

# Errigal Newsletter – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

## **Weekday Masses:**

**St. Mary's Church:** Monday and Thursday at 10am. Evening Masses in each church for the Feast of the Epiphany as stated below.

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

## **Parish Collections - Thank you. (Two weeks Collections below - including monthly Standing Orders)**

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

St. Mary's - Parish: £1675 (£187) Renovation £515 (£48)

St. Joseph's - Parish £1015 (3197) Renovation £1095 (£215)

**Parish Finance:** 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. 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 above in brackets.

**Feast of the Epiphany: Tuesday Vigil - St. Mary's Church at 7pm. Wednesday - St. Joseph's Church at 7pm.**

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

**Requiescat in Pace:** We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of Fr. Michael Mullan, 10 Bells Hill, Limavady who was buried in our parish last weekend.

**Baptism:** We welcome into the parish community Nora Jane McGilligan, 45 Brockagh Road and Michael Dane Higgins, 27 Belraugh Road who were baptised recently.

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

**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.

**St. Mary's - Altar Society January:** Carmel Harkin, Kathleen McGinley, Martina Wade and Madge Mullan.

**St. Mary's Church Readers - 2nd/3rd Jan**

Vigil 6pm. - Fionn Wade

Sunday 10am. - Caitlain Moore.

**Eucharistic Ministers** - 2nd/3rd Jan  
Vigil 6pm. - Siobhan McIntyre & Orla Doherty  
Sunday 10am. - Amanda Ferris & Kate Lagan.

**St. Joseph's Church Readers** - 2nd/3rd Jan  
Vigil 7.30pm. - Gerard O'Kane  
Sunday 11.30am. - Lawrence O'Kane  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - 2nd/3rd Jan  
Vigil 7.30pm. - Kieran Quigg  
Sunday 11.30am. - Fidelma O'Kane

**Sacrament of Initiation Dates 2021:** Sacrament of Confirmation - Saturday 13th March at 11am. First Communion - St. Columba's School Saturday 24th April at 11am. St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's School Saturday 15th May at 11am.

**St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Appeal 2020:** Christmas time is the busiest time for St Vincent de Paul giving out lots of toys and food parcels kindly donated by the public. However, this Christmas is going to be different with COVID-19 and government restrictions. The safety of the public and their members is paramount. Therefore, St Vincent de Paul are asking the public that instead of buying a physical toy or items of food that they buy a voucher or make a donation for the amount they were going to spend. If you have any questions or need any help please ring **St Vincent de Paul on 07563595868. There is also a link on the parish website to donate.**

**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 December edition of The Net is now available online, on the parish 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 website, at your convenience.

**ACCORD Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme** - 2021 Course Dates: 12th/ 13th January, 9th/ 10th February and 9th/ 10th March. Booking now online at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com).

**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 were 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 weekend's 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.

**Ballerin GAA:** There was no winner of the Lotto the Nos were 12, 15, 17 and 26. J/P was £10,000. 2nd J/P £6,600. £50 winner Ursula Mullan.

**‘My New Year Wishes!!** Happiness deep down within ... sincerity with each sunrise. Success in each facet of your life, family beside you. Close and caring friends, health inside you. Love that never ends. Special memories of all the yesterdays. A bright today much to be thankful for, a path that leads to beautiful tomorrows. Dreams to do their best to come true. Appreciation of all the wonderful things about you. Happy New Year!!

**New Year Prayer** - We pray that in the year ahead we, like Mary, will cooperate with God in the ongoing mission of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Father of Jesus. You who sent your angels to herald your Son's coming with cries of peace. Hear our cry now that your peace may touch all corners of our world. You whose Son called all peacemakers blessed, help us forge peace in your name. Peace among nations. Peace among neighbours. Peace among families. When we look back on this time may we recall it as the time we all heard the angels' cry and worked together to reveal that peace to all. A peace worthy of God, born into the world. Amen.