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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: Monday - Friday 10.00 am.

St. Matthew's: Mass: Tuesday 9.15 am.

No Mass Thursday morning

Imm. Conception: Mass: Monday 9.15 am. *No Mass Wednesday morning.*

DERRY DIOCESAN SOCIETY - The 10.00 am. Mass on Thur. 11th April will be celebrated for all deceased members of the society.

MONTH'S MIND MASSES

For Sally Kealey today Sun. 7th April at 11.30 am. in St. Patrick's

For Celine McManus on Sat. 13th April 4.30 pm. in the Immaculate Conception.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES

For Evelyn Curran on Sat. 13th April at 6.00 pm. in St. Patrick's.

For Evelyn O'Kane on Sun. 14th April at 11.30 am. in St. Patrick's

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.

Today Sun. 7th April is Divine Mercy Sunday. Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00 pm. Confessions at 2.30 pm.

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

CONFESSIONS: Sat. 5.30 – 5.45 pm. in St. Patrick's

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BAPTISM – We welcome into our Christian Community: Marcus Henry O'Kane, Tracey's Way and Tiernán Kieran Quigg, Kilhoyle Road.

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: **April: 20th. May: 4th, 11th & 25th. June: 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th.** *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 Mon. 8th April at 7.30 pm. in the Committee Room.*

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

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £3,328. CLERICAL EDUCATION & ONGOING FORMATION: £1,755

Thank you to all who contributed.

OFFERTORY GIFT ENVELOPES

Many thanks to all the volunteers who distributed the parish envelopes. If anyone requires envelopes, contact the parish office.

DAWN MASS AT BENBRADAGH

Thank you to all those who organised and set up for the Dawn Mass.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting his frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?

2. The greeting is joined with the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower the disciples to be forgiving. Forgiveness is at times an essential step on the road to peace. Perhaps you can recall when holding on to a hurt or grudge disturbed your inner peace. What helped you to forgive and find peace?

3. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part have doubting, and questioning, played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?

4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

VOCATIONS PRAYER

In today's second reading St. John asks: "Who can overcome the world?" and answers: "Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God." We pray that our seminarians and those discerning a vocation to serve the people of this diocese will be men of faith, whose doubts and fears will be relieved through an encounter with the Risen Jesus.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING

On Tues. 9th April at 7.00 pm. will back in in the parish committee room.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY Meeting in the **Committee Room**, on Tues. 9th April after the 10.00 am. Mass.

KEVIN LYNCH H. C. - Lotto no's: 10, 11, 19 & 22. Lucky dip: Margaret Carlin. Jackpot: £6,825. *Bingo: Fridays at 8.00 pm.*

DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS

Next Sunday 14th April at 11.30 am.

CONFIRMATION DAY



Bishop Donal McKeown will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in Saint Patrick's Church on **Saturday 13th April at 11.00 am.** and **Gaelscoil Neachtain at 3.00 pm.** Cars should not be parked within the church grounds on that occasion. *(Please use our car park).* The Candidates for Confirmation, their Parents and Sponsors should be seated in the church not later than **10.30 am.** and **Gaelscoil Neachtain at 2.30 pm.** The children should sit side by side, separately from the Sponsors, in the seats reserved for them. The Sponsors should also sit together in seats, which would correspond with the seats the children occupy, so that the Sponsors can come out of the seats in the same order as the children, and so come up together to the altar for Confirmation. Parents may not be sponsor of their own child. **Sponsors:** A sponsor should be not less than 16 years of age, be a Catholic who has been confirmed, and can be of either gender. The sponsor at the child's baptism would be the most suitable sponsor for Confirmation.

Calling of the Candidates: After the Gospel the Parish Priest calls the candidates in these words: "As Parish Priest I ask the children of this parish to indicate their willingness to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation". Each candidate is called by name and stands. The Parish Priest then addresses the Bishop in these words: "I assure you, Bishop that these children have received the necessary instruction. I therefore present them to you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation." The Bishop then addresses the children; they renew their baptismal vows, and come up to the altar to be confirmed.

Sponsor: At the Confirmation ceremony each child is presented to the Bishop by a Sponsor, who places his/her right hand on the child's shoulder and tells the Bishop the child's **Confirmation Name.** The Bishop anointing the child with the Oil of Chrism says, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and the child answers "**Amen**". The Bishop says "Peace be with you" and the child answers "**And With Your Spirit**". The placing of the right hand on the child's shoulder by the sponsor is a way of saying to the child: "I am with you in what is now happening. I present you to receive the Holy Spirit in this Sacrament. I want you to grow up as a true follower of Jesus. I am going to give you good example to grow in the love of God". The Sponsor accompanies the child to Holy Communion.