

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Errigal Parish News - 25th April 2021

USUAL WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF MASSES IN EACH CHURCH



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

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Easter Water: Is available in the container in the porch of each church.

Trócaire Boxes: Please return to the churches in the parish as soon as possible so that the count can take place.

Donations received by Trócaire before 16th May 2021 will be doubled by the UK government up to £2m. These matched funds will help thousands of people in South Sudan to grow enough food to feed their families. It will also support strong women like Awut and Ajah in having their voices heard in decisions affecting them. Donations can be left in the Parochial House or can also be made online at www.trocaire.org/donate or via NI freephone number 0800 912 1200 or via online banking - bank details for Trócaire: Sort Code: 93.80.92 and Account number 8822 7020.

Requiescant in Pace: We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of Bridget Kelly (formerly of Mettican Road) Cornfield Nursing Home and Una Henry, 26 Lower Brockagh who died recently.

Baptism: We welcome into the Christian community Ruby Eileen Christine MacCombe, 120 Lower Ballygarton Road, Killaloo.

Baptisms: Baptisms will continue in May and we offer the following dates for both churches.
St. Mary's Church – Saturday 15th May at 5pm. St. Joseph's Church – Sunday 23rd May at 12.30pm.

St. Columba's P.S: Nature Garden It is with great sadness that I have to report some acts of vandalism in our nature garden, outside school hours. This is an area which provides such benefits to our children, allowing them to learn about nature and science in a safe outdoor environment. I appeal to all parents to explain to older children, not to enter the nature garden or indeed any area of school grounds. M. Hughes.

St. Joseph's Renovation Committee: Would like to sincerely thank the Glenullin Camogie Club for their kind donation to the church renovation fund of £1178.00 from their recent bake sale at Easter. The work from everyone involved was exceptional. Another example of our community coming together. Thank you.

WELCOME RETURN TO A CAUTIOUS GATHERING IN OUR CHURCHES:
Statement by the Northern Bishops announcing that public worship may resume in Northern Ireland from Friday, 26 March 2021.

Date of statement: 17th MARCH 2021

- **Bishops in the North announce a cautious return to public worship for the faithful from 26th March, in time for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.**
- **Bishops emphasise the need for continued caution and a rigorous application of all mitigations and safeguards required to ensure the safest possible return to public worship in our Churches.**
- **Every person should consider carefully if returning to collective worship is the safe and appropriate step for them, at this time. Families are encouraged to join those celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus in churches, from the 'domestic church' of their own living rooms, *via* live-streaming.**
- **Bishops, together with other Church leaders, encourage all on Easter Sunday to pray and reflect in a spirit of remembering, solidarity and hope in the context of the current pandemic.**
- **FULL STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE ON THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE – www.derrydiocese.org**

It is important as has been achieved previously with safety guidelines, that we open both of our churches at the same time. Hence with the following precautions we shall return to our normal weekend schedule effective from next weekend -

The following directives apply as before for the foreseeable future. **1.** Wearing of facial coverings unless you are exempt. **2.** Respecting Social Distancing. **3.** Use of sanitizer upon entering and leaving the church. **4.** Limited Numbers in choir and in the Church. (Empty seat in front and behind the seat that is occupied). **5.** Provision of stewards and ushers in and outside the church. **6.** Directions offered by the stewards/ushers to leave the church safely. **NB – The numbers present at funerals and weddings remain unchanged at twenty-five.**

The bulletin is available at the back of the church each weekend. Presently it is not recommended that we provide missalettes in the church.

St. Joseph's Church Glenullin (Renovation Committee): We hope everyone in the area recently received a letter regarding contributions to the parish and specifically to the Renovation Fund, and a form for you to indicate your preferred option for donations. In response to this, collectors have called to houses around Glenullin recently to collect these envelopes. We request that you place your name and details in the sealed envelope provided. We thank you all for your continued support. If the letter has been misplaced further copies are available in the sacristy. **Renovation Committee.**

Presently 88 responses have been received of the 340+ letters in circulation regarding the letter as stated above. As the collection of the envelopes have taken place in recent

weeks, we would appreciate any further returns to be made via the church collection box.

CLARIFICATION – Apparently there is some difficulty with registering with on-line banking. (**Errigal Glenullin**: Sort Code - 950346 Account No. 90062596 is the No 1 a/c) **Errigal Parish**: Sort Code 950689 – Account No. 90083712 is the Renovation a/c). Details as provided in the letter circulated, it would seem the title of the account is where the problem arises. Account titles are in red as stated above.

Parish Collections - Thank you.

260 boxes of envelopes in circulation. Returns - (Pink 95/White 70)

St. Mary's - Parish: £880.00 Renovation £175.00

St. Joseph's - Parish £980.00 Renovation £940.00

Trócaire Collection (to date) £3715.00.

Trad for Trócaire - £2313.00 Total for the Parish - £6028.00

Parish Envelopes: The new box of parish collection envelopes are presently in use. In recent years as previously stated a lot of work to update the parish data base has provided the information required for the distribution of envelope boxes, hence the computer will provide the list for distribution upon usage. There are a substantial number of boxes in circulation in the parish presently un-used, this is the case even prior to Covid-19. Following discussion with the Parish Finance Committee we encourage consideration for those who use envelopes infrequently to consider the use of a standing order, (through this medium you have full control), of the donation at your disposal. Further information is available from the parish website.

