

Rosary on the Coast will take place today (Sunday) at 3 pm at Benone Strand for world peace and the protection of unborn babies. All welcome. Rosary on the Coast takes place on third Sunday of every month.

Saints of the Coming Week: **Tuesday:** St Anthony, abbot; **Friday:** St Fabian, pope and martyr; St Sebastian, martyr; **Saturday:** St Agnes, virgin and martyr.

Disciples of Jesus - Filled With Joy! 16th - 19th January 2023: 10 am - 12 am: St Eugene's Cathedral Hall Webcam Following on from the excellent response to our online Confirmation Preparation Sessions last year and at the request of schools, we will be offering another preparation programme next week, to support parents, schools and parishes as they prepare the children in this very important stage of their faith journey. **Bishop McKeown will join us for the programme throughout the week.** The Preparation Programme, linking with **Filled With Joy**, pupil workbook and **Disciples of Jesus**, parent booklet (available from the Diocesan Catechetical Centre), will consist of, 4 sessions, 10am - 12 am on the Cathedral Hall Webcam (steugenescathedral.com). Each day the sessions will include catechesis on different aspects of the Sacrament of Confirmation, prayer, creative activities and music. A support pack for the four sessions will be emailed to schools and available on the Catechetical Centre website.

NI Cancer Pilgrimage to Lourdes Sunday 28 May - Friday 2 June 2023. Price £799 (with reduction for cancer patients) will include: return flights from Belfast, operated by Northern Star Travel Ltd, full board at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for 5 nights based on twin/double/triple rooms. Service of JWT guides in Lourdes. Those travelling will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. For booking telephone 07874688388 or email mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PENNYBURN

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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7.30 am: Mass, 10 am: Mass followed by Rosary

Wednesday 7.30 am: Mass; 10.00 am: Mass followed by Rosary; 7.00 pm: 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, Friday 8.50 am: Rosary; 9.15 am: Mass

Thursday: 6.30 pm: Mass;

Saturday 10.30 am: Rosary; 11.00 am: Mass

Confessions after 11.am Mass on Saturdays

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GALLIAGH

Sunday 7.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 9.00 am & 11.00 am: Mass; 6.30 pm: Youth Mass

Monday - Friday 10.30 am: Rosary; 11.00 am: Mass

Thursday 7 pm: Holy Hour for the Unborn & Expectant Mothers (in Our Lady's Chapel).

Marriages 3 months' notice must be given to the parish before date of marriage.

Baptisms Please contact the Parish office by phone to book.

Safeguarding If you have any concerns with regard to safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church, please contact Maire Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at tel: +447596 500 793 or email: maireregormley@derrydiocese.org or PSNI (Police Service of N Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Western HSC Trust, +442871314090 (Ask for the Duty Social Worker).

Parish of the Three Patrons

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 15th January 2023

Parish Clergy

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Franciscan Friars of the Renewal - 028 71419980 - facebook: [derryfranciscans](https://www.facebook.com/derryfranciscans)

www.threepatrons.org [threepatronsfacebook](https://www.facebook.com/threepatronsfacebook)

Jesus, the Lamb of God

In some way, our gospel today is a continuation of last Sunday's when Jesus was baptised. It begins, 'The next day, (John) saw Jesus coming towards him and said, *'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world... I saw the Spirit descending on him like a dove.'* He finishes the gospel with this great proclamation; *'I, myself have seen and testify (that) this is the Chosen One of God.'*

Again, Jesus is being publicly acknowledged and announced by John; this is John's role and vocation. He is the herald and witness who asks us to prepare a way for the Lord. John is a message in time; Jesus on the other hand is the Word for Eternity. John, while recognising his own mission says of himself; *I am not worthy to untie his sandals; he must increase and I must decrease.* This is not about John thinking less of himself, but rather appreciating humbly his role in being the messenger of God who leads and points people and us today to Jesus. The two titles that John gives Jesus; Lamb of God and Chosen One of God are important. They are not just names, they are what Jesus *does* and who he *is*. They describe his identity and his mission. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world *because* he is the Chosen One of God.

