

7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1409  
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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.

### 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. & 9.15 am. No Mass Wed.

### FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

For Dan McNicholl Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 6.00 pm. Mass in St. Patrick's Dungiven.

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

Sat. 10.30 – 11.00 am & 5.30 - 5.50 pm

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

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

**BAPTISMS** - Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates:

**JAN. Sat. 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>,** (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Sat.) Drumsurn & Gortnaghey by arrangement.

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† **DEATHS** – We extend our sympathy to the McCloskey family circle on the death of Margaret McCloskey, Mitchell Park May she rest in peace.



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

### THE GOSPEL

After the second reading, the Minister of the Word will invite us to stand and greet or welcome the Gospel. Before the Gospel is read we sing or say the Gospel Acclamation. For most of the Church year we greet the Gospel with the word 'Alleluia', a joyful song of praise. The Alleluia is followed by a verse of scripture from the Bible. This verse reminds us of the theme of the Mass and readings. During the season of Lent we do not

use the word 'Alleluia'. The Gospel stories tell us about Jesus and we hear what he said to his friends and those who came to listen to him. So the reading of the Gospel is different to the other readings. It is the most important part of the Liturgy of the Word.

### WHAT IS A DEACON?

The word 'deacon' comes from the Greek word 'diakonia', which means 'service'. The work of the deacon is an act of service to the community. Deacons can read the Gospel, preach the homily, baptise and perform other ceremonies where there is no Mass. There are two types of deacon who minister in the church. The first is someone who is training to be a priest and this is the last step before finally being ordained a priest. The second is called a Permanent. Deacon and he is not going to be ordained a priest. We know that priests cannot get married but a married man can be ordained a Permanent Deacon. At the moment we have very few Permanent Deacons in our country. (None in Derry Diocese). But this may change in the next few years.

### SEVEN WAYS WE KNOW THE GOSPEL IS IMPORTANT

- We stand.
- We sing or say an acclamation to welcome the Gospel.
- The reading can only be done by the priest or deacon.
- The priest or deacon greets us again with the same words used at the beginning of Mass.
- The priest or deacon makes the sign of the cross four times. First on the Book of the Gospels and then on his forehead, his lips and his breast. We do the same on our foreheads, lips and breast. We do this to remind us that God's word should always be on our minds, on our lips and in our hearts.
- At the end of the Gospel the priest/deacon says: 'The Gospel of the Lord' and we answer: 'Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.'
- The priest/deacon kisses the book.

### DO YOU HAVE HEARING PROBLEMS

The Hearing Aid support session will be on Next Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January from 12noon to 1pm in Hands that Talk, Main street, Dungiven.

### FR. JOSEPH'S HOME VISITS

The Sick and those confined to their homes will be visited as follows: **Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. from 10.30 am.** Drumsurn. **Afternoon:-** Glenshane Rd., Magherabuoy, Abbeyfields, Glenroe Pk., Finvola Pk., Hass Rd. and O'Cathain's Pl. Mitchel Park, Priory Road & Curragh Road.

### FR. SEAMUS' HOME VISITS

The Sick and those confined to their homes will be visited as follows: **Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. from 10.30 am.** - Altmover Rd., Gortnaghey, Pollysbrae Rd., Foreglen Rd., Dernaflaw Rd., Pellipar Pk., Ballyquin Rd., Rannylas & Ard-na-Smol. **Tue. 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. from 10.30 am.** - Sawel Pl., Main St., New St., Holmlea Pk., Station Rd./Ave., Legavallon Rd., Ardcairn, Mountain View Pk. & Ard-na-Grann.

**Fold Mass Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 10.45 am.**

### ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

Meeting after 10.00 am Mass in the Conference room on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Many thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas Draw for St Joseph's Society. We collected an amazing £1200. The winners were 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Sinead Devine, 2nd Declan McCloskey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Valerie McCloskey, 4<sup>th</sup> Majella Farren, 5<sup>th</sup> Jane McCloskey, 6<sup>th</sup> Dan McGrellis. Congratulations to all and thank you again everyone.

### A CELEBRATION OF FAMILY

A Diocesan conference to mark the Year of the Family in preparation for the World Meeting of Families, Dublin, 21-26 August 2018 will take place in St. Mary's College, Derry on Saturday 3 February 2018, from 10am-6 pm. The guest speakers are Gráinne Doherty, Gerard Gallagher and Fr. Johnny Doherty. The closing Mass will be celebrated by the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo.

Application/registration form are available at the Parish Office, and should be returned to Fr Pat O'Hagan, Moville, by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The suggested donation is £20.

### CELEBRATION OF FAMILY PROGRAM

10am – Morning Prayer (with singing) to be led by a family from St. Mary's parish, Creggan. Bishop McKeown will speak.

10.45am – People will be asked to gather in groups (allocated at random), having previously been asked to consider the following questions: Why are you attending this celebration of family? What are your hopes and aspirations for it? What can you offer to the celebration, and to family ministry in your parish/diocese?

11.30am – Gráinne Doherty will speak on "Amoris Laetitia" and the vision of Pope Francis. Followed by Gathering 2 for discussion (with questions provided by Gráinne) and feedback.

1.30pm – Lunch – Ceolán traditional music group will play in the foyer/assembly.

2.30pm – Gerard Gallagher will speak on reaching out to the youth of today, followed by Gathering 3 – questions (provided by Gerard), discussion, feedback.

4.30 pm – Fr. Johnny Doherty will speak on the Movement of Continuous Prayer for Marriage and Family Life, hoping to promote it throughout the diocese.

5.15 pm – Delegates to gather in parish groups to discuss the question: where do we go from here? (Tea/coffee etc. available ?)

6 pm – Mass – Chief Celebrant and Homilist – His Excellency the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo.

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

### CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE

Children in Crossfire Advent boxes can be returned to the chapel in the upcoming weekends. Your efforts and donations are greatly appreciated, helping provide lifesaving sustainable projects to children in Tanzania & Ethiopia.