

Parish of the Three Patrons

Third Sunday of Lent - Year C - 20th March 2022

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Seizing Life's Opportunities

The story about the fig tree in today's gospel reminds us about the patience of God, our need for time to repent and grow in our faith and prayer, and about the 'God of many chances'. The God of Jesus never lets go of us, and always believes in our future.

All of us carry particular faults and failings through life, and even though we try our best, find that they can stay with us. God knows

this and sees our efforts to change and be renewed. Prayer helps us to believe in ourselves as God believes in us. In the different desires and activities of life we can be with God or not with Him. We can love him fully or find ourselves tempted from God's path. Jesus calls all the time to change so that we live our best selves and change so that we become more like Him.

The parable of the fig tree is a reminder to all of us of the nourishment and time we have been given; it is a call to examine the fruits that we produce in this world, in our communities, our families and in our church. At the Eucharist we pray: 'May we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity'.



Lord, grant me the gift of repentance. Help me to refrain from judging others and understand that your mercy shines on us all.

Please remember in your prayers the children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this week as follows.



Greenhaw PS: Monday 21st March at 2.00 pm

in St Brigid's, Carnhill administered by Bishop Donal McKeown;

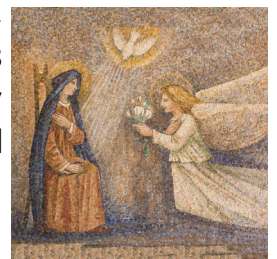
St Therese's PS: Tuesday 22nd March at 1.30 pm & 4.00 pm

in St Joseph's, Galliagh administered by Fr Michael Canny, PP, VG;

St Brigid's PS: Wednesday 23rd March at 1.00 pm & 4.00 pm

in St Brigid's, Carnhill administered by Bishop Donal McKeown

Evening of Prayer On Friday 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation, there will be a celebration of Mary's "Yes" to the Lord, in St Eugene's Cathedral, beginning with Evening Prayer at 7.00 pm, Mass (celebrated by Bishop McKeown) at 7:30 pm, followed by the Rosary and Night Prayer. All are welcome to attend, or to join the celebrations online via the Cathedral webcam - <http://www.steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html>



The Annunciation Mary, despite her lack of understanding, welcomed God's word and committed herself to it. By her openness to the Spirit of God, Mary is an example for us of true discipleship. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee . . .

During the Season of Lent we ask you to note

Weekday Masses are celebrated as follows:

St Patrick's, Pennyburn Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7.30 am, 10 am
Wednesday: 7.30 am, 10.00 am, 7.00 pm

Saturday: 10.00 am

St Brigid's, Carnhill Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 am, 12.30 pm
Thursday: 12.30 pm, 6.30 pm; First Saturday of month: 9.00 am

St Joseph's, Galliagh Monday - Friday: 11.00 am

Rosary

St Patrick's, Pennyburn before weekday Masses

St Brigid's, Carnhill after weekday Masses

St Joseph's, Galliagh before weekday Masses

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

St Joseph's, Galliagh Monday: 11.30 pm - 3.30 pm

St Patrick's, Pennyburn Wednesday: 10.30 am - 6.30 am

St Brigid's, Carnhill Thursday: 1.00 pm - 6.30 pm

Morning Prayer

St Brigid's, Carnhill Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8.40 am

Stations of the Cross

St Joseph's, Galliagh Tuesday: 11.30 am

St Patrick's, Pennyburn Wednesday: 6.40 pm

St Brigid's, Carnhill Friday: 9.30 am

Lenten Eucharistic Healing Service

St Brigid's, Carnhill: Sunday at 6.00 pm

'Come to me all who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest'.

Lectio Divina: Praying with the Scriptures this Lent

Over the next three Mondays, **Monday 21st and 28th March**, following the 11 am Mass in St Joseph's, Galliagh, you are invited to a one-hour time of prayer with the scriptures in the **St Pio Centre, Galliagh, (11:45 am - 12:45 pm approx)**. The focus will be on the gospel for each of the upcoming Sundays of Lent. The gospel reading and instructions will be provided for each session. All are most welcome!

Do Something Special this Lent! Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the duration of Lent. Take this opportunity to help someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well being.

Take the short-term pledge and make a difference to someone's life. For information, contact one of the priests or visit www.pioneerassociation.ie.

