

# Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

## Errigal Parish News - 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### USUAL WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF MASSES IN EACH CHURCH



**Weekday Masses: St. Mary's Church:** Monday at 7pm. Tuesday through First Friday at 10am.

**St. Mary's Church:** Anniversary Mass for Patrick McGilligan – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm.  
DDS Mass - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am.

**St. Joseph's Church:** .....

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**Sick Visitation:** Fr. Crowley will attend the sick in his care on Thursday in the morning in Glenullin and the afternoon in Ballerin/Garvagh.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Will be administered in the parish in St. Mary's Church on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.

**'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.**

**Confirmation – Symbols and Rituals:** During the Rite of Confirmation, the candidates receive the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit through the invocation of the Holy Spirit. The celebrant stretches out his hand over the children and calls down the power of the Holy Spirit to overshadow the people being confirmed. Each candidate is then anointed on the forehead with Chrism, which is an oil made from olives and scented with balsam that is blessed by the bishop during Holy Week. Making the sign of peace is a symbol of unity and signifies that the believers are one people under God and one Body of Christ. When the celebrant says, **"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit,"** it represents a contract signed and sealed with the Holy Spirit. The sign of peace exchanged with each candidate symbolizes the relationship between the church and its members and acknowledges the role the Holy Spirit evoked during the Rite.

**Sacrament of Initiation Dates 2021: Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place in St. Mary's Church on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.

**First Communion** – St. Mary's Church Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. St. Joseph's Church Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm. **(Details have been forwarded to both schools regarding the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Further details will follow regarding First Communion).**

**Trinity Sunday** and the following weekend **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ** (Corpus Christi). The weekdays of Ordinary Time begin after the Feast of Pentecost and the Sundays of Ordinary Time will resume the Sunday after Corpus Christi. The first period of Ordinary Time is the period after the Christmas Season and the beginning of Lent. Ordinary Time (green vestments - representing growth) will continue each Sunday this year from June 13<sup>th</sup> until the day before the beginning of the Advent Season on the evening of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of November. The reason why these dates and day vary each year is because Easter Day falls on a different date same day (Sunday) each year unlike Christmas which has a fixed date (25<sup>th</sup> December) and different day each year.

**Prayer for Trinity Sunday:** Let us Pray. [to the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that our lives may bear witness to our faith] Father, you sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy. Through them we come to know the mystery of your life. Help us to worship you, one God in three Persons, by proclaiming and living our faith in you. Amen.

**Liturgical Year - Trinity Sunday (Year B):** Trinity Sunday is a Christian feast dedicated to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, the essence of God expressing itself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the spirit of God. It is one of the few Christian feasts that celebrates a doctrine, not an event. In Western Christianity Trinity Sunday always falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost. All of which are all separate entities upon themselves but are also one and the same entity. This is also known as the Christian Godhead as God incarnate in one person. This past week we have returned to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time (weekdays). However, this Sunday and next Sunday, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. The Feast of the Trinity, invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. (Year B) In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples in today's Gospel. Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture.

## **WELCOME RETURN TO A CAUTIOUS GATHERING IN OUR CHURCHES:**

**It is important as has been achieved previously with safety guidelines, and social distancing that as our churches have reopened that as we gather using the sanitiser and we do so cautiously and safely.**

The following directives apply as before for the foreseeable future. **1.** Wearing of facial coverings unless you are except. **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 is determined by a risk assessment of the church, and the ‘family bubbles’ that can safely gather.**

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

**Requiescat in Pace:** We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of Bernie McGaughey, 140 Ringsend Road who died recently.

**DDS Mass:** For deceased registered members in St. Mary’s Church on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am.

**Blessing of Graves – Cemetery Sunday:** A decision will be made shortly before the end of this month regarding if we are permitted to gather in large numbers for the Blessing of Graves. If it is possible to postpone until later in June, we shall also look at this possibility.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into the parish community Throdora Gemma Mc Closkey, 39A Tirkeeran Road, Seamus Colm Bradley, 14 Culbane Lane and Anna Marie O’Kane, 60 Glen Road who were baptised last weekend.

**Baptism Dates:** Baptisms will continue in June and we offer the following dates for both churches. **St. Mary’s Church** - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm. **St. Joseph’s Church** - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm. Please note there are restrictions in place presently for the celebration of Baptism.

**St. Mary’s Church - Eucharistic Ministers** - 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> June  
Vigil 6pm. - Carmel Harkin & Paddy Bradley.  
Sunday 10am - Josephine McKeown & Kate Mullan.

**St. Mary’s Church Readers** – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> June  
Vigil 6pm - Madison McGilligan.  
Sunday 10am - Eamon Mullan.

**St. Joseph’s Church - Eucharistic Ministers** - 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> June  
Vigil 7.30pm. - Mary Conway & Meabh Close.  
Sunday 11.30am. - Eimear O’Kane & Declan McNicholl.

**St. Joseph’s Church - Readers** - 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> June  
Vigil 7.30pm. - Rachel O’Kane.  
Sunday 11.30am. - Eimear O’Kane.

