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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. at 10.00 am.

St. Matthew's: Tuesday at 9.15 am.

(Please note: No Mass on Thursday)

Imm. Conception: Wed. at 9.15 am.

(Please note: No Mass on Monday)

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES

For Brian Brolly today Sun. 25th August at 11.30 am. in St. Patrick's.

For Michelle Browne on Sun. 31st August at 6.00 pm. in St. Patrick's.

MONTHS MIND MASS

For Gretta McGowan on Thurs. 29th August at 7.00 pm. in St. Matthew's.

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

CONFESSIONS

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

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION: £2,115

Thank you to all who contributed.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meeting on Thursdays at 7.00 pm. in the Committee room.



BAPTISM – We welcome into our Christian Community: Dan Peter O'Kane, Corrick 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: **September: 14th & 21st.** 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. **Next Course: Monday 9th September at 7.30 pm. in the Committee Room.**

✠ **DEATHS** – We extend our sympathy to the Devlin family circle on the death of Christopher Devlin, formerly Kilhoyle Rd. Also to the Faulkner family circle on the death of Tony Faulkner, Beech Rd., Gortnaghey. Also to the Kelly family circle on the death of Marian Kelly, Glenshane Road. May they rest in peace.



WEDDING BELLS - We congratulate Naomi Peoples & Niall McKenna on the occasion of their marriage on the 17th August.

LEGION OF MARY - Anyone who wishes to have the Legion of Mary statue in their home, please telephone 078 9552 9563.

INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST

Bishop Donal McKeown will install Fr. Gerry Sweeney as our new parish priest at the 11.30 am. Mass in St. Patrick's next Sunday 1st September.

The new Ambo and Chair for the sanctuary will be in place shortly and Bishop McKeown will also bless the new sanctuary.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

We pray for those whom the Lord is calling to serve the parish communities of this diocese that, like Joshua in the first reading, they will choose to serve the Lord as priests, and encourage the people of God to do likewise and that, like St. Peter in the gospel, they will lead others to know Jesus as the One to follow, as the Holy One of God who offers us the message and the gift of everlasting life.

ST. PATRICK

Our new statue in honour of St. Patrick is currently on display in St. Patrick's church. We welcome donations towards the cost. Many thanks for 1 x £40, 1 x £50, 1 x £20 and 2 x £100 = £310 received this week. Many thanks.

A RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS - Will be brought to St. Mary's Church, Bellaghy, on Fri. 30th August, for veneration from 3.00 – 9.00 pm.

An exhibition on the devotions and writings of Blessed Carlo is currently on display in the Church.

Blessed Carlo Acutis is due to be canonised next year. He will be the first Saint of the 21st century. His faith and goodness as a teenager of the early years of the present millennium, and as someone who used the internet and digital communication for the good of others and the spreading of devotion to the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist should be an inspiration to us all and especially to the young people of our own day.

GORTNAGHEY COMM. CENTRE - Community Fun Day today Sun. 25th Aug. at 3.00 pm. Teams can register through our facebook page, £10 per person, minimum of 6 members, 14+ aged. Afternoon tea for seniors and side attractions for children plus BBQ and ice cream van.

FARWELL AND WELCOME

The lay membership of the Parish Pastoral Council wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to our spiritual guides over the last eight years, Fr. Joseph and Fr. Seamus. We have been so privileged to have had the benefit of your great experience, your wise counsel and your constant support in charting a course for our Parish, Diocese, Country and Universal Church in such uncertain and demanding times.

We wish Fr. Joseph continued good health and spiritual fulfilment in his ministry in Omagh and wherever the Spirit leads him in the future. He can be assured of our prayerful support and appreciation in the years ahead.

We give thanks to Fr. Seamus for his massive contribution to the Spiritual wellbeing of our Parish Community during his two stints of service here, in now amounting to over twenty years. We should also thank him for leaving us with Churches and all Church properties fully equipped and prepared for a new age. We are delighted that Fr. Seamus' retirement as P.P. does not mean we lose him and we trust that he is blessed with good health, allowing him to continue in active ministry in our midst for many more years.

We would also like to extend a really warm welcome to our new Parish Priest, Fr. Gerry Sweeney and we can assure him of the continued support of our Parish Groups. May God and His Holy Mother reward everyone who works for the good of our Parish Community.

SILENT RETREAT – Fr. Joseph K Bill, 5 day Silent Retreat, given by Fr. Anthony Saji V.C. in St. Mary's Convent, Knock Shrine on Mon. 30th Sept. – Fri. 4th Oct. Contact Roisin on 00 353 7493 63336.

KEVIN LYNCH H. C. - Lotto no's: 1, 3, 20 & 22. Lucky dip: E Wilson. Jackpot: £2,050. *Bingo: Fridays at 8.00 pm.*

GLENSHANE HOUSE - Names now being taken for First Aid & Defib Training Course & C&G L2 Food Safety in Catering course. To register Tel. 028 777 42494.