Renew us , O Lord, in love, in hope and in joy in your care for us.



Pope John Paul II Award Youth Pilgrimage Are you between the age of 16 and 18? You are invited to join the Pope John Paul II Award Youth Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Tuesday 22nd March 2022. Join youth from all over Ireland in a day of prayer, talks and music. Guest speaker will be Fr Peter McVerry of the Peter McVerry Trust. Music by Elation Ministries. The pilgrimage will start at 11 am and conclude after 2.30 pm Mass. Mass will be celebrated by the Award Patron, Bishop Donal McKeown. For transport information contact your local secondary school or the Derry Youth Ministry office on **00 44 (0)28 7126 4087** or email lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org.

Join us for live music and tea/coffee each evening

PERSONAL JOURNEYS OF FAITH

11 Steelstown Road, Derry, BT48 8EU
Telephone: 028 7145 1718
<http://www.steelstownparish.com/>

7PM START - ALL WELCOME

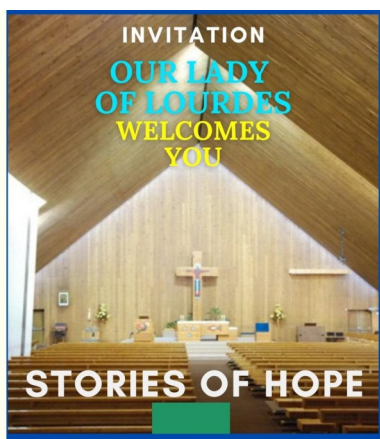
8th March 2022
FR ISAAC
Frontman of the band, returning to his home of Derry for the first time in 10 years.

15th March 2022
CIARA MCALISTER
New Irish artist eager for her and from family, like the music she loves.

22nd March 2022
REVEREND CANON KATIE
Canon of Derry and Diocese and a member of the faith.

29th March 2022
PAUL O'HEA
Chaplain of Steelstown Brian O'D's GAA Club, how local based community sports are so rewarding.

STORIES OF HOPE



Stories of Hope

You are invited to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown Tuesdays of Lent at 7 pm to listen to local people share their personal journeys of faith:

Tuesday 22nd March

Rev Canon Katie Mc Ateer

Tuesday 29th March

Paul O'Hea

Each evening there will be music and tea / coffee afterwards. All are welcome.

Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony The annual consecration of all active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary will be held on Thursday 24th March at 7.00 pm in St Theresa's Church, Sion Mills. Fr Thomas will conduct the Acies ceremony. All welcome to go to St Theresa's Church or take part via the church webcam: <http://www.parishofsionmills.com/media.html>



Pro-Life Information Meeting

Precious Life will hold a "Restore Personhood" Pre-election Campaign Meeting on Wednesday 23rd March in The City Hotel Derry at 7.30 pm. All welcome. For more information contact Precious Life on 07592280522 or email restore.personhood@gmail.com

Rosary For Life at Stormont Please join us for a special Candlelight Rosary for Life to commemorate the unborn children who have lost their lives through abortion in Northern Ireland, to be held at Stormont, (main gate entrance on Upper Newtownards Road) on Monday 21st March at 7.00 pm. For more information contact **Rosary Crusade for Ireland** on **07592280522**.

Give Blood, Save Lives NI Blood Transfusion Service will collect donations of blood on 8th April from 12.30 pm - 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm at **Kilfennan Presbyterian Church** Rosstowney Road, Derry, BT47 6FP. New donors needed.



Steelstown Primary School & Nursery Unit

Celebrates 50th Anniversary Mass

On Friday 29th April at 11am

Followed by Celebratory Buffet Lunch in School

Invite is open to past Staff & Board of Governors & those who have worked with the school over the past 50 years.

If you would like to join us in our celebration on Friday 29th April,

Please email the school by Wednesday 23rd March 3.00pm info@steelstown.derry.ni.sch.uk

Or

Telephone the school office on 028 71 351830 for an invite to be forwarded.

LENT | A Better Tomorrow

Religious Education Resource for Children

'The Lord's Prayer gives me courage, hope and strength in tough situations.'

(Thandekile)



When you give to Trócaire's Lent Campaign now or by 1st June 2022, the UK government will generously match your donation up to £2million, to double the good you do.

