

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Errigal Parish News - 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

#### USUAL WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF MASSES IN EACH CHURCH



**Weekday Masses: St. Mary's Church:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and First Friday at 10am. Thursday Mass in the evening at 7pm.

**St. Mary's Church** Anniversary Mass - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May for Jimmy O'Kane at 6pm.

First Anniversary Mass -Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May for Danny Mullan at 7pm.

First Anniversary Mass – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May for Angela McGill at 6pm.

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**Trócaire Boxes:** Please return to the churches in the parish as soon as possible so that the count can take place.

Donations received by Trócaire before 16th May 2021 will be doubled by the UK government up to £2m. These matched funds will help thousands of people in South Sudan to grow enough food to feed their families. It will also support strong women like Awut and Ajah in having their voices heard in decisions affecting them. Donations can be left in the Parochial House or can also be made online at [www.trocaire.org/donate](http://www.trocaire.org/donate) or via NI freephone number 0800 912 1200 or via online banking - bank details for Trócaire: Sort Code: 93.80.92 and Account number 8822 7020.

**Sick Visitation:** Fr. Crowley will attend the sick in his care on Thursday in the morning in Glenullin and the afternoon in Ballerin/Garvagh.

**Baptism:** We welcome into the Christian community Paige Maria O'Kane, 9 Culbane Lane, Róise Mary O'Kane, 20 Glenview and Grace Annie Conway, 50 Plantation Road who were baptised last weekend.

**Sacrament of Initiation Dates 2021 (provisional):** *Sacrament of Confirmation* will take place in St. Mary's Church on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.

**First Communion** – St. Mary's Church Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. St. Joseph's Church Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm. **(Further details will follow for the celebration of the Sacraments via each school in due course).**

**Baptisms:** Baptisms will continue in May and we offer the following dates for both churches.  
**St. Mary's Church – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm. St. Joseph's Church – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 12.30pm.**

**‘The Lamb of God’** Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. He came the sinless Son of God, to cleanse our hearts within. He hung upon the blood-stained cross, thinking of you and me. Dying like some hardened criminal, his body in agony. His blood flowed down from the cross, his body tormented with pain. He cried out to his Heavenly Father, but it seemed no answer came. People stood and jeered at him, mocking to the end. Who Jesus was and why he came, they couldn’t comprehend. Their hearts were indifferent to the Lord; their consciences grew ever cold. His mother watched on – unable to bear it, as the sword pierced through her soul. As you try to grasp this picture, the pain that Christ went through. Remember that day you were on his mind, he endured it all for you. Just so you could know his love, and forgiveness for our sins. To know his Resurrection power, and to have his life within. He cares that much about your life he endured the cross for you. Like those who jeered, or those who loved, with Jesus – **What will you do?**

**WELCOME RETURN TO A CAUTIOUS GATHERING IN OUR CHURCHES:**  
Statement by the Northern Bishops announcing that public worship may resume in Northern Ireland from Friday, 26 March 2021

**Date of Statement: 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021**

- **Bishops in the North announce a cautious return to public worship for the faithful from 26<sup>th</sup> March, in time for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.**
- **Bishops emphasise the need for continued caution and a rigorous application of all mitigations and safeguards required to ensure the safest possible return to public worship in our Churches.**
- **Every person should consider carefully if returning to collective worship is the safe and appropriate step for them, at this time. Families are encouraged to join those celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus in churches, from the 'domestic church' of their own living rooms, *via* live-streaming.**
- **Bishops, together with other Church leaders, encourage all on Easter Sunday to pray and reflect in a spirit of remembering, solidarity and hope in the context of the current pandemic.**
- **FULL STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE ON THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE – [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org)**

**It is important as has been achieved previously with safety guidelines, that we open both of our churches at the same time. Hence with the following precautions we shall return to our normal weekend schedule effective from next weekend -**

