

Weekday Masses:

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

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

Parish Collections - Thank you.

340 boxes of envelopes in circulation. Returns - (Pink/145 White/107)

St. Mary's - Parish: £1066 Renovation £290

St. Joseph's - Parish £465 Renovation £340

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.

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.

The information required with reference to numbers who are permitted to gather from each family for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, has been forwarded to parents/guardians in the past week.

Month's Mind Mass: For Mary Kelly, Lyttlesdale in St. Joseph's Church on Sunday 16th August at 11.30am.

Month's Mind Mass: For Rosemary McIlvar, Gortnamoyagh Road in St. Joseph's Church on Sunday 23rd August at 11.30am.

Congratulations: To Philip and Margaret Mullan, 6 Liscal Road who celebrated sixty (Diamond anniversary) years of marriage in the past week.

St. Mary's Church Readers - 22nd/23rd August

Vigil 6pm. - Caroline Loughery

Sunday 10am. - John Mullan

Eucharistic Ministers - 22nd/23rd August

Vigil 6pm. - Orla Doherty & Katrina MacCombe

Sunday 10am. - Mary Clarke & Josephine Mc Keown.

St. Joseph's Church Readers - 22nd/23rd August

Vigil 7.30pm. - Gerard O'Kane

Sunday 11.30am. - Mary Conway

Eucharistic Ministers - 22nd/23rd August

Vigil 7.30pm. - Mary O'Kane & Kieran Quigg

Sunday 11.30am. - Meabh Close & Fidelma O'Kane.

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 availability 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: This short reading sums up a great deal of the concern of the biblical prophets. We are to 'have an eye for justice,' and in so doing, we can be confident that our sacrifices will be acceptable at God's altar. **Second Reading:** St. Paul is perhaps history's most striking case-study in the workings of God's providence: originally a zealous Pharisee who despised pagans and persecuted Christians, he is now proud to be a Christian missionary to pagans. **Gospel:** We cannot know the tone with which Jesus spoke his apparently harsh words to the pagan woman, but the outcome is clear: Jesus is impressed by her great faith and grants the healing she requests.

The Net: Will not be printed, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, but the July-August is available online on the Diocesan website, www.derrydiocese.org. As always, it covers a wide range of events, there are loads of interviews and photos, and plenty of news from parishes and people from all around the diocese. There is also a great section devoted to youth news and activities.

Reflection: 'Dear Friends' We all need words to live by, to inspire and guide us. Words to give us courage when the trials of life betide us ... And the words that never fail us, are the words of God above. Words of comfort and of courage, filled with wisdom and with love ... They are ageless and enduring; they have lived through generations. There is no question left unanswered, in Our Father's revelations. And in this ever-changing world, God's words remain unchanged. For though through countless ages, they have been often rearranged. The truth shines through all changes, just as bright today. As when Our Father made the universe, and breathed his life in people ... And the words of inspiration, that I write for you today. Are just the old enduring truths, said in a rhythmic way - And if my 'borrowed words of truth', in some way touch the heart. Then I am deeply thankful, to have had a little part. In sharing these God-given lines, and I hope you will share them too. With family, friends and loved ones, and all those dear to you!

Feasts during the Week: Monday - Our Lady of Knock: Thursday - St. Bernard: he became a Cistercian monk at Citeaux in 1113. His writings reveal a solid grasp of biblical studies and spiritual theology. **Friday: St Pius X:** Cardinal Patriarch of Venice, then Pope from 1903. Encouraged pastoral liturgy and sacramental practice, especially of frequent reception of communion.

Ballerin GAA: There was no winner. No's were 2,9, 14, and 27. JP £10,000. £50 winner – Grace McFadden.