

Christmas Draw 2022

Parish of the Three Patrons (St Patrick's, St Brigid's, St Joseph's)

Day 1: Christmas Day - 25th December 2022

1. Winner MARY FEENEY 1093
2. Winner BLAITHIN CREGAN 5548
3. Winner KERRAN JOHNSTON 2561
4. Winner ANN McCALLION 6864
5. Winner LOUISE CONAGHAN2732

Day 2: St Stephen's Day - 26th December 2022

1. Winner MALACHY DOHERTY 5872
2. Winner ANN HARKIN 2222
3. Winner DANIELLE CARLIN 2507
4. Winner KEVIN COYLE 6200
5. Winner ANN DOWNEY 0801

Day 3: Holy Family - 30th December 2022

1. Winner AGNES BOYLE 2839
2. Winner BRONAGH LYNCH 0580
3. Winner HUGH LYNCH 0577
4. Winner MARGARET LEIGHTON 0914
5. Winner MARIE CLARE PETERS 4980

This draw is registered in accordance with the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries, Amusements (NI) Act 1985 with Derry City & Strabane District Council. Registration number - SL06.

Rosary on the Coast will take place next Sunday, 15th January 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: Friday: Saint Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church.

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 regarding safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Maire Gormley, Diocesan Liaison Person, email: marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org, tel: 07596 500 793 or PSNI (Police Service of N Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Gateway Services, WHSC Trust, 71314090. Ask for the Duty Social Worker.

Day 4: New Year's Day - 1st January 2023

1. Winner SYLVIA FAGAN 1042
2. Winner PAULA WILSON 1268
3. Winner LIAM CLIFFORD 1736
4. Winner TALLAS MILLER 0526
5. Winner LAYLA McCAULEY 3279

Day 5: Epiphany - 6th January 2023

1. Winner CHARLIE FRIEND 4174
2. Winner PAUL McLAUGHLIN 355
3. Winner LAUREN THOMPSON 2615
4. Winner BRIDGE SMITH 1363
5. Winner LEIGH HUTTON 1146

Thanks to all who supported Three Patrons Parish Christmas Draw 2022. Congratulations to all the winners and promoters.

Parish of the Three Patrons

The Baptism of the Lord - Year A - 8th January 2023

Parish Clergy

Fr Michael McCaughey, PP – 028 71262360 – stpatricks@threepatrons.org
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Thoughts on the Gospel

The baptism of Jesus is an important event in each of the gospels, heralding as it does the beginning of Jesus' public life and marking him out as the beloved of God. What does the baptism of Jesus mean for us today? The word 'baptism' means to immerse or to wash. The sacred ritual of 'baptism' has existed in many religious beliefs for countless centuries. It requires that the person go down into water; to be totally immersed, to be washed and cleansed in order to become a new person. This was also a part of the Jewish culture to which Jesus belonged.

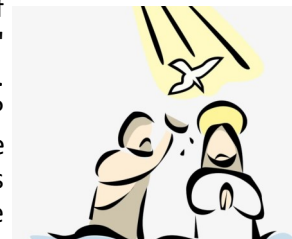
When Jesus is baptised by John, the voice of God is heard to say; 'This is my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' This lets us know who Jesus is and from where he comes. His baptism publicly confirms his intimate and personal relationship with God. He is in God and God is in him. He is not here by or for himself; he has been sent by God. He is here to proclaim the Kingdom of God, not his own.

Through our own sacred baptism, we too are connected to Jesus and to God. When we were baptised, whether as a child or an adult, we became members of God's royal family. We became sons and daughters of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus. Through our baptism we are immersed in God, we are cleansed and we become a new creation. It is through the sacrament of baptism that our deepest nobility and dignity come.

Through our baptism, God says to each of us personally, I call you by your name, you are mine, do not be afraid; you are precious to me and I love you. (Isaiah. 43.1). As Jesus' unique relationship with God is confirmed through his baptism, so too our relationship with Jesus is established through our baptism. As God loves Jesus, so too Jesus loves each of us; 'As the Father loves me, so I love you; abide in my love.' (John. 15.9)

Take a moment today to remember and appreciate your own baptism through which you became a son and daughter of God. In silence, hear these words spoken to and about you; 'You are my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Beloved Son of God, baptised by John, we praise you and marvel at your humility. You are one with us in humanity: lead us into the love of the Father, to whom be thanksgiving now and always, Amen.



