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GOOD FRIDAY:

On this day, when "Christ our paschal lamb was sacrificed" what had long been promised in signs and figures was at last revealed and brought to fulfillment. The true lamb replaced the symbolic lamb, and the many offerings of the past gave way to the single sacrifice of Christ. The wonderful works of God among the people of the Old Testament were a prelude to the work of Christ the Lord. He achieved his task of redeeming humanity and giving perfect glory to God, principally by the paschal mystery at his blessed passion, resurrection from the dead, and glorious ascension, whereby dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life (Preface of Easter). For it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the cross that there came forth the sublime sacrament of the whole Church. In contemplating the cross of its Lord and Bridegroom, the Church commemorates its own origin and its mission to extend to all peoples the blessed effects of Christ's passion that it celebrates on this day in a spirit of thanksgiving for his marvelous gift.

HOLY SATURDAY:

On Holy Saturday the Church is as it were in the lord's tomb, meditating on his passion and death, and on his descent into hell and awaiting his resurrection with prayer and fasting. The image of Christ Crucified or lying in the tomb, or the descent into hell, which mystery Holy Saturday recalls. This is the night when the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the resurrection of the Lord. The Passover Vigil, in which the Hebrews kept watch for the lord's Passover which was to free them from slavery to Pharaoh, prefigured the true Pasch of Christ that was to come. For the resurrection of Christ in which he 'broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave', is the foundation of our faith and hope, and through Baptism and Confirmation we are inserted into the paschal mystery of Christ, dying, buried, and raised with him, and with him we shall also reign. The full meaning of this Vigil is a waiting for the coming of the Lord.

Please Note - The Easter Vigil is 'The Mother of all Vigils' (St. Augustine) and is the most important Solemn Liturgy of the year, therefore it will last a little longer than the usual Vigil Mass!

TRÓCAIRE COLLECTION - Please bring the contents of your family fast box to the church on Holy Thursday.



We welcome into our Christian Community – Grace Ciara O'Connell, Chapel Road and Orlaith Mary O'Connor, Greenhaven.

† **DEATHS** – We extend our sympathy to the O'Hara/McGilligan family circle on the death of Peggy O'Hara, Carnhill, also to the Toner family circle on the death of Gerry Toner, Glenshane Road. May they rest in peace.

FR. SEAMUS' HOME VISITS - The Sick and those confined to their homes will be visited as follows: **Mon. 10th from 10.30 am.** - Glenshane Rd., Magherabuoy, Glenroe Pk., Finvola Pk., Hass Road and O'Cathain's Pl. **Tues. 11th from 10.30 am.** - Mitchel Park/Crescent, Priory Road. & Curragh Road.
Drumsurn: Tues. 11th from 1.00 pm.

FR. JOSEPH'S HOME VISITS - The Sick and those confined to their homes will be visited as follows: **Tues 11th from 10.30 am.** - Altmover Rd., Gortnaghey, Pollysbrae Rd., Foreglen Rd., Dernaflaw Rd., Pellipar Pk., Ballyquin Rd., Rannyglass & Ard-na-Smol. **Wed. 12th from 11.00 am.** – Sawel Pl., Kevin Lynch Park, Main St., New St., Holmlea Pk., Station Rd./Ave., Legavallon Rd., Ardcairn, Mountain View Pk., Ard-na-Grann & Coshowen
Fold Mass on Wed. 12th at 10.00 am.

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.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £2,917. FAMINE IN AFRICA COLLECTION: The final total came to £17,000.

Thank you to all who contributed.

OFFERTORY GIFT ENVELOPES - Many thanks to all the volunteers who distributed the envelopes for us. If anyone requires envelopes please contact the parish office.

TERMONBACCA – Easter Evening Vigil on Tues. 11th April at 7.30 pm. Mass of the Sick on Tues. 25th April at 8.00 pm.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP - The Holy Family Prayer Group cannot go ahead on Monday night 10th April, due to Easter week services. Our next meeting will now be held on **Mon. 8th May.**

KEVIN LYNCH H.C. - Lotto No's: 10, 14, 24 & 27. Lucky Dip: Siobhan McAnulty. Jackpot £3,725.

ST. CANICE G.A.C. - Lotto No's: 12, 26, 27 & 30. £20: Conor Quigg. Jackpot £3,800.

DUNGIVEN REGENERATION CLUB - Please note! 10 week Sewing Class starts Tuesday 25th April from 7.00 – 9.00 pm. To book a place please contact 077 5271 2451. **Craft Shop** opening Sat. 11th April 11.00 – 3.00 pm., choose from a wide selection of locally produced handmade crafts.

ST. MATTHEW'S G.A.C. DRUMSURN - Lip Sync Battle on Easter Sunday. Doors open at 7.00 pm. battle starting at 9.00 pm. Tickets from Martina McHugh Tel: 079 7314 1073 or Caroline Doran 777 63222. Strictly over 16.

ROE VALLEY BEREAVED BY SUICIDE - Meeting Tues. 11th April at 7.30 pm. in the Wellness Centre, Limavady.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - HELPLINE: 079 279 299 23.

Fr. Seamus and Fr. Joseph wish all a very Happy and Blessed Easter