am. Mass. **ANNUAL DERRY DIOCESAN PIONEER MASS** - Will be celebrated by Bishop Hegarty in St. Mary's Church, Desertmartin, at 3.00 pm. on Sun. 9th Oct.

THORNHILL CENTRE - *Moments of Meditation:* Starting Tues. 4th Oct., from 8.00 - 9.30 pm. 'Taking The Tablet' - Thornhill Centre is establishing a regular Spiritual Reading Group around 'The Tablet' magazine and current spiritual/religious materials. To register or book Tel: 71351233 or thornhillcentre@derrydiocese.org.

TERMONBACCA – Monthly devotions in honour of Our Lady on Tues. 4th Oct., beginning with Confessions at 7.30 pm. followed by Rosary and Mass.

ST. MARY'S GORTNAGHEY P.S. - Mrs. McGinley's Leaving Mass will be held on Mon. 10th Oct. at 9.15 am. Mass, in Gortnaghey. Refreshments will be served in the school, where the Parents and Friends Association will make a presentation.

ST. CANICE'S P.S., - Annual **Road of Hope Shoebox Appeal**, which brings Christmas joy and hope to millions of underprivileged children across the world. Boxes should be returned to the school by Fri. 28th Oct.

DUNGIVEN RETIREMENT CLUB - will meet on Mon. 3rd Oct. at 2.00 pm. Members going on the outing please call at Glenshane House to select from the menu.

CO. DERRY REGIONAL P.T.A.A. - Dinner Dance in The Oak Leaf Restaurant, on Fri. 21st Oct. at 8.00 pm. Tickets from Mary Tel: 777 41439 or Jacqueline Tel: 777 40085. **FREE IRISH SINGING CLASSES** – For children. Tues. 4th Oct. at 7.30 pm. in Naíscoil. **HEARING AID SESSIONS -** The October sessions in Hands that Talk, and Dromboughil are **cancelled.** Batteries can be collected on Tues. 4th Oct. (12.00 noon - 1.00 pm.) at H. T. T. or Thurs. 6th Oct. (11.00 am. - 12.00 noon) from Dromboughil.

ROE VALLEY BEREAVED BY SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP - In Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre on Tues. 11th Oct. at 7.30 pm. Admission free. Meetings 2^{nd} Tuesday of every month at this venue. Anyone who has lost someone to suicide is welcome.

ST. CANICE'S G.A.C. - Lotto No's: 6, 8, 13, 14. £20: Seamus McCartney, Patsy Grieve, Alicia McWilliams, Mellisa O'Kane, Philomena McCaul. Jackpot £3,000.

GORTNAGHEY YOUTH CLUB – Resumes on Thurs. 6th Oct. at 7.00 pm. for Junior Club and 8.30 pm. for the Senior Club. Registration forms will be issued through the school and returned on the night. All volunteers who put their names forward to supervise at Youth Club please attend a meeting on Mon. 3rd at 8.00 pm. to form a rota. **FOUND** – Keys found at bus stop outside The Castle. Also Car Keys in Sawel Place. Owners can contact the Parish Office.

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