

Saints of the Coming Week: **Tuesday:** St Cyril, monk, and St Methodius, bishop; **Friday:** St Fintan of Clonenagh, abbot; The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, religious.

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.

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

Al-Anon offers family support for those affected by alcoholism . Monday to Friday. Contact 028 90682368. All meetings are listed on the website

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.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts, hopes, concerns and prayers of women from all parts of our world. Theme: *'I Have Heard About Your Faith'*. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. A service to celebrate World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 3rd March at 7.30 pm in First Derry Presbyterian Church. All welcome. Visit wwdp.org.uk

Ards Friary will host a residential retreat, 'Things that Matter', on the first weekend in Lent, 24th - 26th February, led by Philip McParland. Cost €175. To register, tel 074 91 38909 or email: info@ardsfriary.ie. Enquiries / further information can be obtained by emailing: philipmcparland@hotmail.com

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 12th February 2023

Parish Clergy

Fr Michael McCaughey, PP – 028 71262360 – stpatericks@threepatrons.org
Fr Sean O'Donnell, CC – 028 71351261 – stbrigids@threepatrons.org
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal - 028 71419980 - facebook: [derryfranciscans](https://www.facebook.com/derryfranciscans)
www.threepatrons.org [threepatronsfacebook](https://www.facebook.com/threepatronsfacebook)

Thoughts on the Gospel

Our gospel this Sunday continues our excerpts from the great Sermon on the Mount. In today's passage, Our Lord deepens our understanding of how we are to keep the Commandments, expressing that we are not to keep them in a 'minimal' way, but in a far deeper, more considered way. One cannot just say, "I haven't killed anyone ..." — one has to extend one's self-examination to one's anger, one's aggression, one's tone of voice, one's choice of words to others, for example. Hearing Our Lord's words in the Sermon on the Mount is never easy: it can be unsettling, as we let them speak to our conscience. Let's allow His challenging words, uttered out of deep love for us, to penetrate our minds and hearts this Sunday!



Undoubtedly, Jesus is asking us to chart a challenging course. But he would not expect us to follow these directives if it were impossible to do so. And it's important to bear in mind that Jesus doesn't set high standards to test or punish us. His love for us is at the root of everything he teaches us. Following these commandments, challenging though they may be, will in fact make us happier people, both now and in eternity! As with so many good things in life, committed effort on our part is necessary -- whether it be maintaining good health, accomplishing a certain skill, or earning a sought-after award. So too with a soul that is truly free. We need to exercise a life of virtue by taking the advice of Jesus Christ, the best life coach we could ever hope to have.

Lord Jesus, You inspire us by Your example, your teachings and Your love. May we always strive to be the best we can be so that we can set the world on fire with Your love. Help us to trust in you and rely on your guiding help, Amen.

CEMETERY SUNDAY The annual Service of Intercession for the Dead will take place on Sunday 25th June at 3.00 pm in the City Cemetery.

Prayer to Our Lady

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother, hold me firmly lest I fall; I am nervous when I'm walking, and to thee I humbly call. Guide me over every crossing, watch me when I'm on the stairs, let me know you are beside me, listen to my fervent prayers. Bring me to my destination, safely every single day, help me with each undertaking, as the hours pass away. When evening falls upon us, and I fear to be alone, take my hand, O Blessed Mother, once again, and lead me home.

Requiescant in Pace *Brian Begley*, Brookdale Crescent; *Margaret McCartney*, Drummond Park; *Eugenia Chrysafidis*, Elaghmore Park.

Anniversaries Brian Moran, Frank Hegarty, Jack O'Donnell, Eugene Browne, Hugh Callaghan, Kathleen McHugh, Willie Doherty, Terry Monaghan, Sean Gribben, Joe Murray, Annie Doherty, Jim Hegarty, Minnie Moore, Elizabeth Kelly, Winnie Kelly, Brigid Lynch, Mary Devlin, Jackie Moran, Mary Donegan, Brigid Dyke, Fidelma Coyle.

Readings for 19th February: 1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; **Psalm:** 102 (103): 1-4,8, 10, 12-13; **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23; **Gospel:** Matthew 5:38-48

The Next Irish Mass will be celebrated next Sunday, 19th February at 12.30 pm in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. Everyone welcome.

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.

Be Still - Men's Prayer and Friendship Group meets every Thursday from 8 pm - 9.15 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.

