

#### 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 MASSES

For Frank McHenry (today) Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30 am. in St. Patrick's Church. Via the webcam.

For Rose Hegarty on Saturday 30<sup>th</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.



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

† **DEATHS** – We extend our sympathy to the Reilly family circle on the death of Bridie Reilly, Mitchel Crescent, also to the McGilligan family circle on the death of Tommy McGilligan, Kilhoyle Road. May they rest in peace.

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

**LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £1,478**

*Thank you to all who contributed.*

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

#### 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 31<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

##### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Patrick's Conference, Dungiven, would like to thank the parishioners for their generosity towards our Christmas Appeal. The donation totalled £8,088. This is a significant amount of money and we are very grateful for it especially during these very difficult times. This money ensures our work continues with those who are experiencing hardship at this time. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for our benefactor.

##### THE EAGLE THE TIGER AND COVID

###### *Imaging God and Re-Calling Ireland*

This book has been written by Carl Bradley and Fr. Neal Carlin. Copies are available at the parish office. Price £10.

**KEVIN LYNCH H. C. - Lotto No's: 3, 9, 11 & 19.** Lucky Dip: Claire Hasson. Jackpot £2,675.

#### "YEAR OF ST JOSEPH" CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.

##### Welcoming the will of God

At the same time, Joseph is "an accepting Father," because he "accepted Mary unconditionally" — an important gesture even today, says Pope Francis, "In our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident." But the Bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand, "setting aside his own ideas" and reconciling himself with his own history.

Joseph's spiritual path "is not one that explains, but accepts" — which does not mean that he is "resigned." Instead, he is "courageously and firmly proactive," because with "Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude," and full of hope, he is able "to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments." In practice, through St. Joseph, it is as if God were to repeat to us: "Do not be afraid!" because "faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad," and makes us aware that "God can make flowers spring up from stony ground." Joseph "did not look for shortcuts but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it." For this reason, "he encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak" (4).

##### A creatively courageous father, example of love

*Patris corde* highlights "the creative courage" of St. Joseph, which "emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties." "The carpenter of Nazareth," explains the Pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence." He had to deal with "the concrete problems" his Family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants.

In this sense, St. Joseph is "the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and

poverty." As the guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot "be other than the guardian of the Church," of her motherhood, and of the Body of Christ. "Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is 'the child' whom Joseph continues to protect." From St Joseph, writes Pope Francis, "we must learn... to love the Church and the poor" (5).

##### A father who teaches the value, dignity and joy of work

"A carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family," St Joseph also teaches us "the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour." This aspect of Joseph's character provides Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favour of work, which has become "a burning social issue" even in countries with a certain level of well-being. "there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron," the Pope writes.

Work, he says, "is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion." Those who work, he explains, "are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us." Pope Francis encourages everyone "to rediscover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new 'normal' from which no one is excluded." Especially in light of rising unemployment due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Pope calls everyone to "review our priorities" and to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!" (6).

**PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE? Catholic Engaged Encounter:** A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 27 - 28 March 2021. Information/Booking: [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) or 028 2763 8512.