

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 - Friday 10.00 am.

Please Note!

No 10.00 am. Mass on Saturday.

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

Tuesday & Thursday 9.15 am.

Imm. Conception:

Monday & Wednesday 9.15 am.

MONTHS MIND MASS

For Gerry McGilligan on Monday 14th June at 7.30 pm. in St. Patrick's.

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 mcnmedia.tv open St. Patrick's Church and click on the Blessed Sacrament link.

FIRST COMMUNION DAY

The children of **St. John's P. S.** will receive their First Communion on **Sat. 12th June at 10.00 am.** in St. Patrick's.



BAPTISMS - We welcome into our Christian Community: Eimear Anna Cosgrove, Abbeyfields.



BAPTISMS - Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **June: Sat. 26th. July: Sun. 4th, Sat. 10th, 17th & 24th** (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.**

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 11th – 12th Sept. 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 Tel: 028 276 38512.

LOUGH DERG 2021 - Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to “Do Lough Derg from wherever you are.” on 3rd – 5th July.

The outdoor Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path will also be available as the summer goes on. Further information from 0(0353) 71 9861518 or www.loughderg.org.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £3,783

Includes £1,000 of back payments.

Thank you to all who contributed.

FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
Lillies will be blessed at all Masses next weekend 12th / 13th June.

**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...

There are many reasons why the month of May is set aside to honour Mary, Mother of God. Like many traditions from pre-Christian times, there was almost a seamless transition to a current Christian practice. May had been a month dedicated to an Ancient Greek goddess, Artemis, while the Romans later chose to honour Flora, the goddess of flowers and blossoms in the same month. It would appear that May would be a really appropriate month to be dedicated to Mary as, for us, it is the month when the earth springs into bloom and we see the beauty of nature emerging from the bleakness of winter. New growth, longer days and the heat of the sun bring a positive attitude to our way of thinking.

This wonderful practice of honouring Mary during May has for many decades been openly encouraged and recommended by successive Popes. Pope Pius XII referred to it often in his encyclical "Mediator Dei", highlighting it as a practice of particular importance and dignity. The fact that Mary is the Mother of the Church makes her the perfect guide, inspiration and example to all who wish to serve God and man while tuning in to the power of the Holy Spirit. Pope Leo XIII referred to the Holy Spirit as the soul of the Church and believed that all

of the work of the Church and the involvement of the Blessed Mother are brought to life by the Holy Spirit. This year, to mark the world day of prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis has given us a message to reflect on where he links the vocation of every Christian to the unique vocation of St. Joseph, patron of the Church. In his apostolic letter "Patris Corde" (With a Father's Heart), Holy Father encourages us to be inspired by the example of St. Joseph in this year dedicated to his honour. As promised, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to us at Pentecost to be our guide, our comforter and advocate following His return to the Father.

The May Altar: This is especially popular in Ireland, where many homes and schools create a small space to display a statue of our Blessed Mother Mary, surrounded by pretty flowers with primroses featuring prominently along with local wildflowers, lovingly picked by excited children. In that way children are actively involved in creating their own little shrine to venerate our Blessed Mother.

Let "Golden Rose -Queen of Ireland" inspire us, and "the Lamb will conquer, and the woman clothed in the sun will shine Her light on everyone." These are sentiments that should strengthen us in faith, hope and love at a time when we need such affirmation, just like our forebears in Knock in 1879.

KEVIN LYNCH H. C.

Lotto No's: 6, 15, 17 & 28. Lucky Dip: Geraldine Steele. Jackpot £3,150.

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

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