The following directives apply as before for the foreseeable future. **1.** Wearing of facial coverings unless you are except. **2.** Respecting Social Distancing. **3.** Use of sanitizer upon entering and leaving the church. **4.** Limited Numbers in choir and in the Church. (Empty seat in front and behind the seat that is occupied). **5.** Provision of stewards and ushers in and outside the church. **6.** Directions offered by the stewards/ushers to leave the church safely. **NB – The numbers present at funerals and weddings is determined by a risk assessment of the church, and the ‘family bubbles’ that can safely gather.**

**The bulletin is available at the back of the church each weekend. Presently it is not recommended that we provide missalettes in the church.**

**St. Joseph's Church Glenullin (Renovation Committee):** We hope everyone in the area recently received a letter regarding contributions to the parish and specifically to the Renovation Fund, and a form for you to indicate your preferred option for donations. In response to this, collectors have called to houses around Glenullin recently to collect these envelopes. We request that you place your name and details in the sealed envelope provided. We thank you all for your continued support. If the letter has been misplaced further copies are available in the sacristy. **Renovation Committee.**

**Presently 101 responses have been received of the 340+ letters in circulation regarding the letter as stated above. As the collection of the envelopes have taken place in recent weeks, we would appreciate any further returns to be made via the church collection box.**

**CLARIFICATION – Apparently there is some difficulty with registering with on-line banking. (Errigal Glenullin: Sort Code - 950346 Account No. 90062596 is the No 1 a/c Errigal Parish: Sort Code 950689 – Account No. 90083712 is the Renovation a/c). Details as provided in the letter circulated, it would seem the title of the account is where the problem arises. Account titles are in red as stated above.**

**Parish Collections - Thank you.**

260 boxes of envelopes in circulation. Returns - (Pink 116/White 82)

**St. Mary's - Parish: £815.00 (£166) Renovation £725.00 (£39)**

**St. Joseph's - Parish £395.00 (£502) Renovation £690.00 (£480)**

**Trócaire Collection (to date) £7078.00.**

**Parish Envelopes:** The new box of parish collection envelopes are presently in use. In recent years as previously stated a lot of work to update the parish data base has provided the information required for the distribution of envelope boxes, hence the computer will provide the list for distribution upon usage. There are a substantial number of boxes in circulation in the parish presently un-used, this is the case even prior to Covid-19. Following discussion with the Parish Finance Committee we encourage consideration for those who use envelopes infrequently to consider the use of a standing order, (through this medium you have full control), of the donation at your disposal. Further information is available from the parish website.

**Parish Finance: If you wish to contribute to the parish by standing order - forms can be forwarded upon request by sending an email to - [errigalparish@gmail.com](mailto:errigalparish@gmail.com) At the end of each month we shall include in the collection figures the amounts relating to the increase in standing orders, these figures are stated in brackets.**

**Year of St. Joseph:** In this year dedicated to St. Joseph, Pope Francis recalls the 150th Anniversary of St Joseph as Patron Saint of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, Pope Francis has proclaimed a “**Year of St Joseph**” and asks us to recite the following prayer:

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; In you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us Grace, Mercy and Courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

**Feasts during the Week: Monday - Sts. Philip and James (Apostles)** Phillip asks to see and, having seen, he tells the Good News to others. He was born in Bethsaida. Formerly a

disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. James the son of Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord, ruled the church of Jerusalem, wrote an Epistle, and led a life of penance. He converted many of the people of Jerusalem to the faith and was martyred in the year 62. Wednesday- Blessed Edmund Rice Came from Callen, Co. Kilkenny. After his young wife's early death, he sold his possessions and dedicated his life to the education of the poor. He is a model of cheerful acceptance of the sufferings God sends, a true lay apostle and a deeply committed religious.

**St. Mary's Church Readers - 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> May**

Vigil 6pm. - Grace Doherty.

Sunday 10am. – Carol Ann McLaughlin.

**Eucharistic Ministers - 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> May**

Vigil 6pm. - Carmel Harkin & Paddy Bradley.

Sunday 10am. Amanda Ferris & Kate Lagan.

**St. Joseph's Church Readers - 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> May**

Vigil 7.30pm. - Rosie Heaney.

