

# Errigal Parish News – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## **Weekday Masses:**

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

**USUAL WEEKEND MASSES AT 6PM AND 10AM.**

**(No congregation permitted at weekday/weekend Masses presently - webcam/radio availability) Congregational gathering can only take place at funerals/weddings with limited numbers permitted access.**

**As there is no internet/webcam provision available in St. Joseph's Church there will be NO weekend Masses until directed otherwise.**

**Funeral Masses can take place in St. Joseph's Church.**

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

**Parish Finance:** 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. 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](mailto: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.

**Requiescant in Pace:** We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of Catherine McNicholl, 22 Temple Road and John McGilligan, 68 Belraugh Road who died recently.

**Stamp Boxes:** There is a box at the back of each church for the collection of used stamps for the missions.

**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.

**St. Mary's Church Readers - 23rd/24th Jan**

Vigil 6pm. - Caroline Loughery

Sunday 10am. - Carolann McLaughlin.

**Sacrament of Initiation Dates 2021:** Sacrament of Confirmation - Saturday 13th March at 11am. First Communion - St. Columba's School Saturday 24th April at 11am. St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's School Saturday 15th May at 11am.

**Sacraments of Initiation:** [MyFaith.ie](http://MyFaith.ie) is a parish-based programme of preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It releases new modules every two weeks or so as the children and their families prepare for the Sacraments. Each module begins with a short lesson - for parents - on the content of that module before the next item, a taught lesson for

the children. The programme is highly interactive and learning is reinforced through challenges, quizzes and interactive games which are scored but can be repeated indefinitely. This is offered to parents/guardians as a format of instruction during the pandemic.

**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 January edition of The Net is now available online, on the parish 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 Errigal or Diocesan website, at your convenience.

**ACCORD Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme - 2021 Course Dates:** 9th/ 10th February and 9th/ 10th March. Booking now online at [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com). **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 weekend's 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.

**Feasts during the Week: Thursday - St. Agnes** A wealthy woman, who was martyred for her faith in the last persecutions of Rome, in the fourth century. **Friday - St. Vincent** He was a deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain, martyred in 304 in Valencia after prolonged torture.

**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 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.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> January:** The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January and lasts until Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is “**Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit**” based on John 15:1-17. The resources for this year have been provided by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland.

Obviously, the Covid-19 pandemic has limited our options for marking this week in 2021 but we are encouraged to pray together in our homes and, if possible, via online means. For prayer and other resources visit [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 - Irish Council of Churches and Irish Inter Church Meeting \(irishchurches.org\)](#).

**Catholic Schools Week:** Will be celebrated from 24<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> January. The theme this year is **Catholic Schools: ‘Communities of Faith and Resilience’**. To launch Catholic Schools Week in the Diocese of Derry, Bishop Donal Mc Keown will celebrate Mass on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 10am in St Eugene’s Cathedral, via the webcam. <http://steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html> Attached are the resources for parishes. We have emailed the primary and post primary resources to schools. These can be viewed on our website via the Chaplaincy Section - [Category: Chaplaincy Resources | Catechetical Centre](#) or via the following links. Primary [Catholic Schools Week 2021- Celebrating the Gift of Catholic Education | Catechetical Centre](#) Post Primary [Catholic Schools Week 2021-Celebrating the Gift of Catholic Education | Catechetical Centre](#)