

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

Sun. 9.00 am. & 11.30 am.

St. Matthew's: (St. Peter's Hall)

Sun. 10.15 am.

Immaculate Conception: Sat. 7.15 pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Patrick's:

Monday - Saturday 10.00 am.

St. Matthew's: (St. Peter's Hall)

Tuesday & Thursday 9.15 am.

Imm. Conception:

Monday & Wednesday 9.15 am.

MONTHS MIND MASSES

For Ryan O'Hara on Thursday 27th May at 7.30 pm. in St. Patrick's.

For Mary O'Hara on Fri. 28th May at 7.30 pm. in St. Patrick's.

For Briega Jeffery (Née Mullan) on Monday. 31st May at 7.30 pm. in St. Matthew's: (St. Peter's Hall)

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.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £1,878

TRÓCAIRE COLLECTION: £14,833

Thank you to all who contributed.

COVID CRISIS IN INDIA

Parishioners have been enquiring about donating money to the Covid Crisis in India. We have already received donations and if you wish to donate money to this worthy cause please leave in the parish office.

KEVIN LYNCH H. C.

Lotto No's: 7, 15, 19 & 24. Lucky Dip: Paul McCloskey. Jackpot £3,100.

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

BAPTISMS - Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **June: Sun. 6th, Sat. 12th & 26th.** (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 25 persons (including children) per family in the church.**
- **A list of names and contact numbers for all attending, must be handed into the parish office prior to the baptism.**

DEATHS – We extend our sympathy to the McGilligan family circle on the death of Gerry McGilligan, Foreglen Road. May he rest in peace.



FIRST COMMUNION DAY

The children of **St. Mary's Gortnaghey**, will receive their First Communion on Sat. **29th May at 11.00 am.** in the Immaculate Conception.

The children of **Gaelscoil Neachtain** will receive their First Communion on Sat. **29th May at 11.00 am.** in St. Patrick's.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

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

BENEDY CENTRE

CSR One Day course on Sat. 29th May & Sat. 12th June. Contact Mary on 777 43737 or 0784 330 5959 to secure your place.

FOUND

A key on the grounds of St. Patrick's. Contact the parish office.

LETS CHANGE TOMORROW

We are totally amazed by the generosity of local people who contributed to our latest appeal!

In total, we raised £9,288 for Ethiopia and India. £6,288 was donated for the crisis in Ethiopia, which will be given to Sr. Myriam McLaughlin for distribution. We are, as a result of specific donations, in a position, to send £3,000 also for aid to India. This money will go to the 'Missionary Sisters of Charity in Calcutta (Mother Teresa's Nuns). These sisters are helping look after Covid patients, as hospitals are full. Fr. Joseph is assisting us to get funds safely to India.

Thank you to Eurospar, Dungiven, for the use of their forecourt for our collection. A very big thank you to all those who donated so generously! All money will go direct to where it is needed. We are a totally voluntary charity.

GOLDEN ROSE-OUR LADY OF KNOCK

(FR JOSEPH VARGHESE)

Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland,

All my cares and troubles cease

As we kneel with love before you,

Lady of Knock, my Queen of Peace...

I have been greatly impressed by the beautiful reverential hymn, "Lady of Knock" or "Golden Rose". It is often sung on special occasions such as weddings, funerals or as the final hymn after the liturgical celebrations, especially in Ireland. It was written and recorded by a famous Derry singer called Dana who is Rosemary Scallon (nee Brown).

We are all aware of the great Marian Shrines throughout the world including Lourdes, Fatima and Medjugorje, but Ireland has her own Marian Shrine at the small village of Knock in County Mayo in the West of Ireland. Of course, I knew little about Knock when I was training for the priesthood in my native Kerala, in India. However, since coming to Ireland to minister to the Syro-Malabar faithful in Ireland and to work in St. Eugene's Cathedral, St. Columba's Long Tower, Waterside Parishes and St. Patrick's

Dungiven, in the Derry diocese, I have found out a lot about 'Knock' and its importance in the minds of the faithful here.

It is a fascinating story of a Marian apparition almost 142 years ago, on August 21st, 1879 in a village in County Mayo. It was a wet and dismal evening about seven o'clock when some inhabitants saw a light shining on the gable wall of the local chapel and when they endeavoured to find out what was happening, they discovered three adults, reputed to be Blessed Mary, St. Joseph, her husband, John, the Evangelist and there was a lamb standing on an altar. Several people, male and female, ranging in age from 5 to 74 saw the event while 15 gave testimony to what they had witnessed. These included Mary O'Connell and Patrick Byrne, who again gave evidence to a further enquiry in 1936. One of the visionaries, Bridget Trench, told those enquiring that she was so taken with the Blessed Virgin that she paid little attention to the others in the apparitions. At the centre of the gable of the church the witnesses saw an altar and on it a Lamb sized as it was about two months old. The Lamb was facing in the direction of Our Lady, John the Evangelist and St. Joseph. Behind the lamb was a large Cross on the altar. There was universal agreement that Blessed Mother didn't speak during the time but stood about two feet above the ground with her head turned towards heaven in prayer. She wore a beautiful golden crown, and her dress was sparkling white. A bearded Joseph was standing to Mary's left and raised about a foot above ground, while John the Evangelist stood to her right, holding a book as if teaching and about the same height above ground level as St. Joseph.

To be continued.....

DUNGIVEN LIBRARY - Is running weekly Zoom Rhythm and Rhyme sessions for babies and toddlers in May and we would appreciate any help in connecting with families in the area. We will send a link by email to anyone who'd like to join in if they contact us in Dungiven branch.