Here's why that matters:

If you asked the families we work with – families like Thandekile's – what they value, they'd say the same things as you: Hard work, compassion, education, the chance to chart their own course, the chance to provide for the ones they love.

But the situations in which they are trying to survive are truly desperate.

Deprived of the most basic land, water, and human rights due to climate change, poverty, conflict, and Covid.

Displaced in refugee camps, exploited by private interests, subjected to violence because of their gender, race, income status or perceived social standing. Working harder than almost anyone you know to get through even one day.

Give to Trócaire's Lent Campaign and through the UK Aid match programme, the UK government will double every pound you give now, or by 1st June 2022, up to £2million.

TRÓCAIRE
Working for a Just World

Together we can ensure that success and self-sufficiency – and a better tomorrow – come to families like Thandekile's in Zimbabwe.

This year Trócaire has wonderful resources, prayers and videos available on www.trocaire.org and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

1. By collecting a Trócaire box
2. Online at www.trocaire.org
3. By phone: 0800 912 1200 (NI) or 1850 408 408 (ROI) The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

Trócaire is delighted to offer its Lenten workshops this year again. Please register so we have knowledge of numbers attending. You can register at this link for our workshops - <https://forms.gle/jbb8mxLt8t1NpSzU8> In preparation for these workshops, please have a look at our resources for Lent on our parish page; <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/lent-2022/>

DAILY LENTEN PRAYER

Loving Father,

To prepare for His mission of proclaiming Your kingdom to the world

Your Son Jesus was guided by Your Holy Spirit to the quiet of the desert.

In these Lenten days, I pray that I will be guided by that same Spirit,

to a place of renewal in my heart and mind, so that I will seek opportunities for

daily personal prayer, personal sacrifices and acts of kindness.

With Your help, may I too be truly prepared to share in the story of the passion,

death and resurrection of Jesus Your Son, our Lord.

Amen.



Lenten Prayer Cards

You are invited to join in prayer each day of Lent,
praying for various areas, schools, ministries, etc associated with Three Patrons' Parish.
Cards are available at the church doors.

Wednesday 2nd March Aberfoyle Crescent Aberfoyle Crescent South Dill Park Rock Road Northland Road Edenballymore Lodge Nursing Home	Monday 7th March Ballynasillioe Avenue Ardnarea Crescent Ballynacraig Gardens Ballynasallag Gardens Lisnarea Avenue	Monday 14th March Messines Park Shandon Park St John's Park	Sunday 20th March Greenhaw Lodge Greenhaw Avenue Greenhaw Terrace Greenhaw Road Greenhaw Crescent	Saturday 26th March Thorndale Fir Road The Manse Sandale Park Oakbridge Park	Friday 1st April Galligh Park Fergleen Park Fergleen Mews Glengalligh Park Moss Park
Thursday 3rd March Bay Road Strand Road Governor Road Barry Street Phillip Street Meadowbank Avenue Richmond Crescent	Tuesday 8th March Troy Park Troy Crescent Baronscourt	Tuesday 15th March Buncrana Road St Patrick's Church community St Colum's College staff/pupils The Hawthorns Knockena	Monday 21st March Carnhill Estate	Sunday 27th March Sandbank Park Sandbank Cottages Lenamore Park Lenamore Gardens Lenamore Road	Saturday 2nd April Glenabbey Crescent Glenabbey Drive Glenabbey Mews Glenabbey Park Glenabbey Square Glenabbey Street Glenabbey Road Glenabbey Heights Glenabbey Gardens Glenabbey Cottages Glenabbey Close
Friday 4th March Pennyburn Court Olde Mill Court McCartney Park Dunvale Park Dunvale House Dunvale Close	Wednesday 9th March Belmont Crescent Belmont Drive Belmont Park	Wednesday 16th March Ardnashee School & College staff / pupils St Patrick's Primary School staff/pupils Maybrook Adult Training Centre Resource Centre	Tuesday 22nd March Fortwilliam Terrace Castlevue Park Dunkeld Avenue Fortfield Avenue Danesfort Crescent	Monday 28th March Bloomfield Park Altcar Park Dundrean Park Brookdale Court	Sunday 3rd April Slievemore Park Bracken Park Rossnagalligh Rossnagalligh Park Clon Elagh Clondara Rainbow Child & Family Centre
Saturday 5th March Duncreggan Road Farren Park Culmore Road Culmore Park	Thursday 10th March Talbot Park Hampstead Park Hampstead Court	Thursday 17th March St Brigid's Primary School staff/pupils Greenhaw Primary School staff / pupils St Brigid's College staff / pupils St Brigid's Church community	Wednesday 23rd March Bradley Park Bradley Pass Racecourse Park Racecourse Drive Old School Lane Leafair Park Leafair Gardens Leafair Cottages	Tuesday 29th March Brookdale Crescent Brookdale Park Cashel Hill Park Glencaw Park	Monday 4th April College Mews College Glen Donal Casey Court Collon Lane The Meadows Oakfield Mews Skeoge Road
Sunday 6th March Garden City Lower Garden City Riverview Terrace Kingsfort Park Kingsfort Crescent	Friday 11th March Ardnashee Maybrook Mews St Patrick's Terrace Maybrook Terrace Collon Terrace	Friday 18th March Ballyarnett Road Grainan Drive Grainan Park Grainan Court	Thursday 24th March Fern Park Capall Court Ballyarnett Village The Paddocks Labre Park	Wednesday 30th March Ederown Park Elaghmore Park Knockalla Park Fairview Road St Pio Centre Franciscan Friars of the Renewal St Joseph's Church community Galligh Community Centre	
	Saturday 12th March St Brigid's Avenue St Francis Terrace St Mary's Crescent St Aidan's Terrace	Saturday 19th March Shantallow Avenue Summerhill Grove Summerhill Park	Friday 25th March Oakgrove Elmgrove Mansefield Grove	Thursday 31st March St Therese Primary School staff / pupils St Paul's Primary School staff / pupils St Joseph's Playgroup staff / pupils Galligh Nursery staff / pupils	
	Sunday 13th March New Street Racecourse Road Maybrook Park Balmoral Avenue Belmont Cottages				

