

27th September 2020 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1549
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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

Monday - Saturday 10.00 am.

CONFESSIONS: ST. PATRICK'S

Sat. 10.30 - 11.00 am. & 5.15 - 5.50 pm.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES

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

For Joseph McDermott, Sawel Place, on Monday 5th October at 7.00 pm. in St. Patrick's Church.

PADRE PIO - HEALING MASS

Will take place on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30 pm. in St. Patrick's Church.

MONTHS MIND & ALL ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Due to the Coronavirus and numbers limited to attend Mass. From the 1st October 2020 Months Mind & All 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.

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



BAPTISMS - We welcome into our Christian Community: Luke James Caldwell, Benbraddagh Rise.

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

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £2,208.

Thank you to all who contributed.

† **DEATHS** – We extend our sympathy to the O'Kane family circle on the death of Anthony O'Kane, Lower Main Street. May he rest in peace.



FIRST COMMUNION DAY - The children of **Gaelscoil Neachtain** will receive their First Communion on Sat. 3rd **October at 11.00 am.** in St. Patrick's Church. Please note: Only 5 people (including the child) will be permitted per family.

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

GIFT AID - We recently received a cheque for £24,175.63 for our gift aid claim. Thank you to all those who have signed up to the gift aid scheme. If you pay income tax and have not signed up to the gift aid, please contact the parish office

THANK YOU - From Mary's Meals to the walkers who took part in the annual Mary's Meals Sponsored Walk. £400 was raised by those who walked from St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, to Fahan (which will provide school meals to 4,000 children). Mary's Meals is also very grateful to those who made donations.

Mary's Meals is a charity with a simple idea that works - helping children in some of the world's poorest countries - providing one good meal per child per day in schools, encouraging children to attend school where they can receive an education that could one day free them from poverty. Mary's Meals currently feed 1.6 million children every day. Working together, they believe that can be achieved in this world of plenty. Just £15.90 will feed a child for a whole school year. If you would like to know more about Mary's Meals and the work they do see www.marysmeals.org or if you are interested in getting involved locally contact Agnes Walsh 028 8283 1567 or Helen Quinn 078 1444 1701.

KEVIN LYNCH HURLING CLUB - *Lotto No's: 2, 8, 21 & 28.* Lucky Dip (£25) : Brian McNicholl. Jackpot £2,250.

BENEDY CENTRE - CSR One Day Training course on Sat. 10th Oct. 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.