

Weekday Masses:

St. Mary's Church: Monday at 7pm. (Bishop Mc Keown will visit our parish on Monday evening and say the evening Mass) Tuesday through First Friday at 10am.

St. Joseph's Oratory: No weekday Mass presently.

Parish Collections - Thank you.

340 boxes of envelopes in circulation. Returns - (Pink/108 White/74)

St. Mary's - Parish: £625 Renovation £160

St. Joseph's - Parish £550 Renovation £530

Thanks to those in recent months who continued to contribute to the parish finances by cheque/parish envelopes. Please note that collection baskets circulating during Mass are suspended presently. There is a collection box at the back of each church at the weekend Masses. It is hoped at the end of the month to forward to Trocaire any remaining contributions. We would appreciate any further returns to be made as soon as possible.

Sick Visitation:

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

Baptisms:

We welcome into the parish community Cumhai Seamus Muncey, 6 Curraghmore Park who was baptised last weekend.

Requiescat in Pace:

We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of **Rosemary McIlvar** [14A Gortnamoyagh Road](#) who died recently.

Bishop McKeown:

Will visit our parish on Monday evening and he will say the evening Mass at 7pm. He is visiting all parishes in the diocese during the summer months.

Chapel Lane Mass - Saturday 15th August: It is proposed (weather permitting) that we would have an outdoor Mass at the site of the old church ruins in our parish on Saturday 15th August at 7.30pm - Feast of the Assumption.

Baptism Dates: Going forward we will give advanced notice of Baptism dates in each church so that families can arrange with family members to plan for the Baptism.

St. Mary's Church (before the Vigil Mass at 5pm) Saturday 22nd August/5th September. **St. Joseph's Church** (after Sunday Mass at 12.30pm) Sunday 23rd August/6th September.

First Anniversary Mass: For John McQuaide in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 2nd August at 10am.

Ballerin Lotto: There was no winner of the Lotto the Nos were 2 4 11 22 J/P was £10,000 2nd J/P £9,100. £50 winner Christopher Robinson.

Census Cards: The new collection boxes that were circulated prior to the beginning of the pandemic - if you received a box that contained either a Census card and/or a Gift Aid card. We would appreciate the return of this information so that our parish records are up to date. We request that you return any information via the collection box in each church at the weekend in a sealed envelope. If you require additional Census cards/Gift Aid cards they are available in each sacristy.

Sacraments of Initiation - Dates: Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday 26th August in St. Mary's Church at 5pm. (this church has internet to facilitate webcam and Facebook access). **First Communion** - St. Mary's Church Saturday 29th August at 11am. St. Joseph's Church Saturday 5th September at 11am.

In coming weeks (middle August), parents/guardians will be provided with the information required with reference to numbers who are permitted to gather from each family with reference to the celebration of the Sacraments.

St. Mary's Church Readers - 8th/9th August

Vigil 6pm. - Fionn Wade

Sunday 10am. - Eamon Mullan

Eucharistic Ministers - 8th/9th August

Vigil 6pm. - Siobhan McIntyre & Kathleen Connolly

Sunday 10am. - Martina Bradley & Gillian O'Neill.

August Counters:

St. Joseph's Church Readers - 8th/9th August

Vigil 7.30pm. - Dan Mullan

Sunday 11.30am. - Eimear O'Kane

Eucharistic Ministers - 8th/9th August

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

Sunday 11.30am. - Brenda Burns & Eimear O'Kane.

August Counters:

Keith & Katherine Anderson and Margaret Rose Hasson.

Parish Envelopes: If anyone wishes to sign up for a box of envelopes, who did not 'sign-up' when we began this process - please place your name/address/tel no in a sealed envelope and place in the collection basket. Please mark envelope - 'Parish Collection'. The data base must be up to date for the purposes of claiming Gift Aid/Covenant from the Inland Revenue. (Census cards are in some of the new boxes which were delivered at the beginning of March currently in circulation - if there is a card in your envelope box we request that you complete the card and return - additional census cards are available in each sacristy). Direct debit forms are available if you request one via the parish email address - errigalparish@gmail.com

Coronavirus: Until further notice restrictions of holy water in the fonts of each church are not available. Holy water is still available to bring home from the containers. Eucharistic Ministers will not be offered the chalice, and are not currently bringing communion to the sick at the weekend. We are also to refrain from offering the sign of peace. We are endeavouring to apply good practice as directed in these uncertain times.

Readings: First Reading: The Lord's providence embraces daily needs such as water, bread and milk while also promising an everlasting covenant. **Second Reading:** St. Paul concludes a major section of his letter to the Romans with a wonderful statement of trust in God. Nothing whatever, not even death itself, can come between us and the love of God. **Gospel:** The miracles of the loaves and fish points towards the Eucharist, and the emphasis falls on the loaves. Listen to the verbs that describe the actions of Jesus when he is handed the loaves: he took, he blessed, he broke, he gave. These are the verbs that will describe Jesus' actions at the Last Supper.

Reflection: 'Somebody Loves You' Somebody loves you more than you know, somebody goes with you wherever you go. Somebody really and truly cares, and lovingly listens to all of your prayers ... Don't doubt for a minute that this is true, for God loves his children and takes care of them, too ... And all of his treasures are yours to share, if you love Him completely and show that you care ... And if you walk in his footsteps and have faith to believe, there is nothing you ask for that you will not receive!

Feasts during the Week: Tuesday - St. John Vianney: He contended with poverty, military service in France. Despite his intellectual shortcomings, he is known as the 'Cure du Ars'. He is the patron saint of priests. **Wednesday - St. Mary Major:** The basilica was built by Pope Sixtus III after the Council of Ephesus (431). It is the first church in the West named in honour of the Mother of God. **Thursday - The Transfiguration:** The Cross requires the exodus of Jesus, his death, Resurrection and glorification. **Saturday - St. Dominic:** A Spaniard who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans).