



Parish of the Three Patrons

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: YEAR A - 23rd AUGUST 2020

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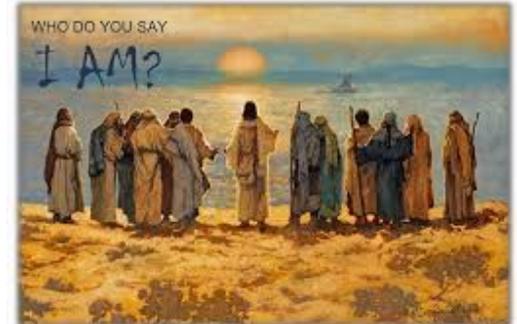
'But You . . .'

'Christ asks for a home in your soul, where he can be at rest with you, where he can talk easily to you, where you and he, alone together, can laugh and be silent and be delighted with one another.' *Caryll Houselander*

There is something very exciting about really getting to know someone. Whether it's talking to a like-minded new friend, or the first flush of romantic love, there is nothing like the thrill of getting close to someone and enjoying their company, discovering who they are and being truly ourselves with them.

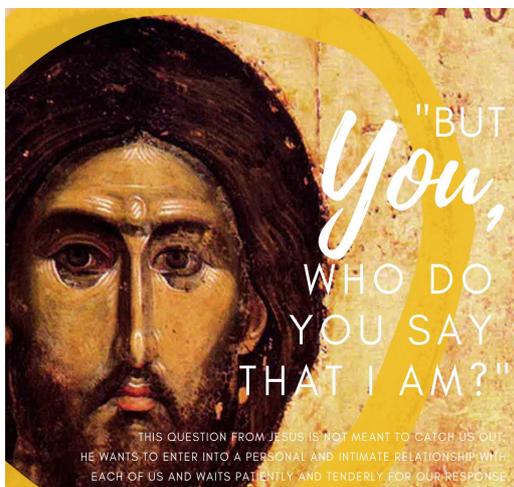
Today, Jesus asks an important question: Who do you say I am? He sets up the question by first asking the disciples: 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' He gets answers based on the gossip and chatter about him: 'John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets.' But then Jesus gets to the heart of the matter with the burning question: 'But you, who do you say I am?' He knows that his disciples know him better than anyone, and so it proves to be, when Peter immediately answers: 'You are the Christ.' There is an intimacy and a confidence in their response, based on the time they have spent together and the close and loving relationship between them.

Jesus asks us that same question today: 'But you, who do you say I am?' The 'but you' is crucial. He is not asking what we have heard about him. Of course, we learn about Jesus from the Scriptures. Most of us have been learning about Jesus ever since we were children, listening to stories and parables in school or at home. But do we know him? Do we pray and talk and spend time with him? Perhaps we could reflect in the coming days on this question: Who is Jesus to you?



Triona Doherty, Intercom

**Father, open my mind to recognise Jesus as the Lord of all,
and to allow him to reign in my heart.**



'YOU ARE THE CHRIST!' Lord, St Peter is the first person recorded as proclaiming you publicly as Son of God. You appointed him custodian and herald of your truth, keeper of the keys to your kingdom and shepherd of your flock, and his mission was to continue through his successors until time's end.

Why did you choose Peter? Was it to encourage us, since Peter shares so many of our weaknesses? He blows hot and cold, is brave at one hour and cowardly the next, is full of faith and then a prey to doubt, wants to follow you but also to have his own way. Yet, with all this, Peter loved you and responded to the promptings of God's grace. Lord, may we all be cheerful and loving messengers of your Gospel.

Back To School Prayer Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends. Open my ears to hear my teacher. Open my mind to learn new things. Let my heart remember YOU are near when I'm afraid. Help me to love others like you do. I want to shine your light so bright in my school, 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. 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 23rd August - Twenty-First 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 30th August - Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year

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

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, CARNHILL

Sunday 23rd August - Twenty-First 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 30th August - Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year

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

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GALLIAGH

Sunday 23rd August - Twenty-First 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.

Sunday 30th August - Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year

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.

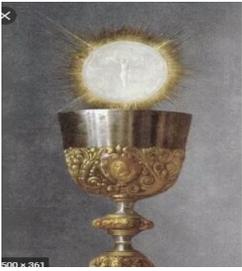
A Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus by Fr Brian Grogan S.J

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.

Face Coverings From 10th August it became mandatory to wear a face covering in a shop or shopping centre, or any indoor public space where it is not possible to maintain social distancing. In coming to our three churches, parishioners are encouraged / invited to wear a face covering if they choose to do so. **Thank You** We extend our thanks to those who volunteer as stewards in our three churches. Thanks also to those who clean our churches everyday and ensure they are safe spaces for all.