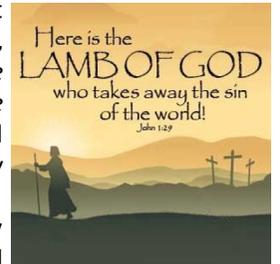
When we were baptised, we become one with Jesus in his life, death and resurrection which also includes the forgiveness of our sins. Through the waters and blessing of baptism we are washed, made new and cleansed. Then we, as his followers, like John are called to be the messengers and witnesses of Jesus. Being baptised gives us the right to call ourselves sons and daughters of God; it also gives us the responsibility of living as witnesses to Jesus and of being his followers and friends in our daily lives.

Pope Francis reminds us of this when he says; *'Because of their baptism, all members of the People of God have now become missionary disciples.... We no longer say that we are missionaries or that we are disciples. But rather that we are always 'missionary disciples'.* (The Joy of the Gospel: 120).

Our vocation as disciples of Jesus is twofold; firstly to hear the word of God that he speaks to us and then to live this word in our daily lives as his witnesses in the world. It is through the quality of our lives that we give witness to Jesus. It is said that we live our faith more through our actions and what we do rather than what we say. What do my actions and the quality of my daily life tell and show others about relationship with Jesus?

Lord, I believe. Strengthen my faith.

Congratulations We extend our congratulations to Rev Stephen Ward who was ordained to the diaconate last Sunday in St Columb's Church, Waterside. Rev Stephen worked with us for a time when he was a student. We remember him in prayer and wish him every blessing in the years ahead.



Requiescant in Pace Fionnuala Bryson, Hampstead Park; Willie Hamilton, Messines Park; Noreen Morrison, Danesfort Crescent, Pat MacGrory, Meadowbank Avenue, Kevin Lafferty, Summerhill Park

Anniversaries Patsy Fraser, Teresa Breslin, Michael Duffy, Conor Dunne, Jim & Bernadette Deeney, Charles Breslin, Bridie Meehan, Martin McCloskey, Paul Gallagher, Billy Taylor, Jack Power, Laura Ashford, Brendan McGurk, Bridie Meehan, Philomena Conaghan, Louise O'Doherty-White, Brother Vianney Kerr. May they rest in peace.

Readings for Sunday 22nd January: First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; **Responsorial Psalm:** 26(27):1,4,13-14; **Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17; **Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-23.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop McKeown This weekend, Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry publishes a Pastoral Letter to the people of the Diocese of Derry 'God has plans for His people. Join in the Mission of Prayer, Exploration and Renewal.' A summary of the letter is available to take home this weekend.

The Next Irish Mass will be celebrated today (Sunday), at 12.30 pm in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. Everyone welcome.

Diocesan Vocations "It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a diocesan priest? If you are considering such a vocation, contact your local priest or the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP Bellaghy, at pgoh2111@gmail.com or email the National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie

That, like St John the Baptist, those called to witness as priests of the diocese of Derry to the fact that Jesus Christ is "... the Chosen One of God" will, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, be "... a light to the nations" so that the Good News of God's love may be preached everywhere. We pray to the Lord.

A Holy Hour for the Unborn & Expectant Mothers will take place on Thursday at 7 pm in Our Lady's Chapel, St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. All welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Mondays after 11 am Mass until 11 pm in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. Everyone welcome.

Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops March 6th / 7th; March 27th / 28th. These virtual courses can be booked at www.accordni.com

Thank You for your generosity to the offertory collection last weekend.

Thank You for your generosity to the Christmas Box collection.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society acknowledges with thanks a donation of £100.

