

28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1575

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#### PALM 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.

*Palms will be blessed at all Masses.*

#### MASS TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK

##### St. Patrick's:

Mon. & Tues. 10.00 am.

Wed. 10.00 am. & 7.30 pm.

**St. Matthew's:** Tues. 9.15 am.

**Imm. Concept:** Mon. 9.15 am.

*Note! No Mass on Wednesday morning.*

#### HOLY THURSDAY

##### Mass Of The Last Supper

**St. Patrick's:** 7.30 pm.

**Holy Hour at 10.00 pm.**

**St. Matthew's:** 6.30 pm.

*Please Note - There will be no Mass in any of the Churches on Holy Thursday morning, as the Mass of the Chrism will be taking place at 10.00 am. in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. View via the webcam.*

#### GOOD FRIDAY

##### The Lord's Passion

**St. Patrick's:** 3.00 pm.

**St. Matthew's:** 7.30 pm.

**Imm. Conception:** 2.00 pm.

#### HOLY SATURDAY

**St. Patrick's:** 8.30 pm.

**Imm. Conception:** 7.00 pm.

#### EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**St. Patrick's:** 9.00 am. & 11.30 am.

**St. Matthew's:** Sun. 10.15 am.

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#### FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

For Henry Colgan on Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30 pm. in St. Patrick's.

**THE ROSARY** - Mon. - Wed. at 9.35 am. in St. Patrick's Church.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS - St. Patrick's:** Wednesday after 10.00 am. Mass.

#### CONFESSIONS

**ST. PATRICK'S:** After 10.00 am. Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Also on Wednesday evening after Mass.

#### HOLY SATURDAY

**ST. PATRICK'S:** 12 noon - 1.00 pm.

**GORTNAGHEY:** 3.00 - 3.30 pm.

**DRUMSURN:** 4.00 - 4.30 pm.

#### LENTEEN PROGRAMME - ST. PATRICK'S

##### Penitential Service.

There will be no general absolution at this service.

#### INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION ONLY



**BAPTISMS** - We welcome into our Christian Community: Carágh Nancy Roisín Doran, Knockcullen.

**BAPTISMS** - Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **April: Sat. 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.** (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Sat.) *Drumturn & Gortnaghey by arrangement, contact the parish office.*

- **Two weeks notice must be given.**
- **Only 10 persons (including children) per family in the church.**

**KEVIN LYNCH H. C.** - *Lotto No's: 12, 14, 19 & 28.* Lucky Dip: Joe McKelvey Jackpot £2,900.

#### FIRST COMMUNIONS & CONFIRMATION

Bishop Donal McKeown announced that the celebrations of First Communion are to be deferred until September 2021.

As regards the celebration of Confirmation, it is acceptable for parishes to make provisional arrangements for these in the month of June. However, I will review the situation in the middle of May.

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** - Gentle meditation on a Mon. at 6.30 pm. Please go to mcnmedia.tv open St. Patrick's Church and click on the Blessed Sacrament link.

#### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open for private prayer. **Please note! Only 8 persons allowed in the chapel at any one time, from 26<sup>th</sup> March.**

#### LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £1,152

*Thank you to all who contributed.*

#### TRÓCAIRE COLLECTION

Please bring the contents of your family fast box to the Church on Holy Thursday. **(Please use either the envelope in your box of envelopes or the Trocaire envelope.)**

#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Will take place next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April in St. Patrick's Church. Starting with Confessions at 2.30 pm. followed by Mass and Novena at 3.00 pm. The Divine Mercy Novena, prayed for the nine days from Good Friday (2 April) until the first Saturday of Easter (10 April), leading into Divine Mercy Sunday

#### PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPS

Our Parish weekly envelopes are ready for collection (at the parish office) or will be delivered on Wednesday. If any of those who deliver the envelopes are unable to carry out this task please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

#### The journey of discipleship

Our opening reading from Mark's Gospel captures the elation of the crowds who welcome Jesus in Jerusalem. They spread greenery on the road in front of him, they lift their voices in praise, singing 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!' But their hope and loyalty is short-lived, as we discover in our reading of the Passion. Jesus is left almost alone to face humiliation and death. His followers have heard his radical message of reversal and upheaval, but when it comes down to it, the challenge is too much. We are told 'they all deserted him and ran away'. While Peter follows Jesus at a distance, he is soon denying he even knows him. Soon, the crowds are shouting for Jesus to be crucified.

We are very familiar with the Passion Gospel and it can be tempting to allow ourselves to tune out, particularly when it comes to the unpleasant parts. We do not like to think of ourselves as part of the mob shouting 'Crucify him!' Yet if we enter fully into the experience, we can see ourselves in the story. When things are going well, it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!' and promise we will not lose faith. There are other times we fall asleep, become complacent. And then there are days when we struggle, when we are confused or do not know what God expects of us or whether we are able to handle the difficult times. We pull away from God. The different disciples display this range of human reactions and emotions. This week, Holy Week, we are the disciples walking with Jesus on a journey that leads to the cross. And yet here at the cross, we find Mary Magdalene and the other female disciples, and Joseph of Arimathea. We know the story is not over for these disciples, or for Peter and the others. The journey of discipleship is just beginning. 'We don't have to be able to articulate all the logic of what is happening now. But Christians walk on with the conviction that there is One who does make sense of the apparent madness of shattered human dreams.' (Bishop Donal McKeown)