Sunday 11.30am. - Kerrie Mullan.

**Eucharistic Ministers - 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> May**

Vigil 7.30pm. - Grainne O'Kane & John Heaney.

Sunday 11.30am. - Mary Conway & Meabh Close.

**St. Joseph's Church: Counters:** John B O'Kane Magheramore, Danny & Anne McCloskey Grainne McNeill.

**Altar Society:** Tracy Mullan, Katherine Ann McGoldrick and Katherine Anderson.

**St. Joseph's Church – Rosary & Divine Mercy:** Every Wednesday evening at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

**Derry Diocesan Laudato Si Group:** Mindful of Pope Francis' words at the beginning of last September's Season of Creation that "Today, not tomorrow, we have to take care of creation responsibly", we look forward to hearing from you. **Invitation to respond - Diocese of Derry Environmental Strategy** - The Diocese of Derry has launched a consultative plan about climate change and the environment and is inviting everyone within the Diocese to read, engage and respond to it. The plan identifies actions and behaviours that support rather than destroy the environment. The suggestions cover such areas as land, buildings, energy, food, travel and waste.

A draft of the Environmental Strategy has been posted on the Derry Diocesan website, to view and/or download: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/diocese/environmental-strategy>. Every attempt has been made to make the Strategy both comprehensive and practical so as to suit each parish's particular situation. In order to ensure that it is as helpful as possible to your various parish communities however, we would appreciate any constructive feedback on it that you may have to give. We ask if you could:

- Read the draft Strategy document and give feedback on aspects that you feel could be supplemented/improved.
- Begin to implement any aspect(s) of it that you feel can be put into practice quickly and easily.
- Draw the attention of both parish groups and individual parishioners to the Strategy and encourage them to give feedback. (This would be especially relevant to schools and any groups/individuals with particular interest in environmental issues).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Submit your comments, questions and suggestions to Patricia McCormack by: Email: [laudatosiderry@gmail.com](mailto:laudatosiderry@gmail.com) Telephone/text: 077 1190 0420 Facebook: Laudatosiderry

**Celebrating Mary in the Month of May:** May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are encouraged to honour Mary in different ways. To help parishes, families, and schools to do this, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a number of resources including prayers, Gospel reflections, colouring and craft activities, examples of May Altars and ideas on how to pray the Rosary. These resources are available online at [catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/](http://catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/)

**Radio Maria – Ireland:** Is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. If you are not already a follower of the station, Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:

- *Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210/ Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)*
- *Download FREE App “RADIO MARIA IRELAND”*
- *Streaming on website, [www.radiomarie.ie](http://www.radiomarie.ie) (subscribe and donate here also)*
- *‘Listen Live Radio’ link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)*
- *Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).*

Prayer and song requests welcome. “A Catholic voice in your home”.

**Keeping up the conversations with the youth of Derry Diocese:** In March last year at the start of the Covid pandemic, the Diocese of Derry Youth Ministry team immediately moved their ministry online. Since then, the interaction that has come from young people across our diocese has been wonderful. We have been able to provide a service in which young people are invited to come and join an online community each week and learn about their faith. The conversations that have come from this have led to us planning a series of webinars covering some of the main themes that young people are struggling with today, for example:

**Where do young people fit in the Church? Acceptance of all communities! How to have a meaningful relationship with Jesus?**

We hope that these webinars will be a place of learning through the speakers' experiences and opinions of people of faith!

Each webinar will broadcast live on Derry Youth Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/DerryDiocesanYouth>) each Wednesday at 7:00pm on the 21st and 28th of April. Please see the full programme below. Everyone is welcome to join. The webinars will be broadcast live on our Derry Diocesan Youth Facebook page. Promotional graphics can be also found for these talks on our Facebook page.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you would like any more information, please contact [lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Following enquires regarding the reception of this Sacrament (Confession) provision can be accommodated respecting social distancing and wearing a facial mask, by arrangement either in the space proved in the church or alternatively in the Parochial House.



