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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: (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 MASS

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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

For Celine O'Kane, formerly Dernaflaw, on Thurs. 3rd June at 10.00 am. in St. Patrick's.

DERRY DIOCESAN SOCIETY - The 10.00 am. on Mass Fri. 4th June will be celebrated for all deceased members of the society.

CONFESSIONS: ST. PATRICK'S – *Please note! No Confession on Saturday morning.* Sat. 5.15 - 5.50 pm.

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

Mass will be celebrated at the Mass Rock in Glenshane Forest on **Saturday 10th July at 2.00 pm.** More details later.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION DAY



The children of **St. Canice's P. S.** will receive their First Communion on Sat. **5th June at 11.00 am.** in St. Patrick's.

The children of **St. Matthew's P. S.** will receive their First Communion on Sat. **5th June at 2.00 pm.** in St. Patrick's.



BAPTISMS - We welcome into our Christian Community: Rogan McCready, Ard-na-Smol.

BAPTISMS - Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **June: Sat. 12th & 26th.** (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Sat.) Drumsurn & 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.**

ST. PADRE PIO - HEALING MASS

Will take place on Tuesday 1st June at 7.00 pm. in St. Patrick's Church.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £1,878

DIOCESAN PURPOSES COLLECTION: £942

Thank you to all who contributed.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 11th – 12th September 2021. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Info/Booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028 276 38512.

FOUND - A sum of money on the grounds of St. Patrick's. Contact the parish office.

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

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...

At the time the people of Knock had suffered greatly from political and religious oppression, had endured the devastating famine, which had claimed many lives so times were pretty difficult. In some ways it could be compared to the present time and the problems caused by the global Covid-19 pandemic. There is a fear and uncertainty in the air and many people have turned back to prayer in the belief that the Holy Family will help us through. It is thought that the lamb seen on the table represents Jesus, the Lamb of God, who sacrificed his own life so we might be saved. It may be that the apparition was a reward for how steadfast the people had been in prayer despite the heartache they had suffered. Ireland is renowned for its devotion to the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph and John the Evangelist found great favour too so it could be that they appeared in a supportive role.

Irish people are most grateful that both John Paul II and Pope Francis visited Knock in 1979 and 2018 respectively. Just last month, on 19th March, Pope Francis formally elevated Knock Shrine from a national to an International sanctuary in what he referred to as "an important moment in its history." From now on the shrine will be titled "The International Sanctuary of Special Eucharistic and Marian Devotion."

The apparition at Knock was unique in many ways. Blessed Virgin did not speak. She was accompanied by St. Joseph, John the Evangelist and of course the Lamb. Surrounding the altar there were moving angels. It has been pointed

out that the lamb was on the altar at the place on the wall that was directly opposite the tabernacle in the old church. Mary wore a crown indicating her queen ship, a title that is honoured in the fifth joyful mystery of the rosary. St. John who was wearing the mitre of a bishop was holding what looked like the book of the Gospels. Some think that this indicates that he was reading from and preaching about the opening of his own gospel account, the famous "In the beginning was the Word" passage, the great theological prologue to the Good News of the Gospels. Others think it is the book of revelation and that John is reminding people of the end times. However we interpret the apparition it was a unique manifestation of the Holy Family, the original family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus and later with the protection of St. John. It is also a powerful depiction of the Eucharist through the presence of the Lamb of God. So, while Mary did not speak the apparition itself spoke volumes about the faith – the centrality of the Eucharist, the queen ship of Blessed Mother, the patronage of St. Joseph, the preaching of the Good News. The hymn Our Lady of Knock tries to reflect some of these meanings.

PRE PRE SCHOOL @ LITTLE RASCALS PLAYGROUP, DRUMSURN - Applications are now available. Children are eligible to start from 2 years & 10 months. The sessions run on a Mon. & Tues. from 12 noon – 2.00 pm. The Junior Club is funded by The Pathway Grant through the Dept. of Education. Email: little.rascals2@yahoo.com

BENEDY CENTRE - CSR One Day course on Fri. 11th & Sat. 26th June. Contact Mary on 777 43737 or 0784 330 5959

KEVIN LYNCH H. C. - *Lotto No's: 4, 7, 14 & 21.* Lucky Dip: Orlagh McClements. Jackpot £3,125.