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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. 9.15 am.

Note! No Mass on Thursday morning.

Imm. Concept: Mon. 9.15 am.

Note! No Mass on Wednesday morning.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

St. Brigid, Secondary patron of Ireland. – Sat. 1st Feb. *Crosses will be blessed at the 10.00 am. & 6.00 pm. Mass in St. Patrick's, 7.15 pm. Imm. Concept. & 10.15 am. St. Matthew's.*

Presentation of the Lord – Sun. 2nd Feb. *Candles will be blessed at the Vigils & Sunday Masses. Candles can be purchased in Dungiven sacristy. Please put your name on your candles and leave on the table in the sanctuary for blessing.*

CONFESSIONS - St. Patrick's: Sat. 10.30 – 11.00 am. & 5.30 - 5.50 pm. **St. Matthew's:** Sun. 10.00 am. **Imm. Concept.** Sat. 7.00 pm.

PREPARE FOR BAPTISM PROGRAMME
Will take place on Mon 3rd & Wed. 19th Feb. at 7.30 pm. in the Committee Room.

BAPTISMS: Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **Feb: Sun. 2nd, Sat. 8th, 15th & 22nd.** (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Sat.) *Drumsumn & Gortnaghey by arrangement.*



BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian Community – Ava Chantelle Marie Healey, Mitchel Park & Luke James Farren, Abbeyfields.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £2,250

Thank you to all who contributed.

FOLD MASS – On Wednesday 29th February at 10.45 am.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION – Next Sat. 1st Feb. from 10.30 – 11.30 am. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel as part of the first five Saturday, as asked for by Our Lady of Fatima

DUNGIVEN PARISH:

MISSIONARY OUTREACH TRUST

Under the guidance and direction of the Parish Finance Committee. We have set one third of the proceeds of the sale of the Tracey Farm into a Trust called “Dungiven Parish Missionary Outreach Trust”. This Trust will generate £50,000 each year. Applications are invited for a share of this money from Charities working in the Third World and at home between **January 31st and March 31st 2020.** Applicants, on the approval of the Trustees, will receive donations from the Trust until the £50,000 is all distributed. For further information and application forms contact the parish office.

TERMONBACCA - Mass in honour of Blessed Alexandrina Sun. 26th Jan. 7.30 pm.

ST. MATTHEW'S GRAVEYARD, DRUMSUMN – A provisional plan with the layout of the headstone inscriptions has been put on display inside St. Matthew's Church. We would ask that family members check that the details on this display are correct and **if any changes need to be made to contact the parish office.** An all-weather finalised plan will be erected in the graveyard and will only be renewed in three years time. **Provisional plan will be on display until 29th Feb.**

KEVIN LYNCH HURLING CLUB - *Lotto No's: 7, 10, 12 & 15.* Jackpot £2,300 winner: Claire McCloskey. Jackpot nest week £2,000

FOUND – Key found in Mountainview Park, owner can contact the parish office.

DUNGIVEN PARISH SURVEY SUMMARY

Results of the Parish Survey, which was undertaken in 2019, were presented by members of the Parish Pastoral Council at all the masses last weekend. As part of the Derry Diocesan Pastoral Plan for 2018 – 2021, the purpose of the survey was to seek the views of parishioners in order to reshape parish activities and to build community. We thank all those parishioners who took the time to respond. The focus was on four key areas.

- **Your faith.**
- **You and your Church.**
- **Time for others.**
- **Parish life and you.**

Your Faith. Respondents felt that their faith helped them in challenging times (73%) with 66% agreeing that their faith was a strong influence in their daily life. On the question of exploring and sharing their faith, the majority felt that this could be achieved by attending Mass; engaging in communal prayer and reflection and building prayer more strongly into family life.

You and your Church. Respondents were asked to indicate which mass they normally attended in the Parish. Attendance was usually determined by the suitability of time and location. Most popular times were (i) the Saturday vigil Mass (6.00 pm) (ii) the 11.30 am Mass both in St. Patrick's. If Mass times were to reviewed the following times were considered suitable; (i) Saturday vigil (6.00 pm) (ii) Sunday (10.00am or 11.30 am). Views were also sought on enhancing prayer life in the community. Respondents favoured (i) Advent/Lenten Devotions (ii) Parish Mission (iii) Improved reading materials in church porches (iv) Devotions (v) Guided meditation.

Time for Others. Parishioners were asked what priorities should be set to improve the life of the Parish and in particular how to reach out to those who feel excluded. They indicated (i) support for our young people, (ii) support to address problems related to addiction, (iii) appropriate mental health support, (iv) support in times of bereavement and loss and (v) a focus on the elderly in our parish community.

Parish Life and You. 30% of respondents indicated that they had given thought to reaching out to others in the Parish. We have a strong volunteer base in the Parish but this needs to be strengthened and enriched with additional members. Currently 29 various groups operate to support others in the Parish including St Vincent de Paul, In Memory Programme, Children's Liturgy, School Governors, Baptism Group, Legion of Mary, Readers, Eucharistic Ministry and Church Cleaning.

In addition 68% of respondents have given thought to the diminishing number of priests within the Diocese and the fact that a number will retire in the near future after many years of dedicated ministry. So participation and the engagement of all parishioners is vital for the survival and strengthening of our Parish in the future. If you are willing to get involved and offer support in any way please the Parish Office. (028 777 40702)

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH - *Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for Feb:* 6.00 pm.

– James McClarey, Danny O'Kane, Rory McGilligan & Seymon Barkowski. **9.00 am.** - Rebecca Doran, Anne Hasson, Geraldine Brolly & Mary McKnight. **11.30 am.** – Monica Mullan, Aaron McElhinney, Keith Kelly & Annie Jo Kealey. **READERS FOR FEB: 6.00 pm.** – Caoimhe Tracey & Willie McGrellis. **9.00 am.** – Kiernan Lynch & Fergal Duffy. **11.30 am.** – Kerrie Leigh Mullan & Celine McKenna. **ALTAR SOCIETY FOR FEB: - St Patrick's** – Bridie Lynch. **Imm. Concept.** – Margaret & Jane McCloskey, (Flowers – Kathleen McCloskey). **St. Matthew's** – Cecelia Rafferty & Sheena McCloskey. **Ground Maintenance:** Brendan Woods & James Mullan. **COLLECTORS FOR FEB: – St. Patrick's: 6.00 pm.** – Finbar Gillen, Danny O'Kane (Curragh Rd), Oisín Mulhern & Shauna Kelly. **9.00 am.** – Seamus Mullin, Gerard Gallagher, Fergal Duffy & Martin Myles. **11.30 am.** – Martin Mullan, William McCloskey, Joe McVey & Brendan Harkin. **St. Matthew's:** Liam Kealey & Alex Murray.

