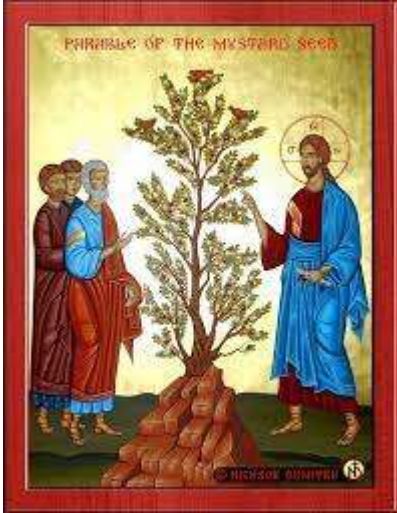


Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Errigal Parish News - 13th June 2021

USUAL WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF MASSES IN EACH CHURCH



Weekday Masses: St. Mary's Church: Monday through Thursday at 10am.
St. Mary's Church: Anniversary Mass for Paddy McGilligan on Saturday 19th June at 6pm.
Month's Mind Mass for Bernie McGaughey on Sunday 20th June at 10am.
St. Joseph's Church: Anniversary Mass for
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Sacrament of Confirmation - Thanks: The Sacrament of Confirmation took place in our parish last weekend, it marked the coming of the Holy Spirit to renew and confirm the powerful influence of God's Spirit, already received at Baptism. The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit, provide much needed strength and guidance at this very important stage of the children's lives, as they begin to grow up and take on responsibility for themselves. Moving to a new school and meeting the challenges and opportunities of the coming teenage years bring an excitement and also some anxiety. The Holy Spirit offers help to calm fears and fulfil the great potential and hope of children and parents alike.

We acknowledge with sincere gratitude the hard work and co-operation between children, parents, teachers and the parish in learning and preparing for the ceremony. We offer a very special word of thanks and appreciation for the excellent way the teachers in our schools provides a focus for this vitally important witness of developing and handing on the Faith. The teachers and staff, as always have given of themselves in an inspirational way.

I would like to thank all who are participated in the ceremony. Those who prepared, cleaned and decorated the church. Thanks, especially to those who provided the music. I offer my congratulations to all who received the Sacrament. We continue to pray for them and their families. We hope that the memory of this happy day when they received the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit will sustain them through the good and testing times ahead as they and their families develop their talents and face the challenges of growing up.

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 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.

'Open my Eyes' God open my eyes so I may see. And feel your presence close to me ... Give me strength for my stumbling feet, as I battle the crowd on life's busy street. And widen the vision of my unseeing eyes. So, in passing faces I'll recognize ... Not just a stranger, unloved and unknown. But a friend with a heart that is much like my own ... Give me perception to make me aware, that scattered profusely on life's thoroughfare. Are the best gifts of God that we daily pass by ... As we look at the world with an unseeing eye.

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.

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 - 19th/20th June

Vigil 6pm. - Irene McIntyre & Don Robinson.

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

St. Mary's Church Readers - 19th/20th June

Vigil 6pm - Anne O'Neill

Sunday 10am - Amelia O'Neill.

St. Joseph's Church - Eucharistic Ministers - 19th/20th June

Vigil 7.30pm. - Fidelma O'Kane & Grainne O'Kane.

Sunday 11.30am. - Bronagh McLaughlin & Maria Healy.

St. Joseph's Church - Readers - 19th/20th June

Vigil 7.30pm. - Roisin OKane.

Sunday 11.30am. - Kerrie Mullan.

Parish Collections - Thank you.

260 boxes of envelopes in circulation. Returns - (Pink 121/White 94)

St. Mary's - Parish: £420.00 Renovation £210.00

St. Joseph's - Parish £425.00 Renovation £575.00

Lough Derg 2021: Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the traditional 'Three Day Pilgrimage' or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to "*Do Lough Derg from wherever you are*" on 3rd - 5th July. The outdoor *Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path* will also be available as the summer goes on. Further information from Lough Derg office 0(0353) 71 9861518 or www.loughderg.org.

Legion of Mary: Young Adult Conference by Zoom on Saturday 12th June 5.30pm - 7.30pm: "The Almighty has worked marvels for me". Zoom ID: 84341116742, Passcode 408230. All young adults welcome to attend.

Northern Ireland Adoption & Foster Care: Is hosting four virtual Fostering Information Events for those interested in finding out about becoming a foster carer for an unaccompanied / separated child or young person. These events are open to anyone across NI. Social workers who work alongside these children and young people will be available to answer any questions you may have. Dates and times: Tuesday 15th June 1.00pm; Wednesday 16th June, 1.00pm; Thursday 17th June, 6.00pm; Friday 18 June, 10.00am. The sessions last 45 minutes – 1 hour. To sign up, tel 0800 0720 137 or email your name, contact details and postcode to info@fostering.hscni.net

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.

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 proved 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.

Irish Volunteer Agency Creates Online Global Network: Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC have just launched, along with our partner agencies in Volunteering for Humanity, a new Online Discussion Forum that is open to all! The Forum is an online community that is free for everyone to join and to start discussions about volunteering - how to become a volunteer; to share stories and to find volunteering opportunities such as the #EUAVI. To learn more about the forum go to our website www.vcvolunteers.ie

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.

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 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 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 2, 4, 11, and 29. J/P £10,000 2nd J/P £10,000. 3rd J/P £5,740 (approx.) £50 winner - Dominic Mullan.

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. Parish Representatives - May Bradley and Marie Mullan.

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.