Tuesday 5th April Pinetrees Temple Court Temple Park Woodbrook Woodbrook West Galligh Women's Group	Monday 11th April Church Cleaners Flower Arrangers Bereavement Group SPRED Legion of Mary St Joseph's Young Priests' Society Pioneer Total Abstinence Assoc. Pro-Life Group
Wednesday 6th April Fernabbey Close Fernabbey Court Fernabbey Drive Fernabbey Park	Tuesday 12th April St Vincent de Paul Society Eucharistic Adoration Groups St Francis Prayer & Friendship Group Bible Study Group Men's Prayer Group / Cursillo John Paul II Award Young People 2022 Parish Safeguarding Representatives
Thursday 7th April Ferndale Close Ferndale Court Ferndale Park Ferndale Road	Wednesday 13th April Parochial staff 'Do This in Memory of Me' Team Parish Pastoral Council Parish Finance Committee Baptismal Preparation Team Parish Synod Team All volunteers
Friday 8th April Glendale Drive Glendale Gardens Glendale Park Glendale Road	Thursday 14th April Bishop McKeown Priests of the parish and Diocese Retired priests Seminarians of the Diocese Consecrated and Religious of the Diocese Priests presently ministering in the Diocese.
Saturday 9th April The country district Lower/Upper Galligh Rd Beragh Hill St Andrew's Elagh Road Glen Elagh Beraghvale	
Sunday 10th April Church Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers Music Ministry Church Collectors Counters	

Synod Prayer

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer Adsumus Sancte Spiritus, the first word of the original Latin, meaning, 'We stand before You, Holy Spirit,' which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, and is attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

**With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

PARISH OF THE THREE PATRONS
LENT 2022

*St. Patrick, pray for us; St. Brigid, pray for us;
St. Joseph, pray for us.*

*On our journey through Lent, we join together in
praying for the intentions of those who live, work or
attend schools in the areas named. So too, we think
of the various ministries associated with our parish.*

A Prayer for the Synodal Pathway in Ireland

Lord of all hopefulness, as we embark on this
journey together, may we listen and discern and
be guided by the Holy Spirit, who constantly
breathes new life into our world,
our hearts, our families, homes and parishes.

May renewal and reform, fresh hope and healing
come for all people of God in Ireland.

By virtue of our baptism may we each play our
part in transforming the church through a fresh
outpouring of the Holy Spirit
which is your gift and promise, upon our land.

