21<sup>st</sup> February 2021 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1570 Fr. Séamus Kelly P.P. Tel: 777 41219. Fr. Joseph Varghese C.C. Tel: 777 41256. Fr. David O'Kane (Claudy) Tel: 71 337 727. Fr. Micheal McGavigan (Banagher) Tel: 777 81223. Mgr. Bryan McCanny (Limavady) Tel: 777 29759. Parish Office Tel: 777 40702. Email address dunpar@icloud.com Parish Website www.dungivenparish.com

# SUNDAY MASS TIMES St. Patrick's Sat. Vigil 6.00 pm. Sun. 9.00 am. & 11.30 am. WEEKDAY MASSES St. Patrick's Mon. 10.00 am. & 7.30 pm. Tues 7 00 am & 10 00 am Wed. 10.00 am. & 7.30 pm. Thurs. 7.00 am. & 10.00 am. Fri. & Sat. 10.00 am. Via the webcam. FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES For James O'Donnell on Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 10.00 am. in St. Patrick's. For Bridie Hasson on Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 6.00 pm. in St. Patrick's. For John Bernard O'Kane on Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 9.00 am. in St. Patrick's. Via the webcam. THE ROSARY

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

BAPTISMS - We welcome into our Christian Community: Aodhan Daire Gillespie, Dunmurry, Bría Jane Laverty, Maghera and Nollaig Anne McErlain, Birren Road.

**LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £2,014** *Thank you to all who contributed.* 

S.V.P. - HELPLINE: 079 279 299 23 CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE'S ADVENT APPEAL

Donations can now be left at the Parish Office.

#### WALKING WITH JESUS ALONG THE VIA DOLOROSA SUNDAY LENTEN PROGRAMME Please join us at 3.00 pm. *via our webcam*. Please use the leaflet that accompanied last weeks bulletin.

**BAPTISMS** - Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **March: Sun.** 7<sup>th</sup>, **Sat.** 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Two weeks notice must be given.
- Only 10 persons (including children) per family in the church.
- There will be only individual baptisms.

**DIOCESE OF DERRY PRAYER FOR LENT** Each day of Lent everyone is encouraged to pray the Diocese Lenten Prayer.

Loving Father, To prepare for His mission of proclaiming Your kingdom to the world, Your Son Jesus was guided by Your Holy Spirit to the quiet of the desert.

In these Lenten days, I pray that I will be guided by that same Spirit, to a place of renewal in my heart and mind, so that I will seek opportunities for daily personal prayer, personal sacrifices and acts of kindness.

With Your help, may I too be truly prepared to share in the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Your Son, our Lord.

## Amen.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION Please note! The time has been changed to 6.30 pm. for the online gentle meditation on a Monday evening. Please go to mcnmedia.tv open St. Patrick's Church and click on the Blessed Sacrament link.

# **First Sunday of Lent - Reflections**

## (Notes supplied by Intercom)

1. Jesus he is about to start his public ministry. Mark tells us this was preceded by a deep inner struggle when his resolve to take on his Godgiven mission was tested. Recall important decisions in your own life. Were they accompanied by struggle and doubt? Who were the angels who supported you at that time? Give thanks for them.

2. Such periods of anxiety may seem like wilderness experiences at the time. Later, with hindsight, we may see them as being good for us. Perhaps, like Jesus, you recall a time when the Spirit of God led you into the wilderness to be tested and after the experience you had a clearer sense of your own identity or your purpose in life.

3. Repent and believe the good news was the heart of the message of Jesus. It was not a call to penance but to a change of heart, a change of attitude, leading to a change in behaviour. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of right relationships: with God, with one another, with creation, with ourselves. It is a change that leads to a fuller life. When have you found that a change in your attitude towards God, others, yourself, or the world around you, has led you to a more fulfilled or more fruitful life?

4. There is immediacy about the call of Jesus: 'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near'. Recall when you had a realisation that NOW was the moment of opportunity – for a change in your life, for a spiritual renewal, or a time to give a wholehearted yes to life. At this moment to what do you believe you are invited to say 'yes'?

### **KEVIN LYNCH H. C.**

Lotto No's:  $(9^{th} Feb.)$  6, 8, 24 & 30. Lucky Dip: Andrea McCusker. Lotto No's:  $(16^{th} Feb.)$  5, 14, 17 & 22. Lucky Dip: Jamsie McCloskey. Jackpot £2,775.

COVID VACCINES AVAILABLE: For Carers aged 60 – 64 year olds, proof of I. D. to verify age required. Slots available in Foyle Arena, Tel: 0287 1610 753 to book or use website https://vaccinations.covid-19.hscni.net/booking

#### NIGHT PRAYERS FOR REST Heavenly Father,

Thank you for sustaining me. Thank you for your hand of protection during the night. As I lay down to sleep I pray for your continued protection. I will not be afraid for you are with me. My sleep will be sweet, peaceful, and restorative. I thank you for your peace as I slumber. I know that you alone make me dwell in safety. Because of your love for me, I can rest without worry. I cast my worries on you and close my eyes. I will wake renewed. Amen.