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 Tommy McMullan, Benview Estate, Bosco Heaney, Dunvale Pk
Anniversaries Angela Coyle, Charlie Browne, Paddy Hargan, Charles Crossan, Michael Doherty, Paddy Tierney, Susan McCloskey, Charlene Dillon, Bridget Boyd, Kathleen Deeney, Jim Green, Tony McGinley, Margaret Lewis, Kay Sherrard, Alex O'Donnell, Christina McDaid, Margaret McCarron. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms We welcome into God's family Aodha Celine Wright, Liam Patrick Gallagher-Killen, Ayda Grace McMonagle, Kaiden Declan Holden, Ayda Karran, Lucas Stephen Browne

Saints of the Coming Week **Sunday** St Eugene, bishop, **Monday** St Bartholomew, apostle, **Tuesday** St Louis of France, St Joseph Calasanz, priest, **Thursday** St Monica, **Friday** St Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church, **Saturday** The Passion of St John the Baptist.

Prayer to St Bartholomew

God and loving Father, you have given us the glorious Apostle Bartholomew as our beloved patron saint and powerful advocate in heaven. Teach us to cherish, proclaim and practice the gospel message of Christ, which St Bartholomew so eloquently preached and finally sealed with his heroic martyrdom, Amen.

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 or stbrigids@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 or 028 71262360. The bank account details for Three Patrons' Parish are: sort code: 90 49 74; account number: 51442271.

Readings for Sunday 30th August, Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9; **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 62:2-6,8-9,

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2; **Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-27

Readings for Sunday 30th August **The first reading** The prophet Jeremiah was at times, a reluctant prophet. He would have preferred to be free of the burden of proclaiming God's word. But the same word burned within him like a fire in the heart, and he simply had to proclaim it. May God give his prophets the same ardour in our time.

The second reading St Paul condenses the entire life of discipleship into offering ourselves as a living sacrifice. For his original hearers, this was a ground-breaking idea, as a sacrifice was, by definition, put to death. We are asked to put to death everything in us that is not of God. **The Gospel** It was Peter's compassion that turned him into an obstacle to Jesus. He would have to learn to let his compassion be guided by prudence, and his desire to avoid suffering to be tempered by obedience to God's plan.

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses will take place on Saturday 10th October, Saturday 21st November, Saturday 5th December 2020 at St Eugene's Community Hall, Infirmary Rd, Derry, BT48 9AP. Limited places. To book visit www.accord.ie.

Accord Couples and Relationship Support Line If you need to speak to an experienced couples and relationships counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life contact 003531 5313331, 028 956800151 or 003531 9059555. Lines open 9am - 8pm Monday - Friday. All calls charged at local rate.

Online Youth Programmes To access a wide variety of initiatives and activities by Derry Diocesan Youth, visit Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DerryDiocesanYouth/> Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/derryyouth/>.

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. If you are interested in this Gap Year or would like some more information, please email dyc@derrydiocese.org.

The Online Helping Hand Programme *Calling Retired Teachers* The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted so much on the learning of children and young people. Greater Shantallow Area Partnership is setting up a pilot Learning Hub, in the new Glenabbey Centre at Skeoge for all primary school children in the Outer North area. We are setting up a pool of retired primary school teachers, who would be available to give up one hour per week, from the comfort of their own home, to answer questions and concerns of pupils. Nicola Mullan, Glenabbey Area Co-ordinator would be the only person to have the teachers' contact details and on the day that they are volunteering from home, she would call or Zoom them. Tel Nicola: 71358787.

Children in Crossfire invite you to join their walking challenge. Challenge yourself - that's the difference with this challenge. You pick the distances, the days and the locations. Walk whenever suits. Walk wherever suits. Walk 100 miles in September. Sign up today by joining our Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/320615532677845>. Children in Crossfire work to change the lives of children in Tanzania and Ethiopia. They build essential services to support their well-being and education to meet their immediate needs. They improve their living conditions to help them reach their full potential. Help us to change the conditions for children caught up in the crossfire of injustice and poverty. Visit: www.childrenincrossfire.org.

Foyle Hospice Female Walk Lockdown Style takes place from 17th - 29th August. Registration £10 at <https://registerenthuse.com/event/Femalewalklockdownstyle> and get a 2020 Female Walk T-shirt. Get family & friends to sponsor you. Do your walk when and where you like. Socially distance at all times. Ladies unite and support your local Hospice.

Mary's Meals invites you to join them for the second 'Family Hour' on Thursday 27th August at 7 pm on their YouTube channel. They have a wonderful host of speakers lined up including incredible 10 year old Zac who ran 100 miles in 50 days to raise funds for Mary's Meals, their country director for Zambia, Panji Kajani who will discuss how they are reaching hungry children through the pandemic, their founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow who will answer your questions about Mary's Meals and their supporter engagement officer in Belfast, Caoimhe McCann who will share stories about what their supporters are doing in N Ireland. Join us for an hour of inspiration and celebration. Visit: marysmeals.org.uk.

Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living Course, 2020 - 2021 Drumalis This one year course in Ignatian Spirituality takes place from September 2020 to June 2021 on Monday evenings and is facilitated by the Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Co Antrim in association with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow. For more information please email maura@drumalis.co.uk. Visit: <https://youtu.be/I3JY2IChUU4>.

Foyle Hospice Virtual Half Marathon Looking for your next challenge? Sign up today for Foyle Hospice Virtual Half Marathon. Complete your challenge between 1st and 15th September and get the biggest, best medal that 2020 has to offer! Register at <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/FoyleHospiceVirtualHalfMarathon2020>.