Grant us the encouragement we need to bring
faith, hope and love in abundance to meet the
challenges before us and to fulfil the Church's
mission of proclaiming to the world,
God's love and salvation in Jesus Christ.

A Mhuire Mháthair, mother of the Church,
guard and guide us on our pilgrim way.
Amen.

*'We invite you to pray the Prayer for the Synodal
Pathway in Ireland.'*

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.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PENNYBURN

Sunday 6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 10.00 am & 12.00 noon: Mass

Monday, Tuesday 7.30 am: Mass, 10.00 am Mass

Wednesday 7.30 am: Mass, 10.00 am: Mass, 7.00 pm: Mass

Thursday, Friday 7.30 am: Mass, 10.00 am Mass

Saturday 10.00 am Mass



ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, CARNHILL

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

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 am: Mass followed by Rosary, 12.30 pm: Mass

Thursday 12.30 pm: Mass, 6.30 pm: Mass

Friday 9.00 am: Mass, 12.30 pm: Mass

First Saturday of the month 9.00 am: Mass followed by Rosary

Sunday 6.00 pm: Lenten Eucharistic Healing Service

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GALLIAGH

Sunday 7 pm: (Sat) Vigil ; 9 am & 11 am: Mass; 12.30 pm: Irish Mass

Monday - Friday 11.00 am: Mass followed by Rosary

Face Coverings: We ask and encourage all adults and children aged 14 years and over to please wear a face covering at all services of worship (unless they are exempt from wearing mandatory face coverings).

Medical advice is that wearing face coverings is first and foremost about protecting others. Please continue to observe social distancing, to use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving our 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.



Irish Mass The regular Irish Masses have resumed on the first and third Sundays of every month at 12.30 pm in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. The next Mass will be this Sunday, 20th March. All welcome.

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 Colette Sheerin, Troy Park, Michael Heaney, Grimsby (formerly 8 Maybrook Terrace)

Anniversaries, Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Memorials Margaret Quigley, Bridie Tracey, Sally McKeever, Jim Kerr, Bernard White, Rose McGonagle, Rose Browne, Kathleen Johnston, Peter Edwards, Bernard Doyle, Sally Duffy, Catherine Hutcheson, Alice Coyle, Margaret Wood, Kitty Martin, Anne Gallagher, Dolly Cathcart, Colum Martin, Ann Bradley, Joe Maguire, Fr Peter Cunningham, Mannix McGuinness, Jim & Celine Taylor, John Gallagher. May they rest in peace.

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. 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 the parish are sort code: 90 49 74; account number: 51442271.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Are you preparing for marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter is offering a Marriage Preparation Course on 9th / 10th April in the Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly. This two day course is a positive way of preparing for marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. For information or to book please visit marriageencounter.ie or tel 028 27638512.

Pause and Ponder Fr La welcomes you to a new Pause and Ponder series for Lent. "I hope you might join us week by week on this pilgrimage journey in the company of Jesus, as he makes his way to Jerusalem and the great event that is his death and resurrection. There is so much that the Master can teach us along the way." Let us pause and ponder the Gospel word. The series can be viewed at <https://www.loughderg.org/> or any of Lough Derg's social media platforms.

The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. The Derry Centre to date has 42 graduates and 30 more students at different stages of the programme. **Applications for the Autumn intake close 30th September 2022.** If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

Readings for Sunday 27th March, Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

The Israelites, free at last from slavery and humiliation in Egypt, enter the land of promise

Psalm: Psalm 33: 2-7

Response: *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord*

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Christ's aim and mission was to reconcile us with God

Gospel: Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

The vivid parable of the Prodigal Son, on the Father's patient love



Saints of the Coming Week

Monday: Saint Enda, monk

Thursday: Saint Macartan, bishop

Friday: Feast of the Annunciation



Three Patrons Parish Monthly Draw

We hope to hold a Monthly Draw beginning April 2022. Tickets will be available soon. We would greatly appreciate the support of anyone wishing to promote the draw locally, at home, among family and friends or in the workplace. Thank you for your support.

