



## Parish of the Three Patrons

29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: YEAR A - 18th OCTOBER 2020

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### Called to Mission

Can you feel the energy and passion emanating from today's Second Reading? The Church's early missionaries - Paul, Silvanus and Timothy - are writing to the Church in Thessalonika with words of encouragement and hope. The Thessalonians were newly converted Christians, with whom Paul had spent no more than a few weeks. The opening of his letter, which we hear today, compliments them on their faith and perseverance, and reminds them of God's love for them. It is apt today as we celebrate Mission Sunday and reflect on the Church's mission to spread the Good News. As followers of Christ, we are tasked with passing on the message of his love. Those who have experienced God's love will want to pass this gift on to others.



The theme for this year's Mission Sunday is 'Together We Can Do More: Blessed Are The Peacemakers'. Paul's message to the Thessalonians is positive and life-affirming: 'We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all'. Appreciating others and acting with encouragement is part of our call to *do more together*. When we pray for each other and help those in need, we are doing just that.

*Triona Doherty*

*'Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is . . . Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.'*

*Pope Francis*

### PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES

*Father of all, you sent your Son to carry out your mission of redeeming the world. Today, many still have not heard his message of truth and love. Our world is torn by war and conflict, by poverty and injustice. Let the light of your Gospel of love so shine in the world that it may be transformed into a worthy home for all your children of every race and country. Bless all missionaries throughout the world that their work may bear fruit. Together with them, may we too share in the missionary work of the whole Church that your Kingdom of justice, love and peace may come in all hearts and in all nations. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.*



**COVID-19 Restrictions** Additional restrictions were announced by the Executive, arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, which took effect from 16th October.

- 1) Churches remain open, but people must wear face coverings to enter or leave the church - this is mandatory;
- 2) Funerals and weddings are restricted to only 25 people. It would appear that this restriction does not apply to other Masses or services.

The above restrictions apply for a period of 4 weeks

**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 18th October - Twenty-Ninth 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 25th October - Thirtieth Sunday of the Year**

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

**ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, CARNHILL**

**Sunday 18th October - Twenty-Ninth 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 25th October - Thirtieth Sunday of the Year**

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

**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GALLIAGH**

**Sunday 18th October - Twenty-Ninth 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 25th October - Thirtieth Sunday of the Year**

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



**Family Rosary Crusade against Covid-19** Archbishop Eamon invites everyone to pray the Rosary during October, asking that we keep those whose health or livelihood have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic in our prayers.

**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.*



**The Annual Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help** will begin in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh, on Monday 27th October at 11 am Mass and will continue for nine Mondays ending on Monday 22nd December. Everyone is invited to join us for the Novena in St Joseph's or via the webcam.

## 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** David Quigley, Lenamore Gardens, Billy Doherty, Upper Galliagh Road, Dean McMonagle, Knockena



**Anniversaries** Kathleen Glynn, Kathleen Gallen, Rose McHugh, Stephen Connelly, Mary & Barney McEleney, Michael Kitson, George Simpson, Oran Manus McBrearty, Frances & Jim McDermott, Kathleen Fox, Anna Burns, James Conaghan, Sarah Hasson. May they rest in peace.

**Baptisms** We welcome into God's family Luke Oran Harkin, Oisín Finley Wells, Conall John Wade, Senan Joseph Donnelly, Dakota Myers, Tom Brooklyn Myers, Ronan Christopher Neil McConnell, Ashlene McGonigle, Luis Alexander Wade, Aoife Mae Logan, Robyn Anne Wray, Ayla Kay Paula McConnell.

**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](mailto:stpatricks@threepatrons.org) or 028 71262360. The bank account details for Three Patrons' Parish are: 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](mailto:stpatricks@threepatrons.org) or [stbrigids@threepatrons.org](mailto:stbrigids@threepatrons.org) or phone the parochial houses at St. Patrick's (028 71262360) or St. Brigid's (028 71351261).

### Readings for Sunday 25th October, Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

**1st Reading:** 22:20-26; **Responsorial Psalm:** 17: 2-4, 47, 51;

**2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10; **Gospel:** Matthew 22: 34-40.

### Readings for Sunday 25h October

**1st reading** The Israelites must show fairness in practical matters;

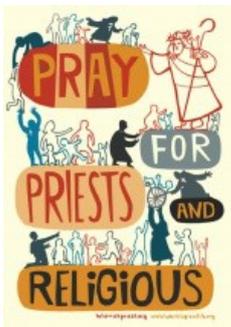
**2nd reading** The fervour of the Thessalonian converts encouraged other local churches;

**Gospel** Jesus' summation of morality as the twofold commandment of love.

### Serenity Prayer

God grant me the Serenity to accept  
the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can,  
And the Wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time, Enjoying one moment at a  
time. Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,  
Taking, as he did, this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would like it.  
Trusting that he will make all things right, if I surrender to his will.  
That I may be reasonably happy in this world and,  
supremely happy in the next. Amen.





