

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1369  
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### PASSIONTIDE

This old custom of veiling religious images is a way of focusing on the penitential aspect of this liturgical season. It reminds us in a visual way that our faith in all its glory is made possible only through the work of Christ in his suffering and death on the cross. When we cover these holy and sacred images that we are so accustomed to, we are starkly confronted and reminded in a poignant way of all that Christ has won for us.

Then, as in a dramatic unveiling, the holy images are again revealed for the Easter Vigil to mark the end of the penitential season. The joy of the Easter season and the hope of the Resurrection then comes to the forefront.

In covering the religious images during the height of Lent, all attention is centered on the Passion and death of Christ. This is why the only images NOT to be covered are the Stations of the Cross.

Just as the Church simplifies the sanctuary in these last weeks of Lent in order to focus on the penitential aspect of the season, we can also simplify our homes in creative ways by draping purple clothes over our crucifixes and other holy images. It reminds us that Jesus hid his glory during his Passion, so too we hide away our religious items in order to prepare ourselves to focus on and honor his Passion.

This tradition can be used as a learning tool for children. As a child, during Lent I would see the crosses covered and always wonder why, too afraid to ask an adult. Explain this custom to your children and encourage your family to engage in this Lenten practice. It is easy for children to become distracted by the things we receive at Easter. But Lent is an important time of preparation for the celebration for the Resurrection of Christ that deserves just as much attention.

**PALM SUNDAY** - Palms will be blessed at all Masses next weekend.

**S.V.P. - HELPLINE: 079 279 299 23**

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**St. Patrick's Church:** Sat. Vigil 6.00 pm.

Sun. 9.00 am. & 11.30 am.

**St. Matthew's Church:** Sun 10.15 am.

**Church of the Immaculate Conception:**

Sat. 7.15 pm.

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**St. Patrick's Church:** Mon. 10.00 am. Tues.

6.30 & 10.00 am. Wed. 10.00 am. Thurs.

6.30 & 10.00 am. Fri. & Sat. 10.00 am.

**St. Matthew's Church:** Tues. & Thur. 9.15

am. **Church of the Immaculate Conception:**

Mon. & Wed. 9.15 am.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Immaculate**

**Conception:** Wed. after 9.15 am. Mass.

**St. Matthew's:** Thurs. after 9.15 am. Mass.

**St. Patrick's:** Fri. after 10.00 am. Mass.

**CONFESSIONS - St. Patrick's Church:**

**Wed. 6.30 – 7.30 pm.** Sat. 10.30 – 11.30 am.

& 5.15 - 5.50 pm.

**St. Matthew's Church:** Sun. 9.45 am.

**Immaculate Conception:** Sat. 6.50 pm.

**BAPTISMS** - Will take place in St. Patrick's

Church on the following dates: **APRIL: Sat:**

**8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.** (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm.

on a Sat.) Drumsurn and Gortnaghey by

arrangement. *Please note! When booking a*

*Baptism you MUST get a card from the parish*

*office. Booking will not be complete until card is*

*returned to the office. Two weeks notice must be*

*given for all Baptism Bookings.*



We welcome into our Christian Community – Kate Julianna Grieve, Derrychrier Road, Savannah Mary Bridget Lynn, Ard-na-Smol and Pearse Lawrence McGee, Temain Road.

**EUCCHARIST ADORATION** - Adorers needed

for Tuesdays from 11.00 am. – 12 noon and

4.00 – 5.00 pm. If you can spend one hour

with Jesus, contact the parish office.

† **DEATHS** – We extend our sympathy to the O'Kane/McKeever family circle on the death of Peggy O'Kane, Hass Park, to the McGilligan family circle on the death of Michael McGilligan, Gelvin Road, and to the O'Hara family circle on the death of Anthony O'Hara, Mountainview Park. May they rest in peace.

### LENTEN PROGRAMME

Fifth Sunday Lent: (2<sup>nd</sup> April) - St. Patrick's at 5.00 pm. - *Sacramental Anointing Service.*

Palm Sunday: (9<sup>th</sup> April) St. Patrick's at 5.00 pm. *Penitential Service* with extra priests available for confession.

### MASS FOR THE NEO CATECHUMENATE

Mass will take place for the Neo Catechumenate on Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> April at 5.00 pm. in Gortnaghey Conference Room. This Mass is open to everyone. A great opportunity to help you participate in the Mass in a new way. The Way, is a charism within the Catholic Church dedicated to Christian formation. It was formed in Madrid in 1964. The **Neocatechumenate** movement was launched to assist the Church renew herself in response to Vatican II. Fr. Seamus will celebrate the Mass.

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

**2017** – Mass will take place on Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> April in the parish Conference Room at 7.30 pm. and information on the pilgrimage will be handed out.

### ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

Next meeting will take place Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> April in the Conference Room after 10.00 am. Mass.

**The parish is in the process of completing the Gift Aid Claim Form for the year 2014/15. If you signed for the Gift Aid Scheme and have stopped paying tax please let the parish office know immediately. If you want to sign up to the Gift Aid Scheme or find out more contact the parish office.**

**ALTAR SOCIETY, GORTNAGHEY** - Cleaners needed for the month of March, please contact the parish office.

**OFFERTORY GIFT ENVELOPES** – Will be distributed during the week. If anyone requires envelopes please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

**LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £4,825**

**FAMINE IN AFRICA COLLECTION:**

Last week £9,000 (to date) plus Emergency funding from Dungiven Missionary Trust £5,000. *Thank you to all who contributed.*

**TERMONBACCA** – Marian Devotions on Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm. Easter Evening Vigil on Tues. 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm. Mass of the Sick on Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00 pm.

**BENEDEY CENTRE** – Eileen will be in centre on Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm. to complete Single Farm Payment forms online.

**KEVIN LYNCH H.C.** - Lotto No's: 1, 3, 16 & 23. Lucky Dip: Gregory McCloskey, Glenroe. Jackpot £3,700.

**ST. CANICE G.A.C.** - Lotto No's: 3, 9, 16 & 25. £20: Betty A. McNicholl, Geraldine Brolly & Deborah O'Donnell. Jackpot £3,700.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** - Are having a grand Pre Easter Sale on Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> April. Lots of new and nearly new items on sale. Coffee shop open. Come along and bring a friend. Open 10.30 am. – 9.00 pm.

### DUNGIVEN REGENERATION CLUB

Upcoming classes: 10 week Sewing Class starting Tues. 11<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 – 9.00 pm. 6 week Crochet Class for beginners starting Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> April 8.15 - 9.15 pm. To book a place Tel: 077 5271 2451.

**FREE HEARING AID CLINIC** – Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> April Hands That Talk, 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm.

**RETIREMENT CLUB** - Will meet on Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2.00 pm. in Glenshane House.

### DUNGIVEN AND FEENY LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

**U.K.** - Would like to thank all who recently sponsored or supported their "Big Breakfast". With your help, we raised £3,218.62 for this worthy cause. To date, this financial year, you have helped us raise £37,500. Thank you.

**WHIST DRIVE** - In St. Peter's Hall (today) Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.00 pm.