PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 11th October 2026 – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a wedding feast. The king has everything prepared and sends out invitations, yet many people refuse to come. Some are simply too busy, while others reject the invitation altogether. In the end, the king opens his doors to everyone he can find, and the banquet hall is filled. The Gospel invites us to reflect on the contrast between God's vision and the world we often experience. So much of modern life is marked by division, conflict and people retreating behind barriers of fear, anger and suspicion. Yet God's dream for humanity is not a barricade but a banquet: a place where people gather, where differences are overcome, and where everyone is welcomed. Each day we make a choice. We can add to the barriers that divide people or help build the table where people can meet, listen, forgive and belong. God's invitation remains open. The feast is ready. Will we accept it?

WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY
Devin Rian Harrison; Isla Kate McLaughlin; Rose Diver; Noah Hamill.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE
We offer our sympathies to the family and friends of:
Shaun Gallagher, Capall Court; Ann Gale, Ederowen Park; Frances Davern (nee Green), Moville

ANNIVERSARIES
Daniel McGill; Robbie Herron; Pat O'Neill; Paula McCrystal; Lily Martin; Mary Campbell; Niamh McCafferty; Sadie Smith; James McLaughlin; Bridget Logue; Eileen McClintock; Patsy Bradley; Bessie McCartney; Liam Deery; Maura Rogan; Monica Wilson; Roy Turton; Ena Deeney; Pearse Lynch.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER
1st: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6. Psalm: 95:1, 3-5, 7-10, R/v7.
2nd: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5. Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21.

VISITATION OF THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND
Fr Stephen will be visiting the sick and housebound in his care on Monday 19th and Friday 23rd October.

WELCOME TO DAVID STOTT
A Seminarian for the Diocese of Derry who has been assigned to our Parish on Pastoral Placement for the next year. David will reside in Carnhill and minister throughout the Parish. Please be sure to say hello and give him a welcome.

THREE PATRONS MONTHLY CASH PRIZE DRAW
November: 5 x £100; 1 x £500; Top Prize £1,000. December: 5 x £100; 1 x £500; JUMBO PRIZE £2,000. Tickets cost £20. Monthly promoter prize of £50 for each winning ticket. Tickets are available from Church sacristies and Parish Offices. Card payments available at the Pennyburn Parish Office. Draws take place Friday, 20th November & Friday 18th December.

LECTIO DIVINA ON SUNDAY'S GOSPEL
Take some time to pray, reflect and share as we explore the Gospel for the coming Sunday. Every Monday after the 10am Mass in the Emmaus Room, Pennyburn.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Every Sunday in our three Churches: 9.45am Mass in St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn; 10.30am Mass in St Brigid's Church, Carnhill and 11am Mass in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. Children in P1-4 are invited to attend, where they will take part in an activity themed on Sunday's Gospel.

PARISH COFFEE MORNING
Three Patrons Parish will host a Coffee Morning in aid of the Foyle Hospice on Thursday 22nd October in the Emmaus Room after the 10am Mass. We ask that anyone who would be willing to supply some home bakes, please contact the parish office before Friday 16th October. Thank you.

FAMILY PRAYER BOOK
This Sunday begins psalter week 4.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION
St Patrick's Church: £1,488 - St Brigid's Church: £2,403 - St Joseph's Church: £1,236
2nd Collection (Maintenance & Pastoral Outreach): £1,300.
Thank you for your continued generosity.
BANK DETAILS FOR ONLINE DONATIONS: A/C Name: The Parish of the Three Patrons
Sort Code: 95-06-79 A/C No: 60320021

THE CARE FOR CREATION GROUP
'The environmental challenge we are undergoing affects us all. Therefore, everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation.' (South African Bishops' Conference)

QUEEN'S CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY
Welcomes Dr Paul Shrimpton, writer, historian and scholar of St John Henry Newman, for a public lecture exploring Newman's vision of human flourishing at university. Monday 12 October, 7pm, Queen's Catholic Chaplaincy, 30–38 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast. Students, staff, alumni and friends are warmly welcome. Admission free.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CHURCH IN IRELAND: Bishops, priests, religious and lay people from across Ireland will gather for the National Synodal Assembly on Saturday, 17 October, to pray, listen and discern what God may be asking of the Catholic Church in Ireland at this time. Bishop Michael Router and seven delegates will represent the Diocese of Derry. Please remember Bishop Michael, our diocesan delegates and everyone taking part in your prayers.
https://derrydiocese.org/national-synodal-assembly

THE COLUMBAN YOUNG ADULTS
Is a group for those aged 18 - 30 in the diocese, who are seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. Our October event will be a Holy Hour and meditation followed by light refreshments on Thursday 15th October, 7pm at our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown. We are actively seeking new members- please come along and bring a friend!

