

25th April 2021 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1579

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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.

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Patrick's:

Monday - Saturday 10.00 am.

St. Matthew's:

Tuesday & Thursday 9.15 am.

Imm. Conception:

Monday & Wednesday 9.15 am.

MONTHS MIND MASS

For May Fleming on Tues. 27th April at 10.00 am. in St. Patrick's.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES

For Mary Woods on Thurs. 29th April at 9.15 am. in St. Matthew's.

For Margaret Wilson on Thurs. 29th April at 7.00 pm. in St. Matthew's.

For Eamon O'Donnell on Fri. 30th April at 7.30 pm. in St. Patrick's.

CONFESSIONS: ST. PATRICK'S - Saturday after 10.00 am. Mass and 5.15 - 5.50 pm.

THE ROSARY: Monday – Saturday at 9.35 am. in St. Patrick's Church.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION - Will continue on Monday evening at 7.00 pm. Please go to mcmedia.tv open St. Patrick's Church and click on the Blessed Sacrament link.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £2,433

Thank you to all who contributed.



BAPTISMS - We welcome into our Christian Community: Darragh Gerald McCloskey, Rannyglas, Dáithí Patrick Stewart, Caoran Dubh and Erin Eve McIntyre, Gortnaghey Road.

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

May: Sat. 8th, 15th & 22nd. (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Sat.)
Drumsum & Gortnaghey by arrangement, contact the parish office.

- **Two weeks notice must be given.**
- **Only 25 persons (including children) per family in the church.**

As of Monday 12th April, the government-imposed COVID restrictions on the numbers attending weddings and funerals have been lifted, so that the number attending in any particular church is to 'be informed by a risk assessment for the venue'. Also the restriction on the number who can attend Baptisms to the same measure.

A risk assessment has been carried out in all three churches:

For Weddings and Funerals:

St. Patrick's 100, St. Matthew's 60 and Immaculate Conception 50.

For Baptisms: 25 including children.

LETS CHANGE TOMORROW

Will be taking up a collection on Sat. 8th May from Eurospar car park. Proceeds to Ethiopia Appeal via St. Myriam McLaughlin. More details next week.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

(Memories from Primary School years) has been launched by **GELVIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY** and the book is now available in retail outlets in Dungiven and Drumsum or from any society member. Cost £10.

FOUND - A set of keys and a sum money in St. Patrick's Church on Thursday past. Contact the parish office.

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

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, called **Good Shepherd Sunday**, we continue to reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection. This is also the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Today, we celebrate the risen Lord as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

The most beautiful and meaningful comment on the life and the legacy of Pope John Paul II was made by the famous televangelist the late Billy Graham. In a TV Interview he said: "He lived like his Master the Good Shepherd, and he died like his Master the Good Shepherd." In today's Gospel, Jesus claims that he is the Good Shepherd and explains what he does for his sheep.

This year, to mark Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis has given the Church a message to reflect on where he links the vocation of every Christian to the unique vocation of St Joseph, patron of the Church. He does so in this year dedicated to St Joseph and following the publication of his earlier letter *Patris Corde...With a father's heart*, urging all Christians to be inspired by the example and spirit of St Joseph in this year dedicated to his honour.

Sometimes we don't know what the future holds. We don't have a clear blueprint of how our journey will unfold. But if we are faithful to God in daily and simple ways then the journey will take care of itself. He will lead us to where He wants us to be. This comes about by being faithful to the little things which comes before faithfulness to things that are bigger. In the concluding words of Pope Francis, 'this fidelity is the secret of your joy'. And so, as God asks Joseph not to be afraid (cf. Matt. 1:20), so the Lord is reassuring those he is calling to the priesthood and religious life:

On this Vocations Sunday may the whole Church affirm the vocations of priests and religious and may those he is calling to follow this path, respond to his call with generosity and trust. May we know God's dream for our

lives; may we become humble servants of God and his people and be faithful to the Lord and the little ways he calls us to grow in love.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

During the past year we have been unable to do any fundraising so we are asking you to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We wish to thank you again for the money raised last year: £3,006. Thank you for your generosity in the past years and hopefully we will be able to return soon to our fundraising.

KEVIN LYNCH H. C.

Lotto No's: 11, 13, 21 & 23. Lucky Dip: Liam Og Hinchey. Jackpot £3,000.

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE

Wish to thank Dungiven Parish for supporting our Advent Appeal, through your donation of £223.69.

BENEDY CENTRE

CSR One Day course on Sat. 1st & 15th May. Contact Mary on 777 43737 or 0784 330 5959 to secure your place.

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