

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 **Dungiven Parish Bulletin** No 1693

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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.

**Imm. Conception:** Sat. 4.30 pm.

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**St. Patrick's:** Mon. - Fri. 10.00 am.

Saturday: No 10.00 am. Mass.

**St. Matthew's:** Tues. 9.15 am.

Note: No 9.15 am. Mass on Thursday.

**Immaculate Conception:** Mon. 9.15 am.

Note: No 9.15 am. Mass on Wednesday.

#### CONFESSIONS

**St. Patrick's:** On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July after 10.00 am. Mass. (for the First Friday).

Sat. 5.30 - 5.45 pm.

**THE ROSARY:** Monday – Friday at 9.35 am. in St. Patrick's.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £2,285**

Thank you to all who contributed.

#### ST. PADRE PIO - HEALING MASS

Please note! There will be no Padre Pio Healing Mass in July and August.

✠ **DEATHS** – We extend our sympathy to the Carolan family circle on the death of Nora Carolan, Beech Road, Gortnaghey. May she rest in peace.

#### LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

Meeting on Wednesdays from 7.30 – 9.00 pm. in the **Committee Room**.

#### ST. CANICE'S PRAYER GROUP

Meeting every Thursday in the conference room at 7.00 pm.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.**



**BAPTISM** – We welcome into our Christian Community: Caolán Brendan McGill, Gortnaghey Rd.

**BAPTISM** - 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: **July: 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. August: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.** Baptisms will take place at 3.00 pm. **Two weeks notice must be given for all Baptism bookings.**

**The Baptism Course** will take place twice a month. Anyone booking a Baptism will be required to attend the course before their Baptism can take place. Places must be booked through the Parish Office. *The next course will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm. in the parish centre, committee room.*

**VOCATIONS** - As a diocesan family we pray for Shaun Doherty who will be ordained priest in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, this (Sunday) afternoon. May the Lord bless Shaun in his ministry in the diocese of Derry. We wish him "Ad multos annos!" - many happy and fulfilled years of priestly service.

#### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

The opening hours are now extended to 8.00 pm. on a Thursday. See revised notice at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**KEVIN LYNCH H.C.** - Lotto no's: 5, 10, 18 & 19. Lucky dip: Kevin Hinphey. Jackpot: £5,775.

**BENEDY CENTRE** - Dance on Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> July. Music by Sweet Dreams. Dancing from 10.30 pm - 1.30 am. Adm. £5. Draw for prizes £500, £250 and £250 will take place on the night.

#### FATIMA PILGRIMAGE: 20<sup>TH</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY.

I am sure you are all familiar with the story of Fatima. Our Lady appeared to three children while pasturing sheep. Her main apparition message to the children was to pray the Rosary.

Francisco and sister Jacinta died young few years after the apparition. Lucia was the main seer of the apparition who lived a long life and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Since Fatima is one of the largest Marian Pilgrim Centres, I am privileged to be able to take part under the auspices of Archbishop Eamon Martin commencing on 20<sup>th</sup> July for a week. **I would like to give you the opportunity to take all your petitions with me. You can leave your petitions in a little box on the altar from 1<sup>st</sup> July. Do not put money along with the petitions.** Also if you would like candles lit in Fatima please leave your intentions and donation in the parish office. Please say a prayer for our pilgrim group.

*Fr. Joseph Varghese*

#### BENBRADAGH COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We are looking for volunteers to help assist our young people on trips away during the Summer and on our street collection day, which is being held on Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> July in Dungiven. If you are interested in helping out email to [Kirsty@youth.bcs@live.com](mailto:Kirsty@youth.bcs@live.com)



#### HOPE DUNGIVEN PARISH -

Are holding a **Table Quiz** in The Dolphin Bar, Gortnaghey, on Friday. 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm. All proceeds will be used to fund our upcoming Summer Camp for the children of our parish. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**FOUND** - A bracelet in the new graveyard. Owner can claim it at the parish office.

#### CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF COLUMBAN MISSIONARY IN CHINA

A commemorative Mass and dedication of a plaque commissioned by the Cullen Family to mark the death of Fr. Charles Cullen, a Columban Missionary, will be celebrated **at 2.00 pm. on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023** by Columban Fathers Neil Collins and Dan Troy in St. Patrick's Church. Fr Charles was born in Dungiven on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1896 to Charles Cullen (Snr) a former Principal Teacher in St. Patrick's Primary School and local girl Mary Teresa O'Neill. The family later moved to Co. Down. However Fr. Charles's education at St. Columb's continued to maintain a close bond with Dungiven particularly with his cousin Frances Boyle née McReynolds and her husband James "Yankee" Boyle. Charles was ordained on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1921 and sailed for China in September of that year as part of the "Maynooth Mission". Fr. Charles died 2 years later on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1923 aged 27, not merely the first Columban Missionary to die there but possibly the first Irishman of any order to die in that country. He had written a testimony before his departure in which he said "It is my dearest wish that I should be buried in Dungiven under the monument of Mr Boyle. This may seem peculiar but I must say that from the priests and people of that parish (which I look upon as that of my birth and which I consider my parish) I in life never received anything but kindness such as I never deserved or never could deserve. Besides I should like to rest near the mortal remains of Mr & Mrs Boyle who in life showed themselves more than friends to me". Sadly his aspiration could not be realised and Charles was buried in his parish of Ko-Cha-Dzae (now Bai-Guo-Shu or White Fruit Tree). All parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass, which will be followed by a short account of the family connection to Dungiven and Charles's life and work as a Columban Missionary and dedication of the plaque to mark the centenary of his passing.

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