

Saints of the Coming Week: **Monday:** St Aidan of Ferns, bishop; **Tuesday:** St John Bosco, bishop; **Wednesday:** St Brigid of Kildare, abbess; **Thursday:** The Presentation of the Lord; **Friday:** St Ansgar, bishop; St Blaise, bishop and martyr.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 7th June 2023 - 7 nights £635. Full religious programme.
Lourdes 7th - 13th July 2023 £799; **Fatima** 12th - 19th 2023 £899. Savings scheme available. Contact Margaret 07732468511.

Study Theology, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 8th. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

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

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention:

For parishes: *we pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.*

A Silent Retreat for Men Friday 10th - Sunday 12th February in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca. Cost: £90. Everyone welcome. Tel 71262512.

A Ladies' Lenten Retreat, conducted by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart, will take place from Friday 24th - Sunday 26th February in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca. Cost: 90. Everyone welcome. Tel: 71262512.

'To be saints is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for everyone.' Pope Francis

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PENNYBURN

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

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

Tuesday 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: mairegormley@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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 29th January 2023

Parish Clergy

Fr Michael McCaughey, PP – 028 71262360 – stpatricks@threepatrons.org

Fr Sean O'Donnell, CC – 028 71351261 – stbrigid@threepatrons.org

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal - 028 71419980 - facebook: derryfranciscans

www.threepatrons.org threepatronsfacebook

The Revolutionary Power of the Beatitudes

'It is always a joyful experience for us to read and reflect on the Beatitudes! Jesus proclaimed them in his first great sermon, preached on the shore of the sea of Galilee. There was a very large crowd, so Jesus went up on the mountain to teach his disciples. That is why it is known as "the Sermon on the Mount". In the Bible, the mountain is regarded as a place where God reveals himself. Jesus, by preaching on the mount, reveals himself to be a divine teacher, a new Moses. What does he tell us? He shows us the way to life, the way that he himself has taken. Jesus himself is the way, and he proposes this way as the path to true happiness. Throughout his life, from his birth in the stable in Bethlehem until his death on the cross and his resurrection, Jesus embodied the Beatitudes. All the promises of God's Kingdom were fulfilled in him.



In proclaiming the Beatitudes, Jesus asks us to follow him and to travel with him along the path of love, the path that alone leads to eternal life. It is not an easy journey, yet the Lord promises us his grace and he never abandons us. We face so many challenges in life: poverty, distress, humiliation, the struggle for justice, persecutions, the difficulty of daily conversion, the effort to remain faithful to our call to holiness, and many others. But if we open the door to Jesus and allow him to be part of our lives, if we share our joys and sorrows with him, then we will experience the peace and joy that only God, who is infinite love, can give.

The Beatitudes of Jesus are new and revolutionary. They present a model of happiness contrary to what is usually communicated by the media and by the prevailing wisdom. A worldly way of thinking finds it scandalous that God became one of us and died on a cross! According to the logic of this world, those whom Jesus proclaimed blessed are regarded as useless, "losers". What is glorified is success at any cost, affluence, the arrogance of power and self-affirmation at the expense of others.

Jesus challenges us, young friends, to take seriously his approach to life and to decide which path is right for us and leads to true joy. This is the great challenge of faith. Jesus was not afraid to ask his disciples if they truly wanted to follow him or if they preferred to take another path (cf. Jn 6:67). Simon Peter had the courage to reply: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:68). If you too are able to say "yes" to Jesus, your lives will become both meaningful and fruitful.' *Excerpt from Pope Francis' reflection on the Beatitudes at WYD 2014*

**Lord, help us to be humble and trust in your boundless love,
make us happy with what we have and are.**

Requiescant in Pace *Raymond Ferry*, Gleneagles; *Beau O'Donnell*, Dunkeld Ave; *Willie Meenan*, Elmgrove; Michael Stokes, Glenabbey, *Willie Simms*, Carnhill, *Ciara Irwin*, Carnhill

Anniversaries Bridie Donoghue, Dr Tom McGinley, Christy Wade, Martin Joe Maughan, Sally Rousseau, Thomas Donegan, Frankie Breslin, Sr Teresa of Carmel (Mary Grant), Lily Quigley, Jackie Dunne, Goretti Martin, James Coyle, Dan Doran, Johnny Patterson, Joseph Gray, Gerard Finnegan, Sheila McKeown, Brendan McGonagle, Anita Doherty, Tony O'Reilly, Michael Small., Dessie, Mary & Madge McGreanery, Mary Stewart, Molly Dunn, George Large, Sr Bridie McLaughlin, Eugene Power, Sean McCready. Rest in peace.

