

28th November 2021 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1610

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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)

Tues. & Thurs. 9.15 am.

Immaculate Conception

Mon. & Wed. 9.15 am.

MONTHS MIND MASSES

For Josephine Moore on Tues. 30th Nov. at 7.00 pm. in St. Patrick's.

For Marion Kelly (Nee O'Kane) on Fri. 3rd Dec. at 7.30 pm. in St. Patrick's.

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

CONFESSIONS - **St. Patrick's:** Sat. after 10.00 am. Mass and 5.15 - 5.50 pm.

If you are struggling, or if you know someone who is struggling and in need of a helping hand, please contact the **S.V.P. confidential helpline: 079 2792 9923.**

ADVENT PROGRAMME – ST. PATRICK'S

Sun. 28th Nov. at 5.00 pm.

Prayer & Reflection in preparation for the Synodal Process

Sun. 5th Dec. at 5.00 pm.

Eucharistic Healing Service

Sun. 12th Dec. at 5.00 pm.

Carol Service

Sun. 19th Dec. at 5.00 pm.

Penitential Service

† **DEATHS** – We extend our sympathy to the McReynolds family circle on the death of Rose McReynolds, Main Street. May she rest in peace.



BAPTISMS - We welcome into our Christian Community: Darbie Anna Hartin, Abbeyfields, Dáithí McCormick, Corick Road and Freddie Kalel McMacken, Turmel Road.

*Children must have **One** Godparent who is over 16 years of age and a practicing Catholic. Normally people have **Two** Godparents, but they must be one male and one female.*

BAPTISMS - Will take place in St. Patrick's Church on the following dates: **Dec. Sun. 12th & Sat 18th.** (Sun. at 12.15 pm. and 4.30 pm. on a Sat.) *Drumturn & Gortmaghey 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.**

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

20 minute guided Scripture Meditation each Monday at 7.00 pm. Please go to mcnmedia.tv open St. Patrick's Church and click on the Blessed Sacrament link.

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £2,433

Includes back payment of £300

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION: £1,462

Thank you to all who contributed

BENEDY CENTRE - CSR One Day Course on Sat. 18th Dec. Contact Mary on 028 777 43737 / 0784 330 5959.

KEVIN LYNCH H. C. - *Lotto No's: 9, 17, 18 & 29.* Lucky Dip: Alastair Steele. Jackpot £3,775.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

In line with Church policy of increased roles for the laity in its governance and ministry, Fr. Séamus has handed over the chair of our Parish Pastoral Council to a lay member. Eugene McElhinney has agreed to serve as chairperson in a caretaker capacity for one year, while the P.P.C. Team develops its vision for the future.

At Wednesday's meeting (24th Nov.) Fr. Joseph outlined the aims of, and hopes for the 2023 Synod of Bishops. Parishioners will be asked to contribute to the consultation process during 2022 by expressing their views on a wide range of church issues.

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE CHILD - Termonbacca is hosting this Novena, **8th – 16th Dec.** The Novena Mass & prayers will be at 7.30 pm. each evening. This will be live-streamed via Facebook.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT Christmas Plant Sale, 3rd – 4th Dec. from 8.00 am. – 4.00 pm. at 86 Mettican Rd, Garvagh. Wreaths & Christmas trees etc.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS – Are available only at the parish office.

Please have the names of those you are buying a card for written out on a sheet of paper. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 07596 500 793 / 07707 311 358 or at the Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ. Or the P.S.N.I. Tel: 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, Tel: 71 314 090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker. Our Local Safeguarding Rep is Mary McCloskey Tel: 077 5160 4255.

WHAT DOES SYDONAL LOGO POINT OUT?



A large, majestic tree, full of wisdom and light, reaches for the sky. A sign of deep vitality and hope, which expresses the cross of Christ. It carries the Eucharist, which shines like the sun. The horizontal branches, opened like hands or wings, suggest, at the same time, the Holy Spirit. According to Pope Francis the Synod must be a process of spiritual discernment that “unfolds in adoration, in prayer and in dialogue with the Word of God” and not just another “Church convention, a study group or a political gathering, a parliament” but a truly “grace-filled event, a process of healing guided by the Spirit.”

The people of God are not static: they are on the move in direct reference to the etymology of the word synod, which means "walking together"(15 people) young and old, men and women, singles, couples, families, children of all ages, persons with disabilities, clergy, religious and lay faithful. The bishop walks among his sheep, with young people leading the way. This refers to Jesus' words, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children”(Mt. 11:25). *To be continued ...*