

# Errigal Newsletter – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Weekday Masses:** There are NO weekday Masses scheduled in the parish unless required. In case of emergency please contact Rosetta on 29558195/07526737926 who will arrange for a priest to attend.

**Parish Collections - Thank you.**

**340 boxes of envelopes in circulation.** Returns - (Pink/113 White/79)

**St. Mary's** - Parish: £495 Renovation £310

**St. Joseph's** - Parish £745 Renovation £380

**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.**

**Requiescat In Pace:** We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of **Rose McNicholl**, 22 Temple Road who died recently.

**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.

**Baptism:** We welcome into the Christian community Conlan James Hasson, 16 Glendale Manor, Maghera who was baptised last weekend.

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

Vigil 6pm. - Grace Mullan

Sunday 10am. - Carol Ann McLaughlin

**Eucharistic Ministers** - 19th/20th Sept

Vigil 6pm. - Orla Doherty & Katrina MacCombe

Sunday 10am. - Mary Clarke & Josephine McKeown.

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

Vigil 7.30pm. - Nadine McNicholl

Sunday 11.30am. - Mairead McNicholl

**Eucharistic Ministers** - 19th/20th Sept  
Vigil 7.30pm. - Mary O' Kane & Fidelma O'Kane  
Sunday 11.30am. - Meabh Close & Kieran Quigg.

#### 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 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](http://www.derrydiocese.org)

#### National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2020:

Will be broadcast live (today) 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](http://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:** There is great advice offered here. Pray and your sins will be forgiven. Stop hating. Remember the commandments. Remember the covenant.

**Second Reading:** We belong to the Lord. It is our core identity both in life and in death.

**Gospel:** There is no end to forgiveness. It is built into the prayer that Jesus has taught us. In the Creed, we proclaim together: 'I believe in the forgiveness of sins.' Well, do we believe?

## Reflection:

**'What Matters In A Day?'** By the power of God, a day is born. With endless potential in it. We have 'free wills' so each may choose, what to do with each minute. Vast may be the day's work done, huge the goals that are striven. But greatest of all in the eyes of God, is the amount of love that was given. (And now abideth faith, hope and charity, but the greatest of these is charity. 1 Cor. 13:13).

## Ballerin GAA:

There was no winner of the Lotto the numbers were 4 7 13 16 J/P was £10,000 2nd J/P £10,000 3rd J/P £1350. £50 winner Paula Cassidy.

## Feasts during the Week:

**Monday - Exaltation of the Holy Cross** The discovery of the True Cross is dated to 14th September 320. On this date in 325, the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross of St. Helena was discovered. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

**Tuesday - Our Lady of Sorrows** Mary, standing by the cross, 'suffered intensely with her only begotten Son, and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her', whom she also offered to the eternal Father.