

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

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

Sun. 9.00 am. & 11.30 am.

*Via the webcam.*

**WEEKDAY MASSES: ST. PATRICK'S**

Monday - Saturday 10.00 am.

*Via the webcam.*

**Please sanitize your hands when you come into the chapel for private prayer.**

**MONTHS MIND MASS**

For Annie Donaghy on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 6.00 pm. in St. Patrick's Church. Via the webcam.

**CONFESSIONS: ST. PATRICK'S:** *There will be no confessions until further notice.*

**THE ROSARY**

Mon. – Sat. at 9.35 am. in St. Patrick's Church. Via the webcam.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL**

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open for private prayer. **Please note! Only 4 persons allowed in the chapel at any one time.** Seats/chairs has been marked/placed were you must sit, please do not move the chairs.

**Please sanitize your hands when you come into the chapel for private prayer.**



**BAPTISMS** - There will be no baptisms until February.

† **DEATHS** – We extend our sympathy to the McNicholl family circle on the death of Bernard McNicholl, Glenroe Park, also to the McLaughlin family circle on the death of Mary McLaughlin, Polly's Brea Road. May they rest in peace.

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

**LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £928**

*Thank you to all who contributed.*

**MONTHS MIND & ALL ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

Can be celebrated at any of the online Masses (including weekends) **during lockdown.** *Please book through the parish office.*

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** - Invitation to join online for a 20 minute gentle meditation each Monday at 7.00 pm. Please go to [menmedia.tv](http://menmedia.tv) open St. Patrick's Church and click on the Blessed Sacrament link.

**BENEDY CENTRE** - CSR One Day Training course on Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. & Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. Contact Mary on 777 43737 or 0784 330 5959 to secure your place.

**KEVIN LYNCH H. C.** - *Lotto No's: 2, 6, 15 & 23.* Lucky Dip: Colm Martin O'Kane. Jackpot £2,650.

**CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE'S ADVENT APPEAL** - Donations can now be left at the Parish Office. Alternatively you can send them to the Children in Crossfire office, 2 St. Joseph's Avenue Derry BT48 6TH. If you didn't get a box and would like one you can still pick them up at the back of the chapel if you are in for private prayer. You can also donate online: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/advent-appeal>. Thank you so much for your ongoing support at this challenging time.

**PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE? Catholic Engaged Encounter:** A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 27-28 March 2021. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) or 028276 38512

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 JANUARY** - The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January and lasts until Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>. **The theme this year is** "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", based on John 15:1-17. The resources for this year have been provided by the Monastic Community of Grand champ in Switzerland. Obviously, the Covid-19 pandemic has limited our options for marking this week in 2021 but we are encouraged to pray together in our homes and, if possible, via online means. For prayer and other resources visit Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 - Irish Council of Churches and Irish Inter Church Meeting ([irishchurches.org](http://irishchurches.org)).

**POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS "YEAR OF ST JOSEPH"**

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2020, to 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021.

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021

Church grants plenary indulgence for year of St. Joseph. The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight,

exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

**A beloved, tender, obedient father**

Saint Joseph, in fact, "concretely expressed his fatherhood" by making an offering of himself in love "a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home," writes Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St Paul VI.

And because of his role at "the crossroads between the Old and New Testament," St Joseph "has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people" (PC, 1). In him, "Jesus saw the tender love of God," the one that helps us accept our weakness, because "it is through" and despite "our fears, our frailties, and our weakness" that most divine designs are realized. "Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser," emphasizes the Pontiff, and it is by encountering God's mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we "experience His truth and tenderness," - because "we know that God's truth does not condemn us, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us" Joseph is also a father in obedience to God: with his 'fiat' he protects Mary and Jesus and teaches his Son to "do the will of the Father." Called by God to serve the mission of Jesus, he "cooperated... in the great mystery of Redemption," as St John Paul II said, "and is truly a minister of salvation"

**PRAYER FOR A HAPPY DEATH**

Jesus, Mary & Joseph I give my heart my soul and my life.

Jesus Mary & Joseph assist me in my last agony.

Jesus Mary & Joseph may I die in peace in your holy company.

Sweet Jesus be to me not a judge but a saviour.

Into your hands O Lord I commend my spirit. Lord Jesus receive my soul.