Parish Finance: 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 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.

Year of St. Joseph: In this year dedicated to St. Joseph, Pope Francis recalls the 150th Anniversary of St Joseph as Patron Saint of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, Pope Francis has proclaimed a “**Year of St Joseph**” and asks us to recite the following prayer:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; In you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us Grace, Mercy and Courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

St. Mary's Church Readers -1st/2nd May

Vigil 6pm. - Anne O'Neill.

Sunday 10am. - Seamus O'Kane.

Eucharistic Ministers - 1st/2nd May

Vigil 6pm. - Irene McIntyre & Don Robinson.

Sunday 10am. - Martina Bradley & Gilligan O'Neill.

St. Joseph's Church Readers – 1st/2nd May

Vigil 7.30pm. - Dan Mullan.

Sunday 11.30am. - Mairead McNicholl.

Eucharistic Ministers -24th/25th April
Vigil 7.30pm. - Fidelma O’Kane & Bronagh McLaughlin.
Sunday 11.30am. - Nadine McNicholl & Maria Healy.

St. Mary’s – Altar Society May – Orla Doherty, Theresa McKay, Maria Lagan and Kate Lagan.

Both churches require parishioners to come forward and put their names down to help the existing groups that already clean the church. Please contact any existing member.

Feasts during the Week: Thursday - St. Catherine of Siena: She was a humble and dauntless Dominican tertiary, who brought peace to her native Siena, to Italy, and to fourteenth century Europe. She dispensed all her energy to achieve the pope’s return from Avignon to Rome. She is remembered as a mystic and reformer of religious life. **Friday - St. Pius V:** Also a Dominican elected Pope in 1565, he implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent, including the Breviary, Missal and Catechism. He is noted for his defence of Christendom against the Ottoman empire.

St. Joseph’s Church – Rosary & Divine Mercy: Every Wednesday evening at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

Sacrament of Initiation Dates 2021: Sacrament of Confirmation (provisional) - will take place in St. Mary’s Church on Saturday 5th June at 11am. (Further details will follow).

First Communion – is postponed until September upon advice Bishop McKeown has received in recent days.

Radio Maria – Ireland: Is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. If you are not already a follower of the station, Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:

- *Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210/ Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)*
- *Download FREE App “RADIO MARIA IRELAND”*
- *Streaming on website, www.radiomarie.ie (subscribe and donate here also)*
- *‘Listen Live Radio’ link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)*
- *Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).*

Prayer and song requests welcome. “A Catholic voice in your home”.

Keeping up the conversations with the youth of Derry Diocese: In March last year at the start of the Covid pandemic, the Diocese of Derry Youth Ministry team immediately moved their ministry online. Since then, the interaction that has come from young people across our diocese has been wonderful. We have been able to provide a service in which young people are invited to come and join an online community each week and learn about their faith. The conversations that have come from this have led to us planning a series of webinars covering some of the main themes that young people are struggling with today, for example:

Where do young people fit in the Church? Acceptance of all communities! How to have a meaningful relationship with Jesus?

We hope that these webinars will be a place of learning through the speakers' experiences and opinions of people of faith!

Each webinar will broadcast live on Derry Youth Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/DerryDiocesanYouth>) each Wednesday at 7:00pm on the 21st and 28th of April. Please see the full programme below. Everyone is welcome to join. The webinars will be broadcast live on our Derry Diocesan Youth Facebook page. Promotional graphics can be also found for these talks on our Facebook page.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you would like any more information, please contact lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org

Centenary Celebrations for the Legion of Mary: As part of the centenary celebrations for the Legion of Mary, there will be a special Mass for the Legionaries of the diocese live-streamed from St. Theresa's Church, Sion Mills, on Wednesday 28th April at 7pm, - Feast of Louis Marie de Montfort. The saint who had such a major influence on Frank Duff that gave him the inspiration to set up the Legion of Mary for the first time, on 9th September 1921. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, only a small number of representatives of the parish Legions in Co Tyrone, will be able to attend. You are invited to participate in this Mass via the parish webcam, on <http://melmountparish.com/sionwebcam.html>. The Rosary along with the Legion of Mary Prayers will also be recited.

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 provided in the church or alternatively in the Parochial House.

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

Sacraments of Initiation: 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 April edition of 'The Net' is now available online, on the parish and diocesan 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 diocesan or parish website, at your convenience. To forward items of our parish or faith activities - email: editorthenet15@gmail.com or ring/text 07809292852.

Preparing for Marriage? - Accord Derry: Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme - (limited to 15 couples per course). Booking now online at www.accordni.com. Course Dates July 6th/7th August 10th/11th Sept 14th/15th Oct 12th/13th Nov 9th/10th Dec 7th/8th.

The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre: Working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. The next intake will be Autumn 2021. If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 028 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

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 where 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 weekends 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.

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 are 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.

Ballerin GAA Lotto: There was no winner of the Lotto the No's were 5, 6, 15, and 18. J/P £10,000 2nd J/P £10,000. 3rd J/P £3,100 (approx.) £50 winner James McGilligan.

Church Safeguarding: If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact: Noel O'Donnell, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, 71362475, mobile 07596500793 or Celine McKenna, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, 71362475, mobile 07707311358 or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services.