



## Parish of the Three Patrons

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR A - 2nd AUGUST 2020

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### Thoughts on the Gospel

In today Gospel we hear how Jesus satisfied the hunger of the five thousand by working the miracle of the loaves and fishes. It was clearly a miraculous event, a marvellous happening and a pointer to the fact that God, who creates the world, provides us with food and takes care of our every need. The crowd returned to their homes satisfied and spiritually refreshed from the time spent in the company of Jesus.



Here we have a picture of the church as it acts in every age. Jesus did not feed the stranded crowd at the edge of the sea of Galilee all on his own. He accomplished it with the help of his disciples who were reluctant to accept responsibility for the hungry for themselves, and let somebody else deal with the problem. Challenged by Jesus to use their own resources, they remembered having five loaves and two fish which they brought to him. The little they had when placed in the hands of Jesus turned out to be more than enough for all. The five loaves and two fish are symbols of the power for goodness which we all possess. In our own eyes it may seem of little account but it is what the Lord has given us and expects us to use in his service. The gift may be our ability to be a good neighbour, a caring listener to a sorrowing person or a willing member of a parish organisation. In whatever way we minister to the needs of others, we show forth the compassion of Christ and extend his friendship. Jesus sets before everyone the task of communicating his love through the qualities they possess.

When we gather around the altar to celebrate the eucharist by our presence we make an offering of self and show that with the rest of the church we accept the challenge of Jesus to do what we can for the good of others. He receives our gifts in the same manner as he accepted the five loaves and two fish from the disciples and offering them to the Father, gives them eternal value. On their own our efforts may seem small and insignificant but when placed in God's hands and fitted into his plans, they become part of the great saving mission of the church and give a deeper meaning to our lives. The Lord not only invites us here to be nourished at his table but sends us forth to give as we have received, to forgive as we have been forgiven, and to love as we have been loved.

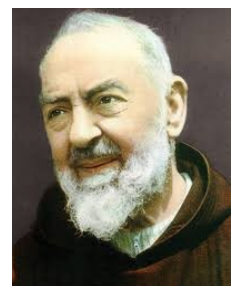
***'Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.'***

St Gregory Nazianzus

**Monthly Mass in honour of St Pio** will be celebrated on Monday 3rd August at 7 pm in St Patrick's, Pennyburn. We ask God's blessing on all through the intercession of St Pio.

### PRAYER TO ST PIO

O Glorious St Pio, patron of those who are in need of healing,  
I call upon you and seek your help. Please intercede for all those  
who are in need of spiritual, emotional or physical healing.  
Obtain for them comfort during their sufferings, strength when they  
feel weary, hope when they feel discouraged and joy when they are  
down-hearted. Help them know the peace of Jesus and the certainty  
of His victory in their suffering, through Christ, our Lord, Amen.



**We welcome people back to the public celebration of the Eucharist in the three churches of our parish. For those who prefer to do so, we invite you to join us via webcam in Three Patrons' Parish by watching our live streaming which can be viewed online at churchservices.tv/pennyburn, churchservices.tv/carnhill, churchservices.tv/galliagh or the parish website at [www.threepatrons.org/webcam](http://www.threepatrons.org/webcam). Please note change of Mass times to facilitate fair distribution of people attending Masses. We encourage you to use the three churches of our parish to ensure adherence to social distancing regulations.**

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PENNYBURN**

**Sunday 2nd August - Eighteenth Sunday of the Year**

**6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 8.00 am, 10.00 am & 12 noon: Mass**

**Monday - Friday**

**7.30 am: Mass**

**9.40 am: Rosary**

**10.00 am: Mass**

**Saturday**

**9.40 am: Rosary**

**10.00 am: Mass**

**Sunday 9th August - Nineteenth Sunday of the Year**

**6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 8.00 am, 10.00 am & 12 noon: Mass**

**ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, CARNHILL**

**Sunday 2nd August - Eighteenth Sunday of the Year**

**6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 10.30 am & 12.30 pm: Mass**

**Monday - Friday**

**9.00 am: Mass followed by Rosary**

**Sunday 9th August - Nineteenth Sunday of the Year**

**6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 10.30 am & 12.30 pm: Mass**

**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GALLIAGH**

**Sunday 2nd August - Eighteenth Sunday of the Year**

**7.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 9.00am & 11.00 am: Mass**

**Monday - Friday**

**11.00 am: Mass followed by Rosary**

Please visit the Franciscan Friars' facebook 'derryfranciscans' for their schedule.

