
Parish of Errigal – Newsletter 26th July 2020

Weekday Masses:

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

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

Parish Collections - Thank you.

340 boxes of envelopes in circulation. Returns - (Pink/141 White/92)

St. Mary's - Parish: £940 Renovation £420

St. Joseph's - Parish £475 Renovation £475

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 at the end of the month to forward to Trocaire any remaining contributions. We would appreciate any further returns to be made as soon as possible.

Baptisms: We welcome into the parish community Meghan Gemma Mc Garry, 17 Magheramore Road, Pol Donal McNicholl and Norah Anne McNicholl (twins), 76A Glen Road, Michael John Higgins, 49 Churchtown Road and Kate Susanna O'Kane, 32 Brockagh Road who were baptised last weekend.

Chapel Lane Mass - Saturday 15th August:

It is proposed (weather permitting) that we would have an outdoor Mass at the site of the old church ruins in our parish on Saturday 15th August at 7.30pm - Feast of the Assumption.

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.

In coming weeks (middle August), parents/guardians will be provided with the information required with reference to numbers who are permitted to gather from each family with reference to the celebration of the Sacraments.

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

Vigil 6pm. - Aoife Wade

Sunday 10am. - Carol Ann McLaughlin

Eucharistic Ministers - 1st/2nd August

Vigil 6pm. - Carmel Harkin & Paddy Bradley

Sunday 10am. - Kate Mullan & Brian Mullan.

St. Joseph's Church Readers - 1st/2nd August

Vigil 7.30pm. - Nadine McNicholl

Sunday 11.30am. - Kerrie Mullan

Eucharistic Ministers - 1st/2nd August

Vigil 7.30pm. – Bronagh McLaughlin & Diane Burns

Sunday 11.30am. – Emma Niblock & Chris Toal.

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

Ballerin GAA: There was no winner of the Lotto the No's were 7 26 28 30 J/P was £10,000 2nd J/P £8800. £50 winner Sharon Campbell.

Coronavirus: Until further notice restrictions 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.

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.

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.**

Reflection: 'The Blessing of Sharing' Only what we give away, enriches us from day to day. For not in getting but in giving, is found the lasting joy of living. For no one ever had a part, in sharing treasures of the heart. Who did not feel the impact of, the magic mystery of God's love. Love alone can make us kind and give us joy and peace of mind. So, live with joy unselfishly, and you'll be blessed abundantly.

Feasts during the Week: Wednesday - St. Martha: Sister of Lazarus and Mary. **Friday - St. Ignatius of Loyola:** From the north of Spain, founder of the (Society of Jesus) Jesuits. **Saturday - St. Alphonsus Ligouri:** Influential writer of theology, and founder of the Redemptorist Congregation.