

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Errigal Parish News - 6th June 2021

USUAL WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF MASSES IN EACH CHURCH



Weekday Masses: St. Mary's Church: Monday through Friday at 10am.

St. Mary's Church: Anniversary Mass for Hugh Henry on Saturday 12th June at 6pm.

Anniversary Mass for

St. Joseph's Church: Anniversary Mass for Maggie Marti on Saturday 12th June at 7.30pm.

Anniversary Mass for Denis O'Kane on Sunday 13th June at 11.30am.

Sacrament of Initiation Dates 2021: First Communion – St. Mary's Church Saturday 12th June at 10.30am. St. Joseph's Church Saturday 12th June at 12.30pm. **(Details will be forwarded via each school regarding the celebration of First Communion in the coming week).**

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: Is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the mid-thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated on the Sunday following the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist, and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist.

At every Mass, our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.

The Feast of Corpus Christi is commonly used as an opportunity for public Eucharistic processions, which serves as a sign of common faith and adoration. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.

Ordinary Time: The second phase of Ordinary Time which began after the Pentecost Sunday now steps into the weekdays beginning from Monday. The three previous Sunday's (Feasts of the Lord - are now concluded). This weekend the Sundays of Ordinary Time

(second phase) begin with the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B. Weekday cycle one.

Sacrament of the Eucharist: The Eucharist is the ultimate Sacrament of initiation. Some might think that role belongs to Confirmation since it is the last initiation Sacrament we normally receive. But for reasons too lengthy to discuss here, the usual order is “mixed up.” At the Easter Vigil, catechumens receive Baptism, then Confirmation, and finally the Eucharist. Baptism is first because it is the gateway that allows the Sacramental life. Confirmation completes Baptism, so it is next. But in joining ourselves to Christ through reception of the Eucharist, we truly join ourselves to the Church ... and all her members. At first Holy Communion, children take the ultimate step toward union with Christ and initiation into his Church. Initiation is not complete without Confirmation. However, the real union happens in Communion - which, given the name, makes sense.

‘Prayer for those who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion’: O Jesus, who hast loved us with such exceeding great love as to give us the ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist, inflame us with a burning zeal to promote Thy glory by preparing worthily the little children who are to approach Thy holy table for the first time. Protect, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, these young souls from the influence of evil, strengthen their faith, increase their love and endow them with all the virtues that will make them worthy to receive Thee. Amen.

WELCOME RETURN TO A CAUTIOUS GATHERING IN OUR CHURCHES:

It is important as has been achieved previously with safety guidelines, and social distancing that as our churches have reopened that as we gather using the sanitiser and we do so cautiously and safely.

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.

Congratulations: To those who recently were award recipients associated with the John Paul II awards scheme in our parish.

Blessing of Graves - Cemetery Sunday: It is currently the advice that we do not gather in large numbers for the Blessing of Graves. The ‘Blessing of Graves’ and the ‘Prayers of Intercession’ for your loved ones will take place at the conclusion of Mass on **Sunday 20th June**. St. Mary’ Church at 10am and St. Joseph’s Church at 11.30am. I will bless the graves in each cemetery in the afternoon of the same day. You are invited to bless your own family grave at a time that is convenient to your family.

Baptism Dates: Baptisms will continue in June, and we offer the following dates for both churches. **St. Mary’s Church** - Saturday 19th June at 5pm. **St. Joseph’s Church** - Sunday

27th June at 12.30pm. Please note there are restrictions in place presently for the celebration of Baptism.

St. Mary's Church - Eucharistic Ministers - 12th/13th June

Vigil 6pm. - Siobhan McIntyre & Orla Doherty.

Sunday 10am - Kate Mullan & Brian Mulan.

St. Mary's Church Readers - 12th/13th June

Vigil 6pm - Grace Doherty.

Sunday 10am - Amelia O'Neill.

St. Joseph's Church - Eucharistic Ministers - 12th/13th June

Vigil 7.30pm. - Margaret Rose Hasson & Kieran Quigg.

Sunday 11.30am. - Diane Burns & Chris Toal.

