

Weekday Masses:

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WEDNESDAY AT 5PM.

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

Parish Collections - Thank you.

340 boxes of envelopes in circulation. Returns - (Pink/93 White/64)

St. Mary's - Parish: £400 Renovation £190

St. Joseph's - Parish £386 Renovation £420

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 5th September/3rd October. **St. Joseph's Church** (after Sunday Mass at 12.30pm) Sunday 23rd August/6th September/11th October.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Will be administered in the parish in St. Mary's Church next Wednesday 26th August at 5pm. There will be rehearsal in the church on Wednesday morning at 10am, previously arranged with both schools and notification sent to parents and guardians. **Due to Covid19 those permitted to attend the ceremony are restricted to the Confirmation candidates and their parents/guardians - notification to this effect has been forwarded via the schools last week. Stewards/ushers will facilitate the (social bubbles - family members), to enter and leave the church in an orderly manner respecting social distancing. It is important to note that this ceremony has already reached its limit for numbers attending, hence unfortunately it is not accessible to the parish community. We would**

encourage were possible if adults attending might consider wearing a facial covering.

Once the ceremony is over family/group photographs can be taken at the grotto, unfortunately there is no access to the Errigal Hall after Confirmation.

'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.' There are three Sacraments of Initiation (Welcome) Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. In our tradition the Sacrament of Confirmation completes the initiation of the person into the church. Our children now receive this Sacrament and attain the status of adult Christians. The Spirit of the Lord is sent upon the candidates, they are anointed on the forehead with the oil of chrism; and are addressed with the words ... **'Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.'** This Sacrament sends the children out to live as Christians. They will not look any different. The fully committed Christian is one who sees Christ in every situation and in every person he/she meets. **So, we ask you to pray for the children who will be confirmed, asking the Holy Spirit to give them strength to live out in their lives the promises they make on their Confirmation Day.**

St. Mary's Church Readers - 29th/30th August

Vigil 6pm. - Madison McGilligan

Sunday 10am. - Caitlin Moore

Eucharistic Ministers - 29th/30th August

Vigil 6pm. - Carmel Harkin & Paddy Bradley

Sunday 10am. - Kate Mullan & Brian Mullan.

St. Joseph's Church Readers - 29th/30th August

Vigil 7.30pm. - Roisin McGinley

Sunday 11.30am. - Anne McNicholl

Eucharistic Ministers - 29th/30th August

Vigil 7.30pm. - Emma Niblock & Chris Toal

Sunday 11.30am. - Bronagh McLaughlin & Diane Burns.

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.

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.

Readings: First Reading: St. Peter was not the first person in the Bible whose authority was symbolized by keys. Here, Eliakim, the royal steward, hears the Lord saying to him that the key of the House of David will be placed on his shoulder. **Second Reading:** St. Paul, having applied all his insight and intelligence to the question of the relationship between the people of the Covenant and the new, Christian, Covenant, can only conclude by hymning the wisdom of God: 'Who could ever know the mind of the Lord?'. **Gospel:** The Lord's second question is crucial: 'But you, who do you say I am?' As Christians, we need to be able to answer this question for ourselves, and not simply report what we have heard others say.

Feasts during the Week: Monday - St. Bartholomew: His name appears in the Synoptic Gospels only in the list of the apostles. He preached the Gospel in India. **Thursday - St. Monica:** She converted her pagan husband to the faith. And by her prayers brought her son St. Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. **Friday: St Augustine:** Bishop of Hippo, where he lived with a community until his death. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on the understanding of God's grace. Patron of theologians.

Ballerin GAA: There was no winner of the lotto the No's were 4, 10, 21 and 24. J/P was £10,000. 2nd J/P £10,000 3rd J/P starting at £500. £50 winner Gerard O'Kane (jun)

Thought for the Day: The family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society as a whole. Pope Francis.