**St. Mary’s Church - Altar Society for June:** Siobhan McIntyre, Mary T Bradley and Ann McGahon.

**St. Joseph’s Church - Altar Society for June:** Bernie McKinney, Bernie Mullan and Maria Healy.

**June Counters** – Bernie McKinney, Diane Burns, Katherine Ann McGoldrick and Patrick Mullan.

**Parish Collections - Thank you.**

260 boxes of envelopes in circulation. Returns - (Pink 109/White 99) (May – SO figures in brackets)

**St. Mary's** - Parish: £500.00 (£199) Renovation £235.00 (£36)  
**St. Joseph's** - Parish £305.00 (£622) Renovation £500.00 (£665)

**RENEWAL - Parish Leader Mentoring with Derry Diocesan Youth Ministry:** In June 2021 Derry Diocesan Youth Ministry is hosting RENEWAL, a six-week mentoring programme for parish and volunteer leaders working with young people (13-18 year olds) in the Diocese of Derry. The six online sessions will provide an opportunity to come together in prayer and support, celebrate and share best practice and strategically plan the next steps in your parish for Youth Ministry. The mentoring programme will explore: - The what and why of Youth Ministry?; - Shift from Catechetical to Accompaniment - what this means; - Different leadership and ministry approaches (intentionally engaging young people from a range of backgrounds); - Animating volunteer Parish Teams; - Engaging young people online - safeguarding support; - Models for employing a Parish Pastoral leader for Youth Ministry - first hand testimonies; - Explore forming a Parish Youth Council; - Diocesan Youth Ministry initiatives and training; and - Planning the way forward. **What is required** Six group sessions via zoom. Some pre-reading and videos to view. Commitment to one-to-one work to develop your plans for youth ministry. Supporting your peers - invitation to 'buddy up' with another participant. **Dates, times and registration** RENEWAL will begin on Thursday, 3rd June at 7:15pm-8:15pm and continue each Thursday over six weeks. It will be delivered via Zoom. To participate, please register at: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=47jA8LqhK0yfu99gAi-GPlrJKzetZjlOIPjrZKVjsi9UNU81NEZQUjBZNetYMUVPRVVKUVpGUlkwTS4u> Closing date for registration is: Friday, 28th May.

**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 115 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 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](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.**

**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.**

**Feasts during the Week: Monday - Visitation of the Virgin Mary: - Mother of the Church:** Today’s liturgy recalls the ‘Blessed Virgin Mary carrying her Son within her’ and visiting Elizabeth to offer charitable assistance and to proclaim the mercy of God the Saviour. **Tuesday – St. Justin:** Was born in the Holy Land and settled in Rome. He became a Christian and is remembered for his defence of Christian belief and practice. **Thursday – St. Kevin:** Was a native of Leinster and grew up in Kilnamanagh, where he received his early religious formation. Wishing to be a hermit, he crossed the mountains to Glendalough and settled in Disert Caoimhghin at the foot of the upper lake. But disciples began to gather around him. Gradually the great monastic settlement grew and spread through the glen after his death in 618. **Friday - St. Charles Lwanga and Companions:** Twenty-two Ugandan youths martyred in 1886. **Saturday - St. Boniface (673 – 754):** Was born at Crediton in Devonshire and educated in monastery schools in England. He went as a missionary to Germany. He founded monasteries in Bavaria, including Fulda in 735.

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

**Derry Diocesan Laudato Si Group:** Mindful of Pope Francis’ words at the beginning of last September’s Season of Creation that “Today, not tomorrow, we have to take care of creation responsibly”, we look forward to hearing from you. **Invitation to respond - Diocese of Derry Environmental Strategy** - The Diocese of Derry has launched a consultative plan about climate change and the environment and is inviting everyone within the Diocese to read, engage and respond to it. The plan identifies actions and behaviours that support rather than destroy the environment. The suggestions cover such areas as land, buildings, energy, food, travel and waste.

A draft of the Environmental Strategy has been posted on the Derry Diocesan website, to view and/or download: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/diocese/environmental-strategy>. Every attempt has been made to make the Strategy both comprehensive and practical so as to suit each parish's particular situation. In order to ensure that it is as helpful as possible to your various parish communities however, we would appreciate any constructive feedback on it that you may have to give. We ask if you could:

- Read the draft Strategy document and give feedback on aspects that you feel could be supplemented/improved.
- Begin to implement any aspect(s) of it that you feel can be put into practice quickly and easily.
- Draw the attention of both parish groups and individual parishioners to the Strategy and encourage them to give feedback. (This would be especially relevant to schools and any groups/individuals with particular interest in environmental issues).

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May.** Submit your comments, questions and suggestions to Patricia McCormack by: Email: [laudatosiderry@gmail.com](mailto:laudatosiderry@gmail.com) Telephone/text: 077 1190 0420 Facebook: Laudatosiderry

**Celebrating Mary in the Month of May:** May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are encouraged to honour Mary in different ways. To help parishes, families, and schools to do this, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a number of resources including prayers, Gospel reflections, colouring and craft activities, examples of May Altars and ideas on how to pray the Rosary. These resources are available online at [catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/](http://catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/)

**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](http://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”.

**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.

**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](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 May 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](mailto: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](http://www.accordni.com). Course Dates July 6th/7th - August 10th/11th - Sept 14th/15th - Oct 12th/13th - Nov 9th/10th - Dec 7th/8th.

**Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter:** A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) or 028276 38512.

**Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service:** Is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 4th June. Contact Deirdre 07980898399 or by email to [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com). Registration of Interest form and additional information about becoming a facilitator is available on [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

**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](mailto: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 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 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 4, 10, 22, and 25. J/P £10,000 2nd J/P £10,000. 3<sup>rd</sup> J/P £5,000 (approx.) £50 winner – Carol Hunter.

**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.

**Prayer for Examinations:** Loving God, as I begin this time of exams, I feel some anxiety and frustration. Help me to stay focused. Give me a clear mind, to perform to the best of my ability. Help me to study with dedication and vigour. Grant me silence so that I may process the knowledge I have obtained. Let me sleep peacefully at night, so that I am refreshed and renewed for my upcoming exams. Be with me, gentle God, during these days. Undoubtedly, there will be moments when I want to quit and give up. Please sustain me, Holy One. Guide me during times of trouble. Help me be satisfied with the work I have done, but also help me to see areas that I may improve upon academically in the future. Amen.