St. Joseph's Church - Readers - 12th/13th June

Vigil 7.30pm. - Nadine McNicholl.

Sunday 11.30am. - Mairead McNicholl.

Parish Collections - Thank you.

260 boxes of envelopes in circulation. Returns - (Pink 145/White 104)

St. Mary's - Parish: £1145.00 Renovation £340.00

St. Joseph's - Parish £740.00 Renovation £755.00

Death Acknowledgement - Philip Mullan: The family circle of the late Philip R.I.P. wish to express their sincere thanks to all those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement. A special thanks to Fr Crowley PP for his spiritual support, guidance and celebrating the beautiful Requiem Mass. Thanks to the Doctors, nurses and staff of Kilrea and Garvagh Health Centres and the Marie Curie team who looked after Philip with such dignity and care. The family wish to especially thank the kind relatives, friends, neighbours, Ballerin GAC, the Church and carpark stewards and members of the wider community who helped them during this difficult time. Thanks to those who messaged, sent cards, sent donations and provided the guard of honour that accompanied Philip on his journey to the Church. Sincere thanks to Michael Og and Gregory McKiernan for the professional compassionate and dignified manner in which they carried out all the funeral arrangements. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

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 115 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 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 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.

Prayer of St. Columba: Be a bright flame before me, O God a guiding star above me. Be a smooth path below me, a kindly shepherd behind me today, tonight, and for ever. Alone with none but you, my God I journey on my way; what need I fear when you are near, O Lord of night and day? More secure am I within your hand than if a multitude did round me stand. Amen.

Feasts during the Week: Wednesday – St. Columcille: Also known as Columba, was born in Gartan, Co. Donegal in 521 and was of royal lineage. He studied under St. Finnian of Moville and St. Finnian of Clonard. He founded monasteries in Derry (Long Tower), Durrow and Iona. He left Ireland, either for penance or to be a pilgrim for Christ, but Iona became his principal foundation in the west of Scotland. From it, missionaries undertook the conversion of Northumbria. Colmcille died on the 9th June 597. He is a secondary patron of the Diocese of Derry. St. Eugene of Ardstraw (Tyrone) being the principal patron hence the name of the cathedral - St. Eugene's Cathedral. (Feast celebrated on 23rd August). **Friday - Sacred heart of Jesus:** ‘Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term ‘Sacred Heart of Jesus’ denotes the entire mystery of Christ: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principle of the salvation and sanctification of humankind. **Saturday – Immaculate Heart of Mary:** The day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The continuity of both celebrations is in ‘itself a liturgical sign of their close connection: the ‘mysterium of the Heart of Jesus’ is projected onto and reverberates in the Heart of his Mother, who is also one of his followers and a disciple.

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

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 (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”.

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 provided 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 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 June 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 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. Course Dates July 6th/7th - August 10th/11th - Sept 14th/15th - Oct 12th/13th - Nov 9th/10th - Dec 7th/8th.

Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter: A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 11th – 12th September. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service: Is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 4th June. Contact Deirdre 07980898399 or by email to info@accordni.com.

Registration of Interest form and additional information about becoming a facilitator is available on www.accordni.com

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.

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 8, 11, 22, and 30. J/P £10,000 2nd J/P £10,000. 3rd J/P £5,300 (approx.) £50 winner - Daniel McAuley.

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.

Prayer for Examinations: Loving God, as I begin this time of exams, I feel some anxiety and frustration. Help me to stay focused. Give me a clear mind, to perform to the best of my ability. Help me to study with dedication and vigour. Grant me silence so that I may process the knowledge I have obtained. Let me sleep peacefully at night, so that I am refreshed and renewed for my upcoming exams. Be with me, gentle God, during these days. Undoubtedly, there will be moments when I want to quit and give up. Please sustain me, Holy One. Guide me during times of trouble. Help me be satisfied with the work I have done, but also help me to see areas that I may improve upon academically in the future. Amen.

‘The Enchanting Days of June’ How long! How bright! How soon are come the long, enchanting days of June. It is nature’s age-old honeymoon just now, the long, full-cherished days of June. How brief! How few! How soon are gone. The long, enchanting days of June.