



Parish of the Three Patrons

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR A - 28th JUNE 2020

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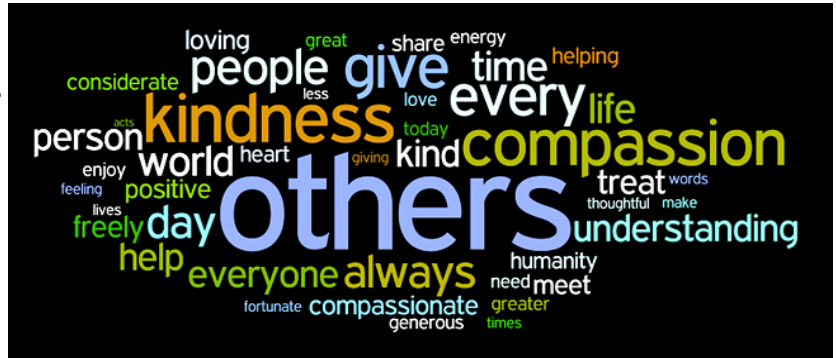
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The Face of Christ

The first reading, from the second book of the Kings, highlights the reward of those who open their generous heart to friends of God and by extension to all God's people.

There is always a response from heaven for every act of kindness we show to others, especially for the sake of God. Every act of love is remembered by God. All of us, no matter what we have or who we are, are always in



want of one thing or another, either basic human necessities or basic spiritual needs. All of us, too, face the problems of life: we are either coming out of a problem, or we are in one, or we are about to enter into one.

The spirit of generosity calls for sensitivity on the part of the giver and receiver. Today, God is calling us to be sensitive to the needs of others. Being sensitive also implies that we should not be a burden to those who are helping us.

Saint Paul, in the second reading, recalls that Jesus gave himself as a ransom for our salvation and has made us one with him through baptism. By baptism, we welcome Christ in our lives. But we must also see Christ in others, especially the poor, the stranger, the unloved, and we must welcome them too.

The Gospel, today from Saint Matthew, brings the first two readings together. We must love God more than anything or anyone. We must love Christ more than our parents, our sisters, our brothers, our children, our friends. This statement does not mean that we have to stop loving our parents, sisters, brothers, children, etc.; it simply tells us that God is of absolute importance.

May we always seek the face of the Lord and find him in one another. If we judge others, then we condemn ourselves. If we seek simply what the Lord asks of us today and every day, we are blessed and in turn bless one another.

Recall a time when someone helped you in a small way.

Be grateful. Offer yourself to do the same when you can.

Make me, O Lord, a channel of your peace and love when I see the needs of others.

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention:

Universal Prayer Intention for July - Our Families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

The Monthly Mass in honour of St Pio will be celebrated on Monday 6th July at 7 pm in St Patrick's, Church, Pennyburn. We ask God's blessing on all through the intercession of St Pio.

Return to Public Worship A return to public worship, even gradually, will be a source of great joy and hope to our parish community. Public health considerations will, however, require some practical adjustments to the way we celebrate our liturgies. These should not in any way compromise the integrity of the liturgy and every effort is being made to support active participation, and prayerful and joyful celebration.

It is most important that people who are vulnerable or unwell, or those who are shielding and especially those with any symptoms that might suggest Covid-19 infection, should stay at home and, if possible, participate, via webcam, social media, television or radio.

As outlined in the 'Framework document for a return to the public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments' from the Irish Bishops, the dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation is extended for the time being.

Following the announcement that public worship could resume on Monday 29th June, plans have been put in place to ensure the church buildings are safe spaces for all. Sunday Masses can resume next weekend (4th/5th July). (Please see separate timetable). Due to social distancing regulations, we would greatly appreciate that people respect the guidelines and co-operate with any stewards who are simply there to help people attend Mass safely.

The celebrant of the Mass will give instructions with regard to reception of Holy Communion. Holy Communion should be received in the hand. The reason for this is not simply an issue of the risk of touch, but exposure to breathed moisture where a person receives on the tongue.

The Sacrament of Confession Times and details of the celebration of the sacrament will be announced in the coming days.

Bookings for Baptisms Baptisms will be restricted to the baby and his/her parents, two Godparents and the priest with social distancing regulations in effect. To book, please phone the parish office - 028 71262360 / 71351261 / 71352351.

Weddings The NI Executive is to make an announcement about weddings and funerals on Monday 29th June.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament If you are unable to visit the chapel, we encourage you to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the silence of your own homes (via webcam).

The Rosary will be recited after morning Masses in our three churches.

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.*



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 28th June - Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 10 am & 12 noon: Mass

Monday - Friday

7.30 am: Mass & 10.00 am: Mass followed by Rosary

8.30 am: Morning Prayer led by Stephen, our diocesan seminarian

Wednesday

7.00 pm: Mass

Saturday 4th / Sunday 5th July - Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

Mass times for 4th / 5th July will be announced in the coming days.

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, CARNHILL

Sunday 28th June - Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

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

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

9.00 am: Mass followed by Rosary & 12 noon: Mass (to be reviewed)

Thursday

12 noon: Mass & 7.00 pm: Mass

Sunday 4th / Sunday 5th July - Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

Mass times for 4th / 5th July will be announced in the coming days.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GALLIAGH

Sunday 28th June - Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

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

Monday

11.00 am: Mass followed by Rosary & 7.00 pm: Mass

Monday - Friday

11.00 am: Mass followed by Rosary

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

Saturday 4th / Sunday 5th July - Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

Mass times for 4th / 5th July will be announced in the coming days.

Mass times for weekdays and weekends will be reviewed at the end of August.