**Stamp Boxes:** There is a box at the back of each church for the collection of used stamps for the missions.

**Sacraments of Initiation:** [MyFaith.ie](http://MyFaith.ie) is a parish-based programme of preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It releases new modules every two weeks or so as the children and their families prepare for the Sacraments. Each module begins with a short lesson - for parents - on the content of that module before the next item, a taught lesson for the children. The programme is highly interactive, and learning is reinforced through challenges, quizzes and interactive games which are scored but can be repeated indefinitely. This is offered to parents/guardians as a format of instruction during the pandemic.

**Face Coverings/Numbers at Services:** We request the wearing of face coverings as they are now mandatory upon entering and leaving the church. Some people are exempt from the wearing of face coverings, even in situations which would otherwise be mandatory. Please continue to observe social distancing, to use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving each of our churches.

**Diocesan Paper 'The Net':** The April edition of 'The Net' is now available online, on the parish and diocesan website. As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting and inspiring interviews, articles, and photos from parishes across the diocese. You are invited to read 'The Net', on the diocesan or parish website, at your convenience. To forward items of our parish or faith activities - email: [editorthenet15@gmail.com](mailto:editorthenet15@gmail.com) or ring/text 07809292852.

**Preparing for Marriage? - Accord Derry:** Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme - (limited to 15 couples per course). Booking now online at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com). Course Dates July 6th/7th August 10th/11th Sept 14th/15th Oct 12th/13th Nov 9th/10th Dec 7th/8<sup>th</sup>.

**The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre:** Working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. The next intake will be Autumn 2021. If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 028 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org).

**Anniversary Masses:** Anniversary Masses/Month's Mind Masses either to be booked or to be added to the weekend list, need to be recorded in the Anniversary Book in each sacristy. As is the custom previously established, the requested Masses can take place during the week or at the weekend, when the date is available. It is advisable where possible to book well in advance in the case of anniversaries. **In the case of a booked Anniversary Mass please inquire of the sacristan before the Mass begins that the Mass is offered for the intention you request.**

**Derry Diocesan Society (DDS):** In each of the parishes of the diocese Mass is offered alternating in each parish (list at the back of each church) for deceased and living members who are registered in the society. The deceased members registered are remembered in the anniversary list for three consecutive weekends each quarter (three months). Registration is

£20 and can be given to a sacristan or Fr. Crowley - please ensure name and address of the person to be enrolled, and whether it is for a living or deceased member.

**Prayer for our Parish in Challenging Times:** God of love, we the people of the Parish of Errigal, turn to you with prayerful hearts and with confidence in your loving presence among us now and in every moment of our lives. We stand before you as a people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May we be comforted by your love in these anxious times.

**Healing God** - Bring healing to those who are sick with the Coronavirus and be with their families and loved ones. We pray especially with those who are isolated, that they may know your love. Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

**Generous and Merciful God:** Fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old; that we may look after each other in these challenging times, especially those among us who are vulnerable. May your example give us the courage we need to go to the margins, wherever they may be. Heal us of our fear!

**God of Strength:** Accompany all those who serve us with such love and generosity in the medical and nursing professions and in all our healthcare facilities. We give thanks for their continued work in the service of their communities. We ask you to bless them, strengthen them and guide them with your abundant goodness.

**Ballerin GAA Lotto:** There was no winner of the Lotto the No's were 14, 19, 21, and 24. J/P £10,000 2nd J/P £10,000. 3<sup>rd</sup> J/P £3,430 (approx.) £50 winner Gary McAfee (online winner)

**Big Online Bingo:** Friends of Crossroads Primary School Kilrea PTA are holding an online Bingo event on Friday 7th May at 8pm. Line £40 House £80. Last House £700.

Details on Crossroads PS Facebook. Books online

<https://form.jotform.com/211054643573351>

**Church Safeguarding:** If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact: Noel O'Donnell, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, 71362475, mobile 07596500793 or Celine McKenna, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, 71362475, mobile 07707311358 or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services.