



Parish of the Three Patrons

26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: YEAR A - 27th SEPTEMBER 2020

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**SEASON OF
CREATION**
SEPTEMBER 1- OCTOBER 4

During the recent 'lockdown' due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many people found themselves turning to nature. There was a surge of interest in gardening. We tended to flower beds, planted seeds, started herb

gardens. Lots of people commented that they noticed the birds singing for the first time in years. In the midst of challenging times, we found ourselves tuning in to the wonder of God's creation all around us.

As life begins to return to 'normal', can we retain this sense of wonder and awe? In this Season of Creation, we are invited to discover the presence of God in creation, to give thanks for the gift of the earth, and to change our ways so that we may live in harmony with creation. This requires us to be constantly conscious of how we are living – to not just have good intentions but to follow through in our actions.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons who are asked to go and work in their father's vineyard. The first son initially refuses, but then thinks better of it and gets to work. While the second son has good intentions, he doesn't follow through. When it comes to caring for the earth, good intentions are not enough. Our actions matter. We may have been careless in the past but a change of heart is happening, right across our society. It all starts with our actions, as individuals and communities. As we emerge from a challenging few months, let us use the Season of Creation to reflect on how we can do better – to reconnect with God's beautiful creation and do all we can to love and preserve it.

'Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.' (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*) Triona Doherty

Prayers and Intercessions will be offered throughout the week in our Parish and Diocese. In the Parish of the Three Patrons, it is hoped to have special focus on Theme of Creation at 9am Mass in St Brigid's Church on Wednesday 30th September; at 1am in St Joseph's Church on Thursday 1st October and 10am Mass in St Patrick's Church on Friday 2nd October.

Offertory Collection: We thank people for their ongoing support of our Parish Offertory Collection. It is a challenging time for many people in terms of employment, furlough scheme, new opportunities etc and various financial pressures. So it is so much appreciated how people continue to support our weekly offertory scheme and in whatever way you make your contribution, it is so valuable. Thank you.

Growing Hope Week The Derry Diocese will mark the week 27th Sep - 4th Oct as 'Growing Hope Week'. During the week they will share on their website, Zoom and social media channels, a daily programme of prayer, live Mass, school projects, film clips, live interviews and guest speakers from parishes / schools across the diocese on the theme of Season of Creation. Be part of Growing Hope Week. Follow and share at: Web: derrydiocese.org Facebook/[derrydiocese](https://www.facebook.com/derrydiocese) Instagram/[dioceseofderry](https://www.instagram.com/dioceseofderry) Twitter: [@dioceseofderry](https://twitter.com/dioceseofderry)

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 27th September - Twenty-Sixth 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 4th October - Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year

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

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, CARNHILL

Sunday 27th September - Twenty-Sixth 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 4th October - Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year

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

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GALLIAGH

Sunday 27th September - Twenty-Sixth 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'

Sunday 4th October - Twenty-Seventh 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.*

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for October's intention: **The Laity's Mission in the Church.** We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Monthly Mass in honour of St Pio will be celebrated on Monday 5th October at 7 pm in St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn. We ask God's blessing on all through the intercession of St Pio.

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 Eddie Porter, Hatmore Park; Emma Nellis, Shantallow Avenue; Michelle Tabbitt, Elmvale

Anniversaries Thomas McCaughey; Adeline McGriskin. May they rest in peace



Baptisms We welcome into God's family Amelia Eve Wray; Clayton Paschal; Gary Quigley; Hannah Devlin; Grainne Niamh Kelpie; Cadhla Joanne & Clodhna Martina Hasson-Ferry.



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. 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 is: sort code: 90 49 74; account number: 51442271.

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).

