

Youth 2000 Join young people aged 16 - 35 at the **Youth 2000 Summer Festival** in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from **10th August - 13th August** - inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only. We have buses going from all over Ireland. Further details and booking: www.youth2000.ie

Gamblers Anon Is gambling affecting your life? Maybe we can help. Tel 7135 1329.

AA Can't Stop Drinking? Call Alcoholics Anonymous 90351222.

Termonbacca Summer Scheme for those aged 8 - 14 years takes place from Mon 31st July - Fri 4th August from 12 noon - 4 pm. Visit Termonbacca facebook.

Arthritis Support Group meets in Waterside Shared Village (formerly Clondermott School, Irish St on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 12 noon - 1.30 pm. For further information tel 028 90782940 .

Day Trip to Knock on 5th August. Pick up in Strabane at 8.20 am. Returning 10 pm. Contact Claire at mariesheerin@btinternet.com or 71398932 / 07854948120.


Croagh Patrick National Pilgrimage (Reek Sunday) Sunday 30th July. Mass on the summit every half hour from 8 am - 2 pm. Confessions from 7.30 am - 2 pm.

Blessing for Grandparents and the Elderly

God of mercy, who has given the gift of long life to Your children, grant them your blessing; let them feel the sweetness and strength of your presence. Turning back to the past, let them rejoice in Your mercy and looking to the future let them persevere in the hope that does not die. Praise and glory to You for ever and ever.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PENNYBURN

Sunday 6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 9.45 am & 12.15 pm: 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

Confessions: every Wednesday at 6.15pm (before evening 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 7.15 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 9.00 am & 11.00 am: 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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 23rd July 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](https://www.facebook.com/derryfranciscans)

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Small Beginnings

Jesus and the Gospel are speaking very emphatically about the world in which we are living NOW. The Kingdom represents the kind of world that God, through Jesus, wants to see realised among us here on earth.

The Kingdom is primarily an environment, it is a set of relationships, it is a situation where God's values prevail.

And what are God's values? In practice, they are the deepest human values and aspirations as mirrored in the life of Jesus, who is himself the revelation of God to us in accessible human form. These values include truth, love, compassion, justice, a sense of solidarity with all other human beings, a sense of trust in others, a deep respect for the dignity of every other human person, a holistic concept of human growth and development.

People who, individually and collectively, try to live these values belong, with Jesus, to the Kingdom of God. They are united with the rule of God in trying to build a world we would all like to see happen. It is very much something for the here and now. It is basically the vocation of the Church, and therefore the vocation of every parish community and of every member of that community.

Lord, help me to hear and understand your word.

Let your Holy Spirit work in me for the growth of your kingdom, Amen.

Grandparents' Pilgrimage at Knock takes place today (Sunday), *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*. Rosary: 2 pm, Anointing of the Sick: 2.30 pm, Mass: 3 pm, followed by Benediction & Rosary Procession. Dana will sing *Lady of Knock* and her new hymn, *Light the Flame*. Visit www.knockshrine.ie/watch to take part. The theme for this year's Day of Prayer is 'His Mercy is from Age to Age' (Lk.1:50), using the image of Mary visiting her elderly cousin Elizabeth.

In his message, Pope Francis renewed his invitation to everyone to celebrate this Day and to make it "the occasion of a joyful and renewed encounter between young and old." To young people preparing for World Youth Day Lisbon 2023, the Holy Father extends a warm invitation for them to engage with the elderly. He emphasises, "Engage in conversations with your grandparents, for they possess a wealth of wisdom." "Their prayers will protect you and you will carry in your heart the blessing of that encounter." Before giving his blessing with "great affection," Pope Francis concluded by addressing grandparents and the elderly, praying that "the blessing of the embrace between Mary and Elizabeth come upon you and fill your hearts with peace."

Visit <https://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/>

[worlddayforgrandparentsandtheelderly/](https://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/worlddayforgrandparentsandtheelderly/) to read Pope Francis' message in full.