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**7.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 9.00am & 11.00 am: Mass**



It is very important at this time that we pray asking God for protection. Perhaps individuals or families could commit to praying the Rosary each day for relief of this crisis.

**A Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus by Fr Brian Grogan S.J**

Dear God, in 1879 the Apparition at Knock gave hope and courage to the people of Ireland in difficult times. We ask that Our Lady may now protect your beloved people from the coronavirus. May its victims be strengthened by the spiritual support of the Christian community and restored soon to full health. We also pray for the medical personnel who deal with the virus. This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen. *Our Lady of Knock pray for us. St Joseph pray for us. St John the Evangelist pray for us. Amen.*





## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*"My Jesus, I believe that you desire to make your home within me and that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace your love as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."*

**Requiescant in Pace** We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Maureen Antonucci, Glenshane Rd, Claudy, Anna McGrory, Kingsfort Park, Geraldine Simpson, Ferndale Drive.



**Anniversaries** Una Foy, Agnes Quigley, Christina Friend, Ron Desmond, Mona Large, Ann Ferguson, John Lynch, Lily Ogilvie, Jack McElholm, Dorrie McKinney, Eileen Quigg, Philomena Murphy, John Scott, Lawrence McCloskey, Margaret Foley, Bridgeen Dunn, Maurice Desmond, Pat Stokes, Edmund Harkin, Michael McCartney, Michael Sherrard, Margaret McCarron, Brigid McCrystal, George Devine, Patrick Doran, Denis Crerand, Liam Hanley, William Brennan, Clifford May, Stella Houston. May they rest in peace.



**Baptisms** We welcome into God's family

Ronan Patrick Cunningham

Damien Cahir O'Reilly

Teddy Jay Collett

Evie Margaret Bradley McLaughlin

**Saints of the Coming Week** **Tuesday** St John Marie Vianney, priest, **Wednesday** The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major, **Thursday** The Transfiguration of the Lord, **Friday** Ss Sixtus II, pope and Companions, martyrs; St Cajetan, priest **Saturday** St Dominic, priest

### Prayer of St Dominic

May God the Father, who made us, bless us. May God the Son, who redeemed us, send healing into our midst. May God the Holy Spirit, who gives us life, move within us. May God give us eyes to see to God, ears to hear God, and hands to bring God's work into the world. May we walk with God and preach the word of God to all. May the angel of peace watch over us and lead us at last by God's grace to the eternal Kingdom.

**Anniversary Masses and Prayers** If you wish to have an anniversary Mass offered or a Mass or prayers offered for any intention, please email the parish offices at [stpatricks@threepatrons.org](mailto:stpatricks@threepatrons.org) or [stbrigid@threepatrons.org](mailto:stbrigid@threepatrons.org) or phone the parochial houses at St. Patrick's (028 71262360) or St. Brigid's (028 71351261).

**Supporting Your Parish** Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the offertory collection through envelope, standing order, online payments and the 'donate' button on our parish website. Thanks also to those who have returned Gift Aid declaration forms. Your support is greatly appreciated. **Boxes are available in our three churches to return your parish envelopes.** If you require information about any of the above methods of supporting Three Patrons Parish, please contact the parish office - [stpatricks@threepatrons.org](mailto:stpatricks@threepatrons.org) or 028 71262360. The bank account details for Three Patrons' Parish are: sort code: 90 49 74; account number: 51442271.

