
Errigal Newsletter – 9th August 2020 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Masses:

St. Mary's Church: Monday at 7pm. Tuesday through Thursday at 10am. Friday at 7pm.

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

Parish Collections - Thank you.

340 boxes of envelopes in circulation. Returns - (Pink/137 White/86)

St. Mary's - Parish: £1090 Renovation £365

St. Joseph's - Parish £455 Renovation £276

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 next week to forward to Trocaire any remaining contributions. We would appreciate any further returns to be made as soon as possible.

Feast of the Assumption:

This year due to the Covid19 pandemic this Feast is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. However there will be a Vigil Mass in St. Mary's Church on Friday 14th August at 7pm.

Requiescat in Pace:

We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of **Peter Mullan** formerly of Curraghmore Park and Blue Gate Lodge Nursing Home who died recently.

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.** (You are welcome

to bring a folding seat, also music from St. Joseph's Choir will sing at the Mass as they can do so outdoors).

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.

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.

This coming week 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 - 15th/16th August

Vigil 6pm. - Paul Mullan

Sunday 10am. - Ameila O'Neill

Eucharistic Ministers -15th/16th August

Vigil 6pm. - Irene McIntyre & Don Robinson

Sunday 10am. - Amanda Ferris & Kate Lagan.

St. Joseph's Church Readers - 15th/16th August

Vigil 7.30pm. - Roisin O'Kane

Sunday 11.30am. - Conor Anderson

Eucharistic Ministers - 15th/16th August

Vigil 7.30pm. - Margaret Rose Hasson & Declan McNicholl

Sunday 11.30am. - Nadine McNicholl & Mary Conway.

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: Elijah learns that when the Lord wants to communicate with us, he does so not by shouting but by whispering. Wind, fire and earthquake may draw our attention, but the Lord's voice is gentle. He does not impose himself. **Second Reading:** St. Paul dedicates a good section of his letter to the Romans to grappling with the relationship between Israel, the people of the Covenant, and the new Covenant of Christ. His final answer is not a solution, but a hymn to the wisdom of God. **Gospel:** The Lord walks on water. This miracle is intended to point back to the passage of God's people through the sea as Moses led them out of captivity. Now, it is Jesus who leads us from the captivity of sin, and this happens by our passage through the water of Baptism.

Ballerin GAA: There was no winner of the Lotto the Nos were 3 5 8 12 J/P was £10,000 2nd J/P £9,420 £50 winner Kirsyt McCormick.

Reflection: Prayer for my Family: Oh Loving Lord. Do you see my family? Do you see how, we have struggled? You see how, we have hurt? Even each other. Pain going back, for generations. So right here, right now, in your presence. I claim the promises You set forth for me, and my family. Not a perfect family, that never suffers! That never bleeds! But a family united, in love. In Spirit and in Truth, this can only come. By your grace, Oh loving Lord. So pour yourself out, upon us. Wash us clean again, reach down, restore us. Through your mercy, through your love. In Jesus name. Amen.

Feasts during the Week: Tuesday - St. Clare: She was born in Assisi in 1193, died 1253. She followed St. Francis in his life of poverty and was founder of the Poor Clares. She led an austere life, abounding in works of piety and charity. **Friday - St. Maximilian Kolbe:** Died in Auschwitz 1941. He was a Franciscan who worked in the apostolate in Poland and Japan. He took the place of another prisoner destined for the gas chamber.