RISE & SHINE
Brings 400 children and young people with additional needs on a week-long pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes each Easter. This trip is free for our guests and volunteers pay for their own trip. Every single group includes a group leader, a nurse, and carers. We are accompanied by a team of volunteer doctors who provide additional medical support. If you know of anyone who may be interested in being a guest, applications close on the 15th of October.

- Representative speaking at all masses this weekend -

A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER
Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend, St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo. Friday 9th to Sunday 11th April 2027. This residential Weekend starts at 7.30pm - 4.30pm on Sunday and is open to all married couples. To book visit: www.marriageencounter.ie

VOCATIONS
We pray that the men called to be priests of our diocese will know the truth of St Paul's words in our second reading, "There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength."

PRIVACY NOTICE
The Diocese of Derry complies with GDPR regulations, and a privacy notice is available on the Parish website or by contacting the Parish Office. Livestream and recordings of Mass and services in our Churches are available online. Please note that the front rows of seats are visible online.

SAFEGUARDING
If you have any concerns about the Safeguarding of Children or vulnerable adults within the Church, please contact Marie O'Kane, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) on 07596500793 or at dlp@derrydiocese.org

PARISH GROUPS & MEETINGS

Monday	After 10am Mass	Lectio Divina	Emmaus Room, Pennyburn
	After 11am Mass	Holy Souls Prayer Group	Our Lady's Chapel, Galliagh
	1pm – 2.30pm	Legion of Mary	Meeting Room, St Joseph's Church, Galliagh
	7pm – 8.30pm	Carnhill Folk Group	St Brigid's Church, Carnhill
	7pm - 9pm	Woman's Craft Group	Kildare Room, Carnhill
Tuesday	After 11am Mass	Devotion to the Holy Face	Our Lady's Chapel, Galliagh
	11.30am - 2.30pm	St. Pio's Café	St Pio Centre, Galliagh
	12pm – 1pm	Reflection on Sunday Scriptures	St Pio Centre, Galliagh
	5.00pm – 5.30pm	St Brigid's Junior Choir	St Brigid's Church, Carnhill
	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Living Disciples Prayer Group	St Pio Centre, Galliagh
Thursday	11.30am - 2.30pm	St. Pio's Café	St. Pio Centre, Galliagh
	4.45pm – 5.30pm	St Brigid's Youth Choir	St Brigid's Church, Carnhill
	6pm – 7pm	Divine Will Prayer Group	Kildare Room, Carnhill
	7pm – 8pm	Holy Hour for the Unborn	Our Lady's Chapel
	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Youth Prayer Group	St. Pio Centre, Galliagh
	8.15pm – 10pm	Be Still – Men's Prayer Group	Our Lady's Chapel
Friday	11.30am-12.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayer Group	Our Lady's Chapel, Galliagh
Saturday	12noon – 1pm	The God Club	Kildare Room, Carnhill

PARISH SCHEDULE

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PENNYBURN

Sunday Mass:	Vigil 6.15pm; 9.45am
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday: 10am; Wednesday: 7pm
Confessions:	Wednesday: 6.15pm – 6.45pm; Saturday: 5.15pm – 6pm
Eucharistic Adoration:	Wednesday: 10.30am – 4pm in the Emmaus Room
Baptisms:	Saturday: 4.30pm; Sunday: 1.30pm

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, CARNHILL

Sunday Mass:	Vigil 5pm; 10.30am & 12.30pm
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday: 9.30am; Thursday: 7pm; Saturday: 11am
Confessions:	Thursday: 6.15pm – 6.45pm; Saturday after 11.00am Mass and 4pm - 4.45pm
Eucharistic Adoration:	Daily: 8.00am – 8.00pm in St Carlo Acutis Chapel
Baptisms:	Saturday: 3.30pm

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GALLIAGH

Sunday Mass:	11.00am; 12.30pm *(An tAifreann Naofa)*; 6.30pm
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday: 11am; Tuesday: 7pm
Confessions:	Tuesday: 6.15pm – 6.45pm; Sunday: 5.30pm – 6.15pm
Eucharistic Adoration:	Tuesday: 11.30am – 7.00pm in Our Lady's Chapel
Baptisms:	Saturday: 3.30pm