Parish Webcam We have recently changed our webcam provider. Some people have reported having difficulty accessing the live webcam. If you are having difficulty, please try the following to fix problem:

If you use a phone to watch webcam, on the page where you see the mcu error, press 'options' button (the three dots symbol on top right hand side of screen). That will open a menu which has 5 symbols on the top. Press the last one (the circular arrow symbol) to force a refresh.

If you are using a computer, open the webcam page and press F5 on the keyboard.



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 Rita Nicell, 53 Grainan Drive, Paul Gallagher, Brookdale Crescent, Anna Breslin, Carnhill

Anniversaries Joe Bradley, Mary Whoriskey, Patricia Kayne, Frances McLaughlin, Joe Browne, Muriel Patricia Curran, Nicholas Gallagher, Patsy McAnaney, Angela Luke, Natasha Nelson, Monsignor Tom Keyes, Joanne Harkens, Thomas McCallion, Malcolm McIntyre, Helen McGuire. May they rest in peace.



Saints of the Coming Week: Monday: SS Peter and Paul, apostles; **Tuesday:** The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; **Wednesday:** St Oliver Plunkett, bishop and martyr; **Friday:** St Thomas, apostle; **Saturday:** St Elizabeth of Portugal.

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 5th July, Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

1st Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10; **Responsorial Psalm:** 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;

2nd Reading: Romans 8:9-13; **Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30

Congratulations We offer our good wishes and God's blessing to Eugene and Kathleen McEleavy who this weekend celebrate 50 years of marriage. We wish them continued good health and happiness.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society Praying for Those Suffering from Addiction On 19 June, Feast of the Sacred Heart, 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 for specifically 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 steugenest@btconnect.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page.

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/derryouth/>

School Leavers We said goodbye to the Primary 7 pupils from our parish schools this week. We celebrated our Leavers' Masses via webcam. It was a unique way to bid farewell to such a talented year group. You have learned wonderful things about yourself and the special gifts and talents you have as a unique young Christian. May you continue to grow and flourish as a good and valuable young person in your next school, and may the Holy Spirit you received in Confirmation help you and guide you every step of the way. We acknowledge and thank all those who are involved in any way with the schools of our parish.



We pray God's blessing on all our young people and families of our parish as they enjoy their summer vacation. We pray safety in our homes, on our roads, on the sea and in various places of leisure. So too, a word of welcome to any visitors to our parish. May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do, wherever you go. We encourage you to come along any day during the holidays to weekday Mass: St Patrick's, Pennyburn: Monday - Friday 7.30 am & 10 am; St Brigid's, Carnhill: Monday - Friday 9 am & 6 pm; St Joseph's, Galliagh: Monday - Friday 11 am.

A Summer Prayer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.
Thank you for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.
Thank you for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.
Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.

Accord (Catholic Marriage Care Service) Accord is offering a Covid-19 Couples and Relationships Support Line. If you need to speak with an experienced Couples and Relationships Counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life, contact 003531 5313331 or 028 95680151 or 003531 9059555 (Monday - Friday 9 am - 8 pm). Calls charged at local rate.

Online Youth Course - Sundays 7 pm Calling all young people 15 - 18 yrs from Derry Diocese. Our online meeting course continues at 7 pm. We will have some craic, play games and quizzes but will also explore some big questions about our faith with the help of a programme called Alpha. Alpha Youth explores the Christian faith and answers some pretty big questions. Each week as part of the meeting we will watch a video and have a discussion afterwards. This trailer will give you an idea what to expect from this part of the meeting: <https://alpha.org/run>.

Scripture Saturday with Bishop Donal' Created by Derry Diocesan Youth, Bishop McKeown presents a series of short lessons on the gospel in easy-to-understand, short (3 - 4 minute) videos, with tips and references of where and how to use these lessons in your daily life. View the series at <https://www.derrydiocese.org/scripture-Saturday>.

***Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence.
Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion
for all your people. Amen.***

Derry Diocesan Trust Job Opportunities The Diocese invites applications for **Part Time Housekeeper for Retired Priest in Co Donegal** This permanent contract is for 15 hours per week - Monday - Friday. Also, **Part Time Housekeeper for Banagher Parish** This permanent contract is for 10 hours per week as follows: Monday & Wednesday 4 pm - 7 pm and Saturday 11 am - 3 pm. For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis St, Derry, BT48 9AP. Tel: 028 71262302 or email: payroll@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications for both positions must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to payroll@derrydiocese.org no later than 5.00 pm on Monday 13th July 2020. Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

Music for Dementia DEEDS (Dementia Engaged and Empowered in Derry & Strabane) invites you to tune in to m4d Radio, a group of 5 themed radio stations available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, playing music that evokes memories and specifically created for people living with dementia and their carers. Why not head over and listen to your favourite music from across the decades? Choose the era, listen and enjoy. Visit m4dradio.com.

Lifeline If you are in distress or despair call Lifeline free on 0808 808 8000 and speak with a crisis counsellor. Lifeline is available 24/7 and is free to call from all landlines and mobiles. You are not alone.

Give Blood, Saves Lives N Ireland Blood Transfusion Service will collect donations of blood on **Wednesday 1st July** from 10.30 am - 1.30 pm & 3 pm - 6 pm; **Thursday 2nd July** from 11.30 am - 2.30 pm & 4 pm - 7 pm and **Friday 3rd July** from 10.30 am - 1 pm & 2.30 pm - 5 pm at the Guildhall, Derry. If you are interested in donating, you are asked to book an appointment by calling 08085534653. Donors are asked to attend on their own. Following government advice donors over 70 are asked not to attend blood donation sessions at this time. Thank you.

All Council Cemeteries are open everyday from 2.30 pm - 9.00 pm. Visitors are asked to observe the social distancing regulations.