Monthly Prizes

Month 1 – Month 4
there will be 10 cash prizes:
★ **£1,000**
★ **£750** ★ **£500**
★ & **7 of £250** each

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**Month 5**  
there will be 10 cash prizes:  
★ **£4,000**  
★ **£3,000**  
★ **£2,000**  
★ & **7 of £1,000** each

● *Various Promoters' prizes*

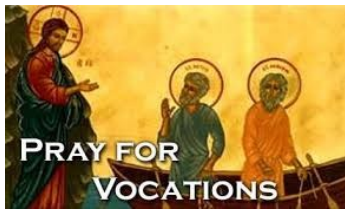
● *Limited number of tickets*

*Full subscription each month is £10 (10 chances)  
Minimum subscription each month is £1 (1 chance)  
Full subscription for 5 months is £50 (50 chances)  
Each chance is £1.*

#### **Dates on which each month's draw will take place:**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022





***Pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially for our Diocese.***

Are you being chosen by Christ to pour out your life's work for souls with Him as a priest or in the consecrated life? 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*



**Year of Prayer for Vocations** The Diocesan Vocations Council will be promoting a Year of Prayer for Vocations from 16th/17th March 2022 - 16th/17th March 2023. You are encouraged to pray for vocations.

*20th March: We pray for those whom God is calling to serve Him in priesthood or religious life, that they will go courageously to the people to whom God sends them, preaching the message of God's patient and compassionate mercy.*

**Marriages** Three months' notice must be given to the parish before the date of marriage.

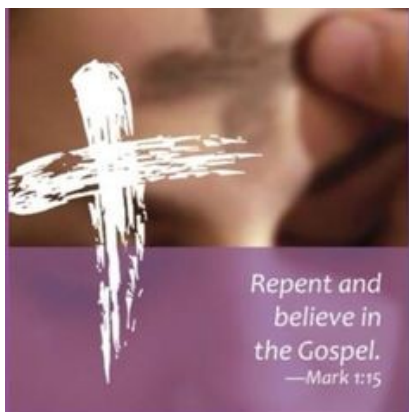
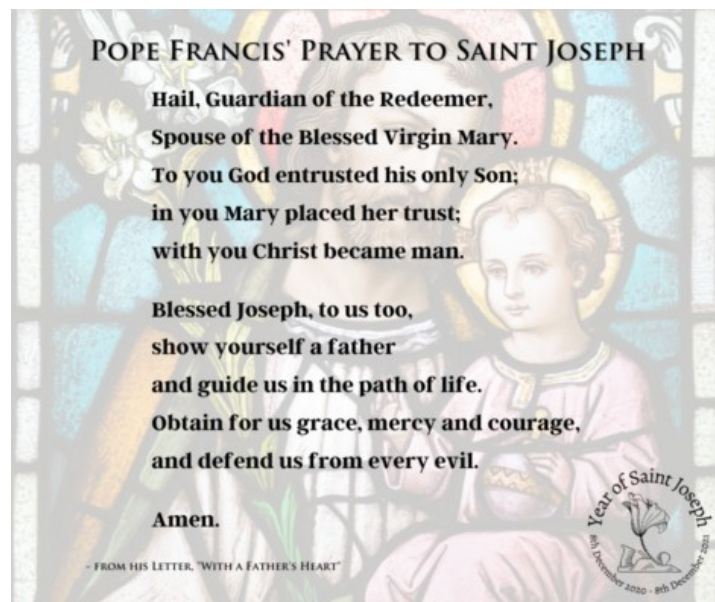
**Baptisms** Please contact the Parish office by telephone. At least one Godparent must be Catholic.

**Safeguarding** If you have any concerns with regard to safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Maire Gormley, Diocesan Liaison Person, email: [marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org](mailto:marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org), telephone: 07596 500 793 or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker.

**The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will resume this year, from 3rd - 8th July 2022. Cost: £689 per person sharing, with single room supplement £150. Price includes flights, transfers and full board. The pilgrimage will be suitable for pilgrims who do not require medical, nursing or personal assistance as, unfortunately, this cannot be provided this year. The intentions of the sick of the diocese can be taken to Lourdes. The Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, will be open for enquires and application forms on Thursdays and Saturdays, 11 am - 1 pm. Tel: 028 71 260293 or email [derrypilgrim@outlook.com](mailto:derrypilgrim@outlook.com)

**The Carmelite Pilgrimage To Lourdes** takes place from 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Fare: €729 per person. For booking forms, contact the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca. Tel: 71 262512.

