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YEAR OF FAITH Q & A: WHAT ARE SOME OF THE AIMS OF THE YEAR OF FAITH?

The aims of the Year of Faith are explained in the Holy Father's Apostolic Letter *Porta Fidei*. They include: • Reflection on the Faith, so as to help believers in Christ acquire a more conscious and vigorous adherence to the Gospel; • Public and private professions of Faith (the Creed) with renewed conviction and fullness, with confidence and hope; • Intensified celebration of the Faith in the liturgy, especially the Eucharist; • Rediscovery and study of the fundamental content of the faith found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

BAPTISMS – Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **NOVEMBER** – **Sun.** 4th, **Sat.** 10th, **Sun.** 18th & **Sat.** 24th. (Sun. at 12.15 pm. & Sat. at 4.45 pm.). Drumsurn and Gortnaghey: by arrangement.

ALL SAINTS DAY – THURSDAY 1ST NOV. - We celebrate not only the Canonised Saints but also all the dead who have reached fulfilment, including our relations and friends.

ALL SOULS – FRIDAY 2ND NOV. - Is the Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed.

GUIDELINES FOR INDULGENCES AT THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS.

1. From 12 o'clock noon on 1^{st} Nov. until midnight on 2^{nd} Nov., all who have confessed, received Holy Communion, and prayed for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed.

This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. Confession may be made at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1^{st} Nov. Holy Communion may be received on any day from $1^{st} - 8^{th}$ Nov.

2. The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from $1^{st} - 8^{th}$ Nov. The conditions mentioned above apply also for this.

DERRY DIOCESAN MASS - The 11.30 am. Mass (today) Sun. 28th Oct. will be celebrated for all deceased members of the society.

MONTH MIND MASSES.

For Eamon McCloskey on Friday 2nd November at 7.30 pm. in St. Patrick's Church. For Anna McCloskey on Saturday 3rd November at 6.00 pm. in St. Patrick's Church.

PARISH MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK.

St. Patrick's. Mon. & Tues. 10.00 am. Wed. 10.00 am. & **Vigil 7.30 pm.** Thur. **9.00 & 11.30 am.** Fri. 10.00 am. & **7.30 pm.** Sat. 10.00 am. Vigil 6.00 pm. Sun. 9.00 & 11.30 am. **St. Matthew's.** Mon. & Tues. 10.00 am. Wed. 10.00 am. & **Vigil 7.30 pm.** Thur. -Sat. 10.00 am. Vigil 6.00 pm. Sun. 11.00 am. **Imm. Concept.** Mon. & Wed. 9.15 am. Thur. **10.15 am.** Fri. 7.15 pm. Sat. Vigil 7.15 pm. Sun. 10.15 am.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – CONFIRMATION: Sat. 9th February 2013, at 11.00 am.

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

CONFESSIONS - **St. Patrick's.** Tue. 6.30 – 7.30 pm. Wed. 6.30 – 7.30 pm. Thur. 6.30 – 7.30 pm. Sat. 10.30 – 11.30 am. & 5.15 - 5.50 pm. **St. Matthew's.** Sat. *after* 10.00 am. Mass & 5.30 pm. **Immaculate Conception.** Sat. 6.50 pm.

THE PARISH REQUIEM - Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, on Tuesday 6th Nov. at 7.30 pm. for all parishioners who have died over the past year.

The Parish office will be closed on Wednesday 31st Oct. & Thursday. 1stNov.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £2,812.

(St. Patrick's £1,920. St. Matthew's £447. Imm. Concept. £445.)

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH - <u>Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for Nov.</u>: 6.00 pm. – Theresa Donaghy, Danny O'Kane & James McClarey. 9.00 am. – Mary Donaghy, Mary Grieve & Colin Anderson. 11.30 am. – Geraldine Brolly, Joe McVey & Celine McKenna. <u>Readers for Nov.</u>: 6.00 pm. – Mary K. McDermott. 9.00 am. – John O'Kane. 11.30 am. – Cecelia Harkin.

ALTAR SOCIETY FOR NOV. - <u>St Patrick's</u> – Jemma Boyle, (Flowers: Cathal Carton). <u>Imm. Concept.</u> – Patricia Hegarty & Siobhan McCartney, (Flowers: Kathleen Colgan).

COLLECTORS FOR NOV. – *St. Patrick's:* 6.00 pm. – Finbar Gillen, Brian McGilligan, Seamus Doran & Shauna Kelly. 9.00 am. – Seamus Mullin, Gerard Gallagher, Dan O'Kane & Danny O'Kane. 11.30 am. – Martin Mullan, William McCloskey, Joe McVey & Tony Connolly. *St. Matthew's:* Seamus Doherty, Pax O'Connor & Joe Irwin.

READERS OF THE WORD - A 'Morning of Reflection' will take place in the Conference Room from 10.30 am. – 1.00 pm. on **Sat. 3rd Nov.** for all Readers. *Please confirm if attending/not attending to the parish office before Tues. 30th Oct.*

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Will be open (next) Sun. 4^{th} Nov. from 3.00 - 6.00 pm. for private prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS – Practice starts on Tuesday 6^{th} November from 7.00 – 8.00 pm. for P3 and upwards in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Gortnaghey.

TERMONBACCA - Mass in honour of Blessed Alexandrina on Sun. 28th Oct., at 7.30 pm.

If you would like Rev. Micheál to bless your house, please contact the parish office.

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

PIONEER ASSOC. - Are promoting a Short-Term Pledge for the month of Nov. Visit www.pioneerassociation.ie or contact Mary Donaghy Tel: 777 41439.

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, DUNGIVEN - Free, 23-Week START IT Course (Word Processing, Fundamentals, Email and Internet. E-mail Mr. Barr <u>dbarr597@c2kni.net</u>

ST. MATTHEW'S P.S. DRUMSURN - There will be a meeting of the Parent Teacher Association on Mon. 29th Oct. at 7.00 pm. in the School Assembly Hall.

PRO LIFE RALLY - In Castlebar, Mayo, on Sat. 3rd Nov. at 1.00 pm. Book your seat now. For further details, please contact the Rally for Life Committee on **028 90278484**.

GLENSHANE HOUSE - Flower Arranging Course (4 weeks) starting Tuesday 6th November 7.00 - 9.00 pm. Fee £10. To register Tel: 777 42494 or call into office.

ST. CANICE'S G.A.C. – *Lotto No's:* 4, 9, 17 & 26. £20: Eileen Gribbon, James Moore, B. McLaughlin, Kelly Moore, Sharon Stewart, Claire Hasson & Ruaidhri Grieve.

GORTNAGHEY COMM. CENTRE – Children's Halloween Disco Wed. 31st Oct. - 7.00 pm.