Readings for Sunday 4th October, Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7; **Responsorial Psalm** 80: 9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20;

2nd Reading: Philippians: 4: 6-9; **Gospel:** Matthew 21: 33-43

Readings for Sunday 4th October First reading God poetically recounts all he has done for his people, and shows sadness and anger at what he has got in return; **Second reading** St Paul reminds us that there is no need to worry. If there is anything we need, we can pray for it and God's peace will be ours. **Gospel** The sadness of the first reading is reflected in the gospel. This time there is disappointment at how God's son is treated. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Mission Month October Thursday marks the first day of the Mission Month of October. Pope Francis has chosen the theme 'Here am I, send me.' (Isaiah 6:8). World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. World Missions Ireland brings the hope of the Gospel where there is turmoil, poverty or uncertainty, and aid to where the Church is new, young or poor. World Missions Ireland also empowers local people to form and sustain communities of faith. They also help to train and nurture future leaders so the vital work of the Church can continue to take place. Visit their website at www.wmi.ie.



The Net The September edition of The Net is now available online, at www.derrydiocese.org. As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese. There is a 'Remembering Bishop Lagan' feature and a 'Remembering John Hume' article in the September issue. You are invited to read The Net, on the diocesan website, at your convenience

Lord, I believe. Strengthen my faith.

"He humbled Himself and became obedient . . ." (Philippians 2:8)

If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, or in the consecrated life, speak to your local priest, or call your Diocesan Vocations Director, visit derryvocations.org or email the National Vocations Office at info@vocations.ie.

A Prayer for Vocations based on the words of Pope Francis

LORD of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving - for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may co-operate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

Adapted from Pope Francis' Message on the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations



Saints of the Coming Week

Monday: St Wenceslaus, martyr, St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, martyrs;

Tuesday: Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels; **Wednesday:** St Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church; **Thursday:** St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church; **Friday:** The Guardian Angels; **Saturday:** Bl Columba Marmion, priest

Rose Prayer to St Therese

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose
From the heavenly gardens and sent it to me as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favours

I now place with confidence in your hands (mention specific request).

St Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me,
so that I might imitate your 'Little Way' each day.



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 steugenes@btconnect.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page.

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses will take place on Saturday 10th October, 21st November, 5th December 2020 at St Eugene's Community Hall, Infirmary Rd, Derry, BT48 9AP and Saturday 24th October and 21st November 2020 at Strand Hotel, Ballyliffin. 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.

Thank You very much from Mary's Meals to the walkers who took part in the annual Mary's Meals Sponsored Walk. £400 was raised by those who walked from St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, to Fahan (which will provide school meals to 4,000 children). Mary's Meals is also very grateful to those who made donations. 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 can 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. If you would like to know more about Mary's Meals and the work they do see www.marysmeals.org or if you are interested in getting involved locally contact Agnes Walsh 02882831567 or Helen Quinn 07814441701.

Day For Life 1st October 2020 is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. Day for Life 2020 has been given an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis. This year, the theme is *Choose Life*, which will focus on the dignity and worth of the unborn child and expectant mothers

The Holy Father sent the following message - communicated by the Holy See's Secretariat of State:'

'His Holiness Pope Francis sends prayerful good wishes for the celebration of the 2020 Day for Life. In these days when our world faces the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic, the Holy Father asks the faithful to pray for all those families, volunteers and healthcare professionals committed, often heroically, to the care and healing of the suffering, and for all those who, amid the continuing 'pandemic' of poverty and war, work to uphold the God-given value and dignity of every human person.

It is his hope that amid the present crisis all will be led to a greater appreciation of the moral imperative to build a 'culture of life' marked by ever greater concern for nurturing, protecting and promoting the integral welfare of all God's children, beginning with the most vulnerable.

With these sentiments, the Holy Father gives the assurance of his closeness in prayer and cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.'

Choose Life: Prayer for the Child in the Womb

Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life.
Reawaken in us respect for every human life.

Help us to see in each child the marvellous
work of our Creator.

Open our hearts to welcome every child as a
unique and wonderful gift.

Guide the work of doctors, nurses and
midwives.

May the life of a mother and her baby in the
womb be equally cherished and respected.

Help those who make our laws to uphold the
uniqueness and sacredness of every human life,
from the first moment of conception to natural
death.

Give us wisdom and generosity to build a
society that cares for all.

Together with Mary, your Mother,
in whose womb you took on our human
nature,

Help us to choose life in every decision we
take.

We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life
with you, and in the communion of the
Blessed Trinity.

Amen.

Our Lady of Knock, *pray for us.*

All the Saints of Ireland, *pray for us.*



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