

31st December 2017 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1408
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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

Sun. 9.00 am. & 11.30 am.

St. Matthew's: Sun. 10.15 am.

Immaculate Conception: Sat. 7.15 pm.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY.

This is a holy day of obligation

St. Patrick's: Sat. 10.00 am. & 11.30 am.

St. Matthew's: Sat. 10.15 am.

Church of the Immaculate Conception:

Friday Vigil 7.15 pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St. Patrick's: Mon. - Sat. 10.00 am.

St. Matthew's: Tues. & Thurs. 9.15 am.

Church of the Immaculate Conception:

Mon. & Wed. 9.15 am.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

For Harry Joe Heaveron today Sun. 31st Dec. at 10.15 am. Mass in St. Matthew's.

CONFESSIONS - St. Patrick's: Wed. 6.30 – 7.00 pm. Sat. 5.30 - 5.50 pm. *No morning confessions* St. Matthew's: Sun. 9.45 am. Imm. Concept: Sat. 6.50 pm.

BAPTISMS - Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **JAN. Sat. 13th, 20th & 27th**, (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Sat.) Drumsurn & 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.*

The Parish Office will be CLOSED all next week.

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



DO THIS IN MEMORY PROGRAMME. LEARNING ABOUT THE MASS WITH KATH AND QUMEN.

THE READINGS - The Minister of the Word goes to the ambo to read. The first reading is usually from the oldest part of the Bible called the Old Testament. In the Easter Season the first reading comes from the New Testament. The stories that we hear during the first reading are the same stories that Jesus would have heard when he was a child. Some of the stories from the Old Testament are thousands of years old. They remind us of how long people have been listening to God's word. They also tell us how much God loves us. Even though the stories are very old, they still have an important message for us today.

THE PSALMS: The psalms are different from the other readings from the Bible. They were written as poems or songs. There are 150 psalms altogether. Sometimes the psalm is sung. Between each verse there is a response which we are all invited to say. The psalm allows us to reflect on the reading that we have just heard.

SECOND READING: This reading always comes from the part of the Bible called the New Testament. The reading is taken from the books that are found directly after the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE READINGS: At the end of each of the readings the

Minister of the Word finishes by saying, 'The Word of the Lord' and we all respond with the words, 'Thanks be to God.' This is our way of saying thank you to God for these stories which help us to grow together as members of God's family.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION – Next Sat. 6th Jan. from 10.30 – 11.30 am. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel as part of the first five Saturdays, as asked for by Our Lady of Fatima.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH - *Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for January* - **6.00 pm.** – Annie J. Kealey & Rory McGilligan. **9.00 am.** – Eamon Dallett, Margaret McCloskey & Agnes Bonner. **11.30 am.** – Monica Mullin, Bernadette & Martin Millar.

READERS FOR JANUARY - **6.00 pm.** – Emma Harkin. **9.00 am.** – Sean Colgan. **11.30 am.** – Cora O'Kane.

ALTAR SOCIETY FOR JANUARY – *St. Patrick's:* Laura Burke & Philomena Mulhern. *Imm. Concept.* – Kathleen O'Hara & Geraldine McLaughlin. (Flowers: Kathleen O'Hara). *St. Matthew's:* Helen Farrell & Martina McNicholl. *Ground Maintenance:* Sean Farrell & Patsy McNicholl.

COLLECTORS FOR JANUARY – *St. Patrick's* - **6.00 pm.** – Fionnbharr Grieve, Louis McReynolds & Johnny O'Kane. **9.00 am.** – Eamon Dallett, Sean O'Kane & Colin Anderson. **11.30 am.** – Dominic Magee, Eugene Kelly, Martin McIlvenny & Colin M. O'Kane. *St. Matthew's* – Raymond Canning, Sean Woods & Brendan Woods.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL
Will be CLOSED – Monday 1st Jan. 2018

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, DUNGIVEN
Thurs. 11th January – **Open Night.** Sat. 27th Jan. – **5th Annual 10K and 5K Road Races.**

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Please Note: There are two envelopes in your box for next weekend: the Holy Shrines Collection (6th Jan.) and the Priests Collection (7th Jan.)

THANK YOU

The Priests of the parish are most grateful to each person who contributed to their Christmas Collection. Your generosity is much appreciated.

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE

You can return your Advent box donations next weekend 6th / 7th January. We thank you in advance, as your support will make a huge impact on the lives of Children and families living in Ethiopia.

LORETO COLLEGE

Invites Parent and P7 pupils to attend its Open Day on Sat. 13th Jan. 2018 from 9.30 am. – 1.00 pm. The Principal's address will be at 9.30 am. for those who live West of the River Bann and 11.00 am. for those who live East of the River Bann. All P7 Pupils and Parents are welcome. Principal, Mr James will outline the new opportunities presented by the school's expansion in Sept 2018.

NEW YEAR PRAYER

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.