Termonbacca Prayer Groups Every Tuesday, two prayer groups meet in Termonbacca for prayer and adoration at 7:30 pm. **A Ladies' Group** meets in the oratory and **the Matt Talbot Group**, praying for all those suffering from addiction and their families, meet in the chapel. Both groups are always open to new members to join in prayer.

A Crochet Group meets every Monday from 7 pm - 9 pm in the Coffee Bar in Termonbacca. £3 per class. All monies go to the upkeep of Termonbacca. For further information, contact Donna: 07749563127. Beginners welcome.

Shantallow Community Centre Warm Hub The Centre's café and social area is available every Mon - Thurs from 2 pm - 4.30 pm. Come along and get a free cuppa, snacks, meet new people and find out all about our programmes. Tel 7128 0250.

Be Still And Know That I Am God Adults' Silent Retreat, Ards Friary, February Fri 3rd - Mon 6th. The Servant Brothers from the Home of the Mother will lead Spiritual Exercises along with Confession, Rosary, Adoration and Mass. Cost: £190. Tel 00353 86 8231717.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th - 25th January. Theme: "Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst injustice". Materials for the Week have been prepared by the Churches in Minneapolis. Resources can be viewed at <https://www.irishchurches.org/news-blog/5478/week-of-prayer-for-christian>

Catholic Schools' Week takes place from 29th January - 4th February. Theme: *Walking Together in Faith and Love* - the theme of the process of synodality, with three features of synodality being identified as helpful to exploring 'Walking Together in Faith and Love'. These are Communion, Participation and Mission.

Gamblers Anonymous Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Tel 71351329.

Alcoholics Anonymous Can't stop? There is a solution. Tel AA 90351222 or email csoofaa@btinternet.com. Website: www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie

Warm Space The Verbal Arts Centre, Stable Lane Bishop St is providing a welcoming, warm space providing tea/coffee, free wifi and internet access. Children's play area available. 9.30 am-12 noon Monday -Friday. All welcome.

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni & Rome As part of St Eugene's Cathedral 150th Anniversary Celebrations, Bishop McKeown will lead a pilgrimage to San Giovanni & Rome from 25th - 30th September 2023. Visiting the birthplace of Padre Pio, Shrine of St Michael Archangel, St Peter's Basilica and other important sites. Price is £879pps (single room supplement £150). For more details, email info@marian.ie or call Belfast on (028) 956 80005 or Dublin on (01) 878 8159.

Lourdes 2023 The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Bishop McKeown, will go direct from Derry Airport. 3rd to 7th July, 4 nights full board in the Hotel Aena: £745 sharing, £35 single supplement. Travel insurance up to age 79 - £39. Age 80 to 94 - £78. (Pilgrims may use their own insurance). Further details and payment arrangements will be available in the new year via the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop St, Derry, derrypilgrim@outlook.com, or tel 028 71260293.

Give Blood, Save Lives NI Blood Transfusion Service will collect blood donations at St Mary's College, 35 Northland Rd, BT48 0AN on Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th February from 12.30 pm - 4 pm & 5 pm - 7.30 pm. Call 08085 534 653.

Creative Youth Drop-In for those aged 11+ on Fridays from 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm at Studio 2, Unit 1-3, Foyle Business Pk, 4 Beraghmore Rd. Register now at www.studio2derry.com/registration. Come explore your creative side. All welcome.

Toddlers' Football Classes begin on 28th January at St Anne's PS on Saturdays and 29th January at YMCA, Drmahoe on Sundays. Boys and girls aged 18 months - 8 years welcome. Book online at www.littkekickers.co.uk and join in the fun.

St Brigid's Prayer In preparation for the Feast of St Brigid on 1st February, you are invited to learn the following prayer which will be prayed at Masses in St Brigid's Church, Carnhill.

St Brigid, Mary of the Gael, help us to speak Irish as sweetly and gently as you spoke it yourself, Amen.

A Bríd, a Mhuire na nGael, Cuidiú linn Gaeilge a labhairt, chomh binn blasta agus a labhair tú féin í. Amen.