### Readings for Sunday 9th August, Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

**1st Reading:** 1 Kings: 19:9, 11-13; **Responsorial Psalm:** 84:9-14;

**2nd Reading:** Romans 9:1-5; **Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33

*Lord, open our eyes to the daily miracles your love works in our midst.*

**Matt Talbot Prayer Society** St Eugene's Cathedral launched the Matt Talbot Prayer Society to pray for people suffering from, recovering from or affected by any form of addiction. To join the Matt Talbot Society, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for and the addiction from which we pray they will be freed. Those enrolled will be prayed every day by members of the Society. Mass will be offered on the first Monday of every month in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7.30 pm. You will also receive an enrolment card to enable you to join in the prayer. To enrol please contact 71262894 or steugen@btconnect.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page.

**Mary's Meals Sponsored Walk** Mary's Meals are holding their annual sponsored walk across Ireland from 7th - 15th August. If you would like to take part, you can choose to walk at any section of the walk, or can do a virtual walk close to your home. One walk is from Derry to Fahan on Friday 7th August. The walk will begin at St Eugene's Cathedral at 12 noon and continue for 15 km / 10 miles to the Nazareth House in Fahan where they will meet the walkers coming from Malin Head. If you would like to find out more or make a donation to this very worthy cause, **see Malin to Knock - SbS4MarysMeals**. Mary's Meals is a charity with a simple idea that works - helping children in some of the world's poorest countries - providing one good meal per child per day in schools, encouraging children to attend school where they receive an education that could one day free them from poverty. Mary's Meals currently feed 1.6 million children every day. Working together, they believe that can be achieved in this world of plenty. Just £15.90 will feed a child for a whole school year. Thank you for your support.

**Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group, Ballymagroarty** meets on Tuesday 4th August after 7.15 pm Mass in Holy Family Church. A first class relic will be available for blessing. Everyone welcome.

**Foyle Hospice Virtual Half Marathon** This year's Waterside Half Marathon has been cancelled but you can still join the Foyle Hospice Virtual Half Marathon taking place the first week of September. Walk or run, solo or in a relay team of 3, you have a week to complete 13.1 miles adhering to all government Covid-19 guidance. Why not join us and support your Hospice by opening a JustGiving page or share on Facebook and ask family and friends to sponsor you per mile? Remember this is not a race or about time - it's a personal challenge for you and your chance to get your hands on the lockdown virtual event medal 2020 while helping Foyle Hospice in our time of need. Visit <https://foylehospice.com/events/foyle-hospice-virtual-half-marathon> to register.

**Derry Youth Community**, a faith-based Gap Year opportunity for young adults aged between 18 - 25, is now open for applications for the year starting September 2020. DYC offers the opportunity to live in community, to develop and be formed in faith and be involved in youth ministry in parishes. The three main aspects of DYC are Accompaniment, Community and Encounter. If you are interested in this Gap Year or would like some more information, please email [dyc@derrydiocese.org](mailto:dyc@derrydiocese.org).

**The Youth 2000 Summer Festival** will take place online this year from 14th - 16th August. As part of this unique event, Youth 2000 Ireland has received support and input from Catholic speakers, Fr John Harris, OP, Scott Hahn, John Pridmore and more. To take part you can register now at [youth2000.ie/summerfestival2020/](http://youth2000.ie/summerfestival2020/). You will receive your welcome pack and exclusive access code. Registration and access is FREE as always at Youth 2000. We rely solely on donations so that we can remove barriers to our young people experiencing the joy, and the plan God has in store for them and their lives.

**Thanksgiving Pilgrimage to Knock 31st August 2020** Contact Patricia on 01268762278 or 077401755557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**Radio Maria** Stories, sound clips and interviews with priests, parishioners and leaders from across the Diocese of Derry have featured on Radio Maria's weekly *Life to the Full* programme. These programmes have been very well received by Radio Maria's listeners across the country and further afield. The programmes feature Greencastle parish, Diocesan Youth Ministry, young parish volunteers, messages to First Holy Communion children, Bishop Donal McKeown and Inspiring Stories of Faith. You can listen to the featured programmes at <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/radio-maria>.