**"Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."** Matthew 22: 15-21

'Give to God what is God's.' You belong to Christ and Christ is God's! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? If so, speak to your local priest, call your Diocesan Vocations Director (visit [derryvocations.org](http://derryvocations.org)) or email the National Vocations Office: [info@vocations.ie](mailto: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*



**Together we can do more**



**World Mission Sunday** This weekend parishes in over 120 countries will celebrate World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is a direct appeal from Pope Francis. He is asking all of us to give what we can so that overseas missionaries can reach and care for suffering men, women and

children. On World Mission Sunday, all Mass collections, including those from the most impoverished churches in the developing world, will be offered to help further the reach of missionaries and mission. The collection is a lifeline, not only to missionaries, but also the future of the Church. However, it is in jeopardy. The worldwide pandemic means that less of us can physically attend Mass, resulting in less offerings in the basket. Its implications for suffering overseas communities in the months ahead will be devastating. COVID-19 brings fear, but it also shows us that selfless and courageous actions are not reserved solely for saints. In fact, they can be found in every one of us, and that by standing in solidarity together we can do more. Your kindness will be used in the coming months to support overseas missionaries who dedicate their lives to some of the most impoverished and overcrowded communities in the world. You can also donate what you can at [www.wmi/mission](http://www.wmi/mission) or call Fiona in World Missions Ireland on 003531 497 2035.

In Pope Francis' message for Mission Sunday, he says 'The Church continues the mission of Jesus and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and transform hearts, societies and cultures. (Visit <https://catholicnews.ie/missionsunday> for Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday in full).

**Mission Prayer** May all people **In** the world **Share** love, **Share** friendship and live **In** the peace **Of** God's love, **Now** and forever, Amen.

**A Series of Presentations on Mission Today** Throughout October, Month of Mission, the Derry Diocesan Mission Team is offering a series of presentations on what mission means in today's society. Each presentation is free and will be available online through Zoom. They will consist of a short film, discussion on the topic and a chance to ask questions. Guest speakers: Martina Purdy, Elaine Kelly, Noel Bradley, Oliver Barrett and Marriage Encounter Ireland. For further information, visit [derrydiocese.org](http://derrydiocese.org).

**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.

**Foyle Hospice** October is traditionally Coffee Morning month at Foyle Hospice. This year due to Covid-19 restrictions the traditional Coffee Morning has been put on the back burner. **A Cup for Care** is the coffee morning with a twist which is taking place until 30th November. You can support Foyle Hospice at several local coffee shops and restaurants who have joined the 'Cup for Care' campaign, by adding £2 to your bill at the till or visit <https://foylehospice.com/get-involved/fundraising/a-cup-for-care> to donate online or scan the QR code and make your donation quickly and easily. Thank you.

**Hope in a Time of Pandemic** Lecture by Dr Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ, theologian and spiritual director, hosted by Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, takes place via Zoom on Thursday 22nd October at 7 pm. This is the first lecture in the Elizabeth Prout (Foundress of the Cross and Passion) Bicentenary series. Suggested donation: £10. For further details or to book, please contact 28 28276455 / 8272196 or [Katrina@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:Katrina@drumalis.co.uk).

**Accord Marriage Preparation Courses** will take place on Saturday 5th December at St Eugene's Community Hall, Infirmary Rd, Derry, BT48 9AP and Saturday 24th October & 21st November at Strand Hotel, Ballyliffin. Limited places. To book visit [www.accord.ie](http://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.

### **Saints of the Coming Week**

**Monday:** Ss John Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, priests and Companions, martyrs  
St Paul of the Cross, priest

**Thursday** St John Paul II, pope

**Friday:** St John of Capistrano, priest

**Saturday:** St Anthony Claret, bishop

### **St Luke's Prayer** (Feast Day 18th October)

*Almighty God, you inspired Your servant St Luke the Evangelist and Physician to set forth in the gospel the love and the healing power of your Son.*

*In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus, he also showed the divinity of Jesus and His genuine compassion for all human beings.*

*May St Luke intercede for us that we may deepen our understanding of the gospel and grow in compassion of Jesus.*

*May his intercession enable us to follow Your way.*

*We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*