**Holy Family Parish Pilgrimages to Medjugorje** takes place from 18th - 25th May 2022. Seven nights - £635. **Lourdes** 8th July 2022 for 5 nights. Full religious programme. Contact Margaret on 07732468511. Savings scheme available.



## Derry Diocesan Trust invites applications for

| <i><b>Position</b></i>                                | <i><b>Location</b></i>                      | <i><b>Closing Date</b></i> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Parish Office Manager</b><br>35 hours per week     | Parish of Templemore: St Eugene's Cathedral | 22.03.2022                 |
| <b>Sacristan &amp; Caretaker</b><br>16 hours per week | Ardmore Parish, Derry                       | 22.03.2022                 |

For a job description and application form please write to Personnel, Derry Diocesan Office, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or email: [payroll@derrydiocese.org](mailto:payroll@derrydiocese.org) or tel: 028 7126 2302.

**Bus to Knock** on Saturday 22nd April overnight stay for Divine Mercy 23rd April. Cost: for accommodation, bus and meals €120 or £98 to be paid one week before. Contact: 07856427403 or 00353749320734.

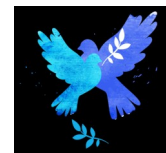
**Resumption of Hearing Aid Support Session** RNID is resuming its free drop-in support session for hearing aid users in Carnhill Resource Centre on Thursday 24th March from 11 am - 12.30 pm. The socially distanced drop off and pick up service provides new batteries, cleaning and retubing of ear moulds for NHS hearing aids.

Hearing aids must be placed in a labelled envelope with name and contact details. They will be collected at the entrance by a volunteer and brought inside for maintenance. Users can wait in their car or return later to collect hearing aids. Hearing aids can also be dropped off by friends or family members.

The sessions are run by trained volunteers and funded by the Health & Social Care Board. For more information visit [www.rnid.org.uk](http://www.rnid.org.uk) or contact Mary Cruickshank; email [mary.cruickshank@rnid.org.uk](mailto:mary.cruickshank@rnid.org.uk) or call 07918 767640.

Thank you for your generosity to the Ukraine Emergency Appeal.  
Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and in the world.

### *Prayer for Ukraine*



*Loving God,*

*We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.*

*We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.*

*We pray for the world <sup>[SEP]</sup>that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to  
our brothers and sisters in need.*

*May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of  
Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.*

*Archbishop Eamon Martin*

### *Prayer for Peace*

*O Heavenly Father, God of Love and Peace, Send down your blessed peace into our  
hearts, our homes, our country and our world. O Lord Jesus, you died to make peace  
between God and mankind. We long for justice and peace. Send us your gift of peace.  
O Holy Spirit, you work always for our peace. Show us the value of peace. Take away  
all sorrow and hatred from our hearts. O Mary, Queen of Peace, we consecrate ourselves  
and our homes to your immaculate heart. Obtain for us the peace you promised to the  
world at Fatima. Pray for us now and always, Amen.*

*Bishop Edward Daly, 1974*

### *A Prayer for Ukraine*

*God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.*

*We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those  
who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.*

*We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment  
and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your  
precious children, at risk and in fear that you would hold and protect them.*

*We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, Amen.*



The Vatican has announced that Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25th. It will take place during the Celebration of Penance in St Peter's Basilica. In Fatima, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski will perform the same act on the same day as the Pope. He is the head of the Office of Papal Charities, and recently travelled through Ukraine as the Pope's envoy.

The date of the consecration carries deep significance. On the same day in 1984, Pope John Paul II consecrated Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in St Peter's Square.

### **Parish Oak Trees**

Lily Tyre, a dedicated member of St Brigid's faith community, suggested to the Parish Council that a memorial, in the form of an oak tree, be planted to commemorate those deceased parishioners whose faith and commitment is the bedrock of our parish community. The Parish Council was greatly in favour of this idea and an approach was made to Derry City and Strabane District Council to see if they could furnish the parish with oak trees. The City Council has now done this and we thank them for their generosity.



Tree planting took place in St Patrick's on March 17<sup>th</sup>, in St Joseph's on March 19<sup>th</sup> and will take place at St Brigid's on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Commemorative plaques will be erected when these become available.