

Errigal Parish News – 6th September 2020

Weekday Masses:

St. Mary's Church: Monday through Thursday at 10am.

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

Parish Collections - Thank you.

Trocaire Collection - £675

340 boxes of envelopes in circulation. Returns - (Pink/124 White/80)

St. Mary's - Parish: £465 Renovation £200

St. Joseph's - Parish £390 Renovation £310

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.

Sacrament of the Eucharist:

Congratulations to the boys and girls from both our local schools who made their First Holy Communion recently. We ask God to bless them and their families. Many thanks to those who helped in the homes and schools, in the preparation of the churches, in the ceremonies, and thanks also to the stewards, ushers and those who clean each church for the recent Sacraments of Initiation celebrated in our parish. Memorable days for the children.

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 3rd October. **St. Joseph's**

Church (after Sunday Mass at 12.30pm) Sunday 11th October.

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

Vigil 6pm. - Grace Doherty

Sunday 10am. - Joshua O'Neill

Eucharistic Ministers - 12th/13th Sept

Vigil 6pm. - Irene McIntyre & Don Robinson

Sunday 10am. - Amanda Ferris & Kate Lagan.

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

Vigil 7.30pm. - Rachel O'Kane & Adrian Cullerton

Sunday 11.30am. - Lawrence O'Kane

Eucharistic Ministers - 12th/13th Sept

Vigil 7.30pm. - Nadine McNicholl & Mary Conway

Sunday 11.30am. - Margaret Rose Hasson & Declan McNicholl.

Face Coverings:

At this time, both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland, the governments have not made mandatory the wearing of face coverings at services of worship. However, following recent consultations with Public Health authorities, the leaders of the four main churches in Ireland decided to recommend and encourage the use of face coverings at Masses and other liturgical celebrations, from (this weekend) Sunday 30th August. Some people are exempt from the wearing of face coverings, even in situations which would otherwise be mandatory, as outlined at <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid19-face-coverings> and <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/aac74c-guidance-on-safe-use-of-facecoverings>. Please continue to observe social distancing, and to use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the Church.

Season of Creation:

Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. Further ideas/resources from the diocesan website - www.derrydiocese.org

National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2020:

Will be broadcast live on Sunday 13th September at 3pm from the Basilica at Knock Shrine. Grandparents and their families are invited to join online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch

Maternity Blessing:

Expectant mothers are welcome to receive a blessing in any of the sacristies following Mass - and a prayer card for their pregnancy.

Readings: First Reading:

Ezekiel gives a warning. It is not a treat. It is encouragement. Return to God's promise of forgiving love. **Second Reading:** St. Paul reminds us that, 'love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour and is the answer to all the commandments.' **Gospel:** The word 'listen' is used four times in the Gospel. As we gather in God's name to pray, we are invited to listen to God's voice today.

Reflection:

'Wings' Oh, to catch the winds of flight, and soar where eagles go. To leave the woes of troubled souls, behind me far below. I'd listen to the songs of birds, and sail in endless flight. Then chase the sun through cloudy paths; and play with stars at night. The boundless heavens for my home, the breeze to life me high. To rise above my mortal bonds, and never have to die. Knowing I had found the way, to trails where angels trod. And when my wings could fly no more - I'd take the hand of God!

Ballerin GAA: There was no winner of the Lotto the No's were 2, 7, 23, and 25. 1st J/P £10,000
2nd J/P £10,000 3rd J/P £1,050. £50 winner Joe Hamill.

Drive-in bingo returns to Glenullin GAC: On Friday 11th September, starting at 6:45pm.
Over £2,700 to be won in prizes with a bonus jackpot of £1,600 if the last house is checked in
42 numbers or less. £1,000 if checked over 42 numbers. Social distancing rules apply. Car park
open at 5:45pm. Not to be missed!