Rev Michael McCaul As a parish community we extend our good wishes to Deacon Michael McCaul, who will be ordained to the diocesan priesthood today, Sunday, at 3 pm in St Eugene's Cathedral. Deacon Michael will celebrate his first Mass on Monday at 7.30 pm in the cathedral. We remember Deacon Michael in prayer and wish him every blessing as he begins his priestly ministry.

Readings for Sunday 5th February: *1st Reading:* Isaiah 58: 7-10 ; *Responsorial Psalm:* 111(112): 4-9; *2nd Reading:* 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; *Gospel:* Matthew 5:13-16

St Vincent de Paul 12.30 Mass today in St Brigid's Church, Carnhill will be offered for the intentions of all our donors in thanksgiving for your generosity throughout the year.

Feast of St Brigid Wednesday 1st February is the Feast of St Brigid, Abbess and Secondary Patron of Ireland and one of the patrons of our parish. St Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. St Brigid was born in 454 and went on to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. The St Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection. **Mass in St Brigid's Church, Carnhill on Wednesday will be celebrated at 9.30 am. Please note change of time.** St Brigid's crosses will be blessed at Mass and 'virtually' blessed online for those who prefer to join Mass via the webcam. All welcome. To see instructions for making a St Brigid's Cross visit <https://www.icatholic.ie/how-to-make-st-brigid-cross/>

St Brigid's Cross Making Come along and enjoy learning to make St Brigid's crosses on Tuesday 31st January from 12 noon - 2 pm at St Pio House, Galliagh. Rushes will be provided. Facilitated by the Living Disciples Group. All welcome.

An Evening Celebrating St Brigid takes place in the Kildare Room at St Brigid's Parochial House, Carnhill on Tuesday 31st January from 7 pm - 9 pm. St Brigid's cross making, music, cupán tae, scone bread, homemade jam, ceol agus craic. All welcome.

Prayer to St Brigid *Brigid, you were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world, Amen.*

Blessing of Candles / Presentation of the Lord Thursday 2nd Feb is the Feast of Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the temple by his parents, Mary and Joseph. Also known as

Candlemas Day. The traditional blessing of candles for use in our parish & homes takes place at Masses on Thursday and via webcam.

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.

Blessing of Throats / Feast of St Blaise Friday 3rd February is the feast of St Blaise, a Bishop in Armenia, who is believed to have been martyred in the early 4th century. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. He is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. At Masses on Friday, the traditional blessing of throats associated with the saint will take place. You are invited, if you wish, to cross your own throat with candles, whether present in church or via webcam.

Adoration & Rosary in St Brigid's Church, Carnhill on Saturday 4th February after 11 am Mass, ending with Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3 pm. All welcome

The Next Irish Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 5th February at 12.30 pm in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. Everyone welcome.

Be Still - Men's Prayer and Friendship Group ... *"it was not you that chose me, but I who chose you ..."* John 15:16 Our MISSION as a group is that all men be drawn out of the darkness and into the light of Christ, Our AIM is to provide a safe place where men can pray and share in a confident and supportive setting. We meet every Thursday from 8 pm - 9.15 pm in Our Lady's Chapel, St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. All men are welcome.

A Healing Night with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will take place on Friday 3rd February at 7 pm in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. Everyone welcome.

Confessions will be heard by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal on Saturday 4th February from 1.30 pm - 4 pm in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. All welcome.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society Monthly meeting on Friday 3rd February after 10am Mass in the Emmaus Room at Pennyburn Church. New members welcome.

Monthly Mass in honour of St Pio will be celebrated on Monday 6th February at 7 pm in St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn. We ask God's blessing on all through the intercession of St Pio. 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 Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP Bellaghy, at pgoh2111@gmail.com or the National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie

Michael McCaul will be ordained priest in St Eugene's Cathedral today. We ask the Lord to bless Michael in his priestly ministry in the diocese of Derry as we pray that many more will answer God's call to them to serve the Church and the diocese as priests.

Franciscan Friary, Rosstown Healing Service on Sunday 5th February. Rosary at 2.45 pm followed by Mass / Healing Service at 3 pm. Confessions 2 pm - 5 pm.

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

A Coffee Morning with St Brigid's Cross Workshop at the IOSAS Centre on Tuesday 31st January from 11am - 12.30 pm. Price €10. Call: (00353) 749384866.

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

Rosary on the Coast will take place on Sunday 5th February at 3 pm at Lisfannon beach for world peace and the protection of unborn babies. All welcome.