

20th September 2020 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1548
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CORONAVIRUS

Due to the increase of Coronavirus in Northern Ireland, the head of our four main churches have asked people to wear masks at all church services. For us this will include Baptisms, First Communion, Weddings and Funerals etc. Exceptions for people who have a medical condition and cannot wear a mask and young children.

Please sanitize your hands when you enter the church.

No kneeling during Mass.

Please remain in your seat until the stewards tell when to move into line for communion.

It is not necessary to sanitize your hands again when queuing for Holy Communion, as this disrupts the 2-meter distancing.

It is not necessary to reverence the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle as you are carrying the Blessed Sacrament after receiving Holy Communion.

Please do not stop at the altar to pray or light candles, you may come in after Mass and do this.

No standing at the back of the chapel or in the porch during Mass.

We would like to thank people for being so attentive to wear a mask to date.

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.

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Patrick’s: Mon. - Fri. 10.00 am.

Please Note! There will be no 10.00 am. Mass next Saturday 26th September, due to First Communion.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

For William McDonald, Terrydremond, on Sun. 27th September at 10.15 am. in St. Matthew’s Church.

CONFESSIONS: ST. PATRICK’S

Please Note! There will be no morning confessions next Saturday 26th September.
Saturday: 5.15 - 5.50 pm.

THE ROSARY - Monday – Friday at 9.40 am. in St. Patrick’s Church.



BAPTISMS - We welcome into our Christian Community: Niamh Maíre O’Connell, Abbeyfields and Aibhín Ciara Bradley, 34 Ardcairn.

BAPTISMS

Will take place in St. Patrick’s Church on the following dates: **Sept: Sat. 26th. October: Sun. 4th, Sat. 10th, 17th & 24th.** (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Sat.)
Drumturn & Gortnaghey by arrangement, contact the parish office.



WEDDING BELLS - We congratulate Madonna Lynn & Aziz Cheikh Echioukh on the occasion of their marriage on the 11th September.

✠ **DEATHS** – We extend our sympathy to the Mulholland family circle on the death of Kathleen Mulholland, Glenshane Road, also to McVey family circle on the death of Joseph McVey, Mitchel Crescent. May they rest in peace

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - ROTA

We would hope to extend the opening hours of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you would like to resume or change your hour please contact Breidh McCloskey Tel: 078 3372 7710. *New Adorers would be welcome.* If you are a key holder and no longer able to continue with your hour, please return your key to the Parish Office. Thank you.

DONATE BUTTON – PARISH WEBSITE

For those who would like to pay online and don’t want to sign a standing order. You may use the Donate Button on the parish website. Here you can do a one off payment or setup a weekly payment.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU TAKE YOUR USED FACE MASKS HOME WITH YOU TO DISPOSE. SOME HAVE BEEN FOUND IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS.

LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION: £2,208.

Thank you to all who contributed.

MONTHS MIND &

ALL ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Due to the Coronavirus and numbers limited to attend Mass. From the 1st October 2020 Months Mind & First Anniversary Masses will take place during the week at the 10.00 am. Mass or in the evening. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.



FIRST COMMUNION DAY - The children of **St. Canice P.S.** will receive their First Communion on Sat. 26th September at **10.00 am. & 12 noon** in St. Patrick’s Church. **This Mass is for the School and the Parents.**
Please note: Only 5 people (including the child) will be permitted per family.

BENEDY CENTRE - CSR One Day Training course on Sat. 26th Sept. & Sat. 10th Oct. in the centre. Contact Mary on 777 43737 or 0784 330 5959 to secure your place.

GLENSHANE HOUSE - Names now being taken for Essential Skills Maths (*this is a free course*). Levels 1 & 2. Also First Aid & DE fib Training (5 weeks). All starting in October. To register Tel: 777 42494.

HOUSE VISITATION

Fr. Joseph and Fr. Seamus would like to visit all our housebound parishioners in our parish, as we have not been able to do this since lockdown. However we have received the following letter from Bishop Donal and in light of this we have decided to postpone our sick visits for another month.

Dear Father, I have been asked for further guidance on the **routine** visitation of the sick and housebound as part of ‘First Friday’ or similar visits. I have concluded that this should not take place, at the moment, due to four factors:

1. The sick and housebound are disproportionately elderly, a group which is especially vulnerable to serious COVID infection and, indeed, death;
2. This group is also more likely to have significant comorbidities, which may also make them more vulnerable;
3. Routine visitation involves moving from one house to another, with the risk of infection being spread to multiple households;
4. Daily infection rates, both north and south, are trending upwards, after the relatively low number of infections during the summer.

I am aware that many parishes have done no routine visitation of the sick and housebound, but I understand that some are considering it and thought it best to provide this guidance.

Yours sincerely, Bishop Donal

THE NET - The September edition of The Net is now available online, on www.derrydiocese.org As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese. There is a ‘Remembering Bishop Lagan’ feature and a ‘Remembering John Hume’ article in the September issue. You are invited to read The Net, on the diocesan website, at your convenience.

FEENEY A.O.H. BAND – Due to the Coronavirus we will not have a Christmas Raffle this year. Thanking everyone for their support.