Requiescant in Pace Brian O'Reilly, Grainan Drive / Messines Park; Paul Downey, Carnhill; Eileen Morrison, Culmore Road; Noreen Doherty, Mansefield Grove; Annie O'Hagan, Bloomfield Park; Peter McGilloway, St Brigid's Avenue; Owen McGonagle, Gollan Hill, Fahan; Gerald Donohoe, The Hawthorns; Jack Doherty, Ardnarea Crescent; Brian Hutton, Aberfoyle Crescent; Jack Edgar, Carnhill; Kathleen Friel, Bradley Park; Gerry Bradley, Norburgh Park

Anniversaries Terry Doherty, Liam McCandless, Molly Quigley, Sinead Robertson, Stephen Connolly, Seamus Kelly, Mary Jamieson, Jonathan Bryson, Michael Doherty, Michael Cassidy, George Cregan, Anthony McKeever, Margaret Doherty, John Doherty, Molly Quigley, Patrick Doherty, Kathleen Dunne, Margaret McIntyre, John & Elizabeth Craig, Sarah Gray, Annie Clarke, William Davis. May they rest in peace.

Readings for Sunday 15th January: First Reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6; Responsorial Psalm: 39 (40):2,4,7-10; Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; Gospel: John 1:29-34.



Today, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we invite parents of children who have been baptised in the past year, to come along to any of our Masses for a blessing for your baby on this special day.

The Next Irish Mass will be celebrated next Sunday, 15th January at 12.30 pm in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. All 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

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord we pray for the grace to be faithful, each one of us, to the vocation we received at our own baptism: to live as God's beloved children, bringing the Light and Peace of Christ into the lives of our brothers and sisters. We pray in particular for those called to the priesthood and religious life, that they will serve God and His people faithfully.

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.

The Next Holy Hour for Vocations will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral on Friday 13th January at 8.00 pm, led by Deacon Michael McCaul. If you cannot attend in person, you are invited to join in the prayers via the webcam: www.steugenescathedral.com

The Pope's Prayer Intention for January You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention: **For Educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.**

Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops February 20th / 21st; March 6th / 7th; March 27th / 28th. These virtual courses can be booked at www.accordni.com

Fifty-first Mass in honour of Sr Clare Crockett will be celebrated today (Sunday) at 7 pm in Termonbacca. All welcome. Mass will be streamed live via Termonbacca YouTube channel.

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

Thank You for your generosity to the Christmas Box collection on Christmas Day.

Prayer of Blessing for Babies *Lord, our God, out of the speech of little children you have fashioned a hymn of praise. Look with kindness on these children whom the faith of the Church commends to your tender care. Your Son, born of the Virgin Mary, gladly welcomed little children. He took them in his arms, blessed them, and held them up as an example for all. We pray that you, Father, will also send your blessing on them, so that they may grow in Christian maturity and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's witnesses in the world, spreading and defending the faith. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.*

Anam Cara Donegal, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Thursday 12th January at 7.15pm in the Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info call 01 4045378.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th - 25th January 2023. The theme this year is "Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst injustice". Materials for the 2023 Week of Prayer 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>

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

Pursuit of Love Pure in Heart will host a young adult retreat in Termonbacca for those aged 21 - 35 who are single and those who are ready to pursue, or are already dating. A weekend full of talks, testimonies, Mass, Adoration, Confession, Benediction and social events. Please contact info@pureinheart.ie

The December Edition of The Net, the monthly publication sharing the fruits of the faith within the Diocese of Derry and beyond is available at <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-december-2022>

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni & Rome As part of St Eugene's Cathedral 150th Anniversary Celebrations, Bishop Donal 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 City of Derry Airport. 3rd to 7th July, 4 nights full board in the Hotel Agena: £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.