

## Errigal Newsletter – 20th 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/107 White/79)

**St. Mary's** - Parish: £360 Renovation £170

**St. Joseph's** - Parish £400 Renovation £405

**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.**

**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.

### St. Mary's

**Church Readers** - 26th/27th Sept

Vigil 6pm. - Anne O'Neill

Sunday 10am. - Eamon Mullan

**Eucharistic Ministers** - 26th/27th Sept

Vigil 6pm. - Carmel Harkin & Paddy Bradley

Sunday 10am. - Kate Mullan & Brian Mullan.

### St. Joseph's

**Church Readers** - 26th/27th Sept

Vigil 7.30pm. - Dan Mullan

Sunday 11.30am. - Kerrie Mullan.

**Eucharistic Ministers** - 26th/27th Sept

Vigil 7.30pm. - Bronagh McLaughlin & Diane Burns

Sunday 11.30am. - Emma Niblock & Chris Toal.

### 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)

### Maternity Blessing

Expectant mothers are welcome to receive a blessing in any of the sacristies following Mass - and a prayer card for their pregnancy.

### The Net

Is available now online on the Diocesan website, [www.derrydiocese.org](http://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

#### **'Prayer in Brokenness'**

O God, I cannot undo the past or make it never to have happened ... neither can You. There are some things that are not possible even for You ... but not many! I ask you humbly, and from the bottom of my heart! Please God, would you write straight with my crooked lines? Out of the serious mistakes of my life, will you make something beautiful for You! Teach me to live at peace with You, to make peace with others and even with myself. Give me fresh vision. Let me experience Your love so deeply that I am free to face the future with a steady eye, forgiven, and strong in love. Amen.

## Feasts during the Week

### **Monday - St. Matthew:**

He was born in Capernaum and was working as a tax-collector when Jesus called him. Tradition tells us that he may have written an early version of his Gospel in Aramaic, a precursor to the Greek version we now have. He is also said to have preached in the East.

### **Wednesday - St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio):**

He was born in the small village of Pietrelcina in southern Italy. He joined the Capuchin Order at the age of sixteen. He spent fifty years in the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was very much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Many miracles were popularly ascribed to him during his lifetime. He died a few days after his fiftieth anniversary of his receiving the stigmata.

## Ballerin GAA

There was no winner of the Lotto the numbers were 2 3 23 30 J/P was £10,000 2nd J/P £10,000 3rd J/P £1650. £50 winner Brian O'Kane.