Requiescant in Pace Marsha Miller, Leafair Park; Thomas Mallett, Sandale Park; Teresa Stewart, Mansfield Close; Christina Heaney, Fortfield Avenue

Anniversaries & Birthday Memorials George Sindall; Anne Ferguson; John Callaghan; Mary Margaret Callaghan; Mary Anne McCaughey; Philip Devlin; Declan McLaughlin; Rose Donegan; Robert & Edward Smyth; Sean Doherty.

Readings for Sunday 30th July, Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12; **Psalm:** 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130;

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30; **Gospel:** Matthew 13:44-52

A Holy Hour for the Unborn & Expectant Mothers will take place on Thursday at 7.00 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 8pm - 9.15pm in Our Lady's Chapel, St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. All welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Three Patrons Parish:

Mondays after 11 am Mass concluding with a Youth 2000 Holy Hour from 7 to 8 in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh

Wednesdays 10.45 am - 6.45 pm in St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn

Daily 8 am - 6 pm in the Kildare Room beside St Brigid's Parochial House, Carnhill.

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

Saints of the Coming Week *Tuesday:* St Declan, bishop, St Sharbel Makhluof, priest; *Tuesday:* St James, Apostle; *Wednesday:* St Joachim and St Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary; *Saturday:* St Martha, St Mary and St Lazarus.

The Next Rosary on the Coast takes place today, Sunday 6th August at 3.00 pm at Lisfannon Beach. All welcome to pray for peace, Ireland and our unborn children.

Carmelite Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 29th August 2023 - 6 nights - €899 per person. For information or to book, please tel 71262512.

Thornhill Ministries Pilgrimage Retreat to the Holy Land. Direct flights ex Dublin. 9 nights staying in Bethlehem and Nazareth from 15th October 2023. Contact 07736832458 or thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org or thornhillministries.co.uk

Knock Shrine Pilgrimage Season We look forward to welcoming organised pilgrimages from across the country at weekends, and daily ceremonies for visiting pilgrims each day. Further information available at www.knockshrine.ie

Foyle Foodbank, Springtown Industrial Estate, 11 am - 3 pm Monday to Friday. Donations can be dropped off at the Foodbank from 9 am - 4 pm Monday - Friday.

Light the Fire: On August 6th Archbishop Eamon Martin will relight the fire on the hill of Slane that was lit by St Patrick many years ago. He will be joined by Sr. Briege Mc. Kenna, Dana and Fr. Pablo. There will be Mass, Rosary and a Eucharistic Healing Service on the day. This is a unique and monumental event. It is an opportunity for each of us to shine our light and witness to our faith in a joyful and spiritually uplifting celebration. If you would like details of a bus from your area please contact hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com

Vocations We pray that a new generation of men will be inspired, willing, and well-prepared to spend their lives for the sake of the Lord's flock, joyfully preaching the Word of God, faithfully celebrating the sacraments, and humbly serving those in need. (From the Prayer for the Year for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood).



Vocational Interest? "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 Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP Bellaghy, at pgoh2111@gmail.com or email National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie

Mary's Meals Annual 'Step by Step to Feed the Next Child' Sponsored Walk 'Two Bridges walk' in Derry on Sunday 6th August at 12 noon (beginning in Sainsbury's car park. Walkers will meet in Sainsbury's car park at 11.45 am. To register for this walk see www.bit.ly/stepbystepwalk Contact Helen Quinn on 07814441701. You can find out more about Mary's Meals at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimages continue until 13th August. We look forward to welcoming our regular and new pilgrims. Visit: www.bit.ly/ld3dpgrp. Booking advised at www.bit.ly/loughdergbooking2023. **One Day Retreats:** 19th, 22nd, 27th August; 2nd, 6th, 9th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th September. Admission €45. Booking essential. For booking / more information see www.loughderg.org or tel 00353 719861518.

Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents and the elderly the world over. Protect them. They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents and the elderly. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents and the elderly constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

May St Joachim and St Anne, Parents of Mary, Grandparents of Jesus bless us all the days of our life.