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

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 - pgoh2111@gmail.com or National Vocations Office info@vocations.com. *We pray that those called to keep and teach the commandments of God as priests in the diocese of Derry will be committed and faithful ministers of God's word. We pray to the Lord.*

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations *God our Father, you call us by name, and ask us to follow you. Help us to grow in the love and service of your Church today. Grant us the courage to embrace Christ's mission of love and justice. Bless the Church here, in the Diocese of Derry, by raising up generous and dedicated leaders from among our families and friends, who will serve your people as Priests, Sisters, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Bless those who have already answered your call and who are now preparing for service in your Church. Inspire us to know you better and open our hearts and minds to the guidance of your Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Next Sunday is Temperance Sunday. RTE will broadcast Mass next Sunday at 11 am to mark Temperance Sunday. Prayers will be offered for all who are in treatment for addiction and for those who are in recovery. The offertory hymn, composed by Ephrem Feeley, a new arrangement of the Serenity Prayer, will be sung.

A Free of Charge Lenten Retreat, 'Reflecting on the Sunday gospels of Lent as Stepping Stones on our Journey to Easter', offered by The Priory Institute and presented by Seán Goan, biblical scholar, takes place on the Sundays of Lent. This retreat is offered entirely online with 15 minute video reflections focusing on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. The first reflection will be available on 26th February and subsequently each Sunday of Lent. All reflections will remain available to view at your convenience until 14th April. There is no charge, but you must register with your email address. Visit <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2023-priory-lenten-retreat>. Donations welcome. Contact enquiries@prioryinstitute.com or 003531 4048124.

'With a tenderness which never disappoints, Jesus makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and start anew. (Pope Francis)

52nd Mass in Memory of Sr Clare Crockett will be celebrated today (Sunday) at 7 pm in Termonbacca. Mass streamed live via Termonbacca's YouTube channel.

Concern Derry Turkey & Syria Emergency Appeal Pop-up Donations Office, Millenium Forum, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th February, 10 am to 5 pm, and also at the Concern Bookshop, Ferryquay Street, Derry.

Rosary on the Coast will take place on Sunday 19th February at 3 pm at Benone Strand for world peace and the protection of unborn babies. All welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 3rd - 7th July 2023 For booking forms call at or write to the Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop St, Derry, BT48 6UJ (open Saturdays from 11 am - 1 pm) or leave a message with your address and number of forms required on 71260293 or email derrypilgrim@outlook.com. We regret that we are not in a position to provide medical, nursing and personal care as was customary in the past. It is hoped that these services will be restored in 2024.

Foyle Hospice are seeking volunteers. Volunteers are an important part of enabling Foyle Hospice to keep delivering a range of services and specialist palliative care to the community. Day Hospice volunteers are needed to offer complimentary therapies, creative therapies and beauty therapies. Minibus drivers are also needed to take patients to and from the Day Hospice. A range of fundraising volunteers are needed for a number of roles. Retail volunteers are also needed for Foyle Hospice shops. Applications for volunteering close on 28th February. Visit <https://foylehospice.com/get-involvedvolunteering/> or call Rachel on 71351010.

The January Edition of The Net, the monthly magazine, sharing the fruits of faith in parishes and schools within the Derry Diocese, is now available to view at <https://www.derrydiocese.org/publications/the-net/the-net-january-2023.pdf>

2023 Divine Mercy Conference takes place from 17th - 19th February, beginning at 6 pm. The Conference is available free on www.divinemercyconference.com or churchservices.tv or via audio-only at www.RadioMaria.ie

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni and Rome As part of the 150th celebrations for St Eugene's Cathedral, Bishop Donal will lead the pilgrimage from September 25th - 30th, visiting the birthplace of Padre Pio, the Shrine of St Michael Archangel, St Peter's Basilica and other important sites. Price: £879 pps, with £150 single room supplement. Email info@marian.ie, tel 956 80005 or 00353 1 8788159.

Precious Life's March for Life will take place on Saturday 11th March at 2 pm at Custom House Square, Belfast. To book your seat on the bus, contact: 028 90278484 or info@preciouslife.com

Give Blood, Save Lives NI Blood Transfusion Service will collect blood donations at Kilfennan Presbyterian Church, Rosstown Rd, BT47 6FP, on Monday 20th February from 12.30 pm - 4 pm & 5 pm - 7.30 pm. Call 08085 534 653.

Colmcille Ladies' Choir is recruiting for the 2023 season. For more information contact Anne 07913383475.

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.