

Praying for the Holy Souls Our Lady of Montligeon Prayer Group meet in Termonbacca every Monday at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

The Matt Talbot Prayer Society (Praying for those suffering from Addiction) was created to pray for people who are suffering from any form of addiction, for those recovering from addiction, and those affected by addiction, especially families. To join, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for and the addiction we pray that they will be freed from. Those enrolled will be prayed for every day. Mass will be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month. You will receive an enrolment card to enable you to join in the prayer. To enrol someone in the Society please email vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page or tel 71262894. Next Matt Talbot Mass will be in St Eugene's Cathedral on Monday 4th September at 7.30 pm.

Gamblers Anon: 7135 1329. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA):** Tel: 90351222.

Foyle Hospice Male Walk / Run Sunday 24th September at 11.30 am from Sainsbury's, Strand Rd. Entry £10. Visit www.foylehospice.com or tel 7135 9888.

Waterside Half Marathon takes place today, Sunday 3rd Sept. Some road closures and traffic disruption expected, including Pennyburn roundabout from 8am - 1pm.

Can you 'Host for Hospice' and organise a Coffee Morning, whether it is in your workplace, Community Centre or at home. Host anywhere, any way, all you need is a kettle and some company. 'Free Coffee Morning Pack'. For more information or to sign up to become a host, please call Ailbhe, Community Fundraising Officer, Foyle Hospice, on 028 71359888 or email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com

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 Wednesday 6.15-6.45pm

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 and 6.30pm.
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).



Confessions Mondays 11.30am - 12.15pm.

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: mairgormley@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

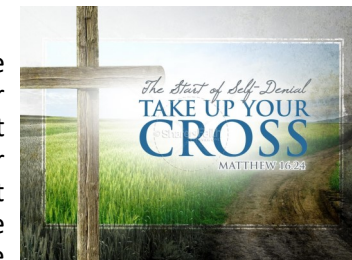
Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 3rd September '23

Parish Clergy

Fr Michael McCaughey, PP – 028 71262360 – stpatricks@threepatrons.org
Fr Sean O'Donnell, CC – 028 71351261 – stbrigids@threepatrons.org
Fr Roni Zacharias, CC - 028 71351261 - stbrigids@threepatrons.org
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal - 028 71419980 - facebook: derryfranciscans

God's Way

God's ways are not our ways and our ways are not God's ways. We will find no clearer illustration of this truth than the incident recorded in today's Gospel reading. No sooner had Peter received one of Jesus' greatest affirmations on declaring him to be the Christ, the Son of the Living God (Matt. 16:16), than he received one of his harshest rebukes: 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men' (v 23). Poor Peter must have reeled - he was after all only trying to help. In uttering his rebuke, Jesus was, however, looking beyond Peter to Satan, who he discerned to be behind his disciple's words. Jesus' entire mission and goal was focused on the cross. Never in human history was someone born to die like Jesus. His death would mean life for all, and Satan and his realm worked day and night to prevent it. Like Peter, each one of us needs to grow and mature in our understanding of the cross. It was on the cross that God proved his love for us. When Christ hung and bled and died it was God saying to the world, 'I love you'. Nails could not have kept Jesus on the cross: it was his love that held him there. Jesus came to pay a debt he did not owe because we owed a debt we could not pay. We are blessed beyond compare because we stand in the glory of the cross and have received through it every grace and blessing



Back To School: A Prayer For Students

*Dear God, bless all children and young people this day. Instruct them.
Give them inquiring minds and discerning hearts. Strengthen them.
Give them courage to persevere in all they undertake. Delight them.
Give them the gift of joy and wonder in all things. Befriend them.
Give them laughter and love to share with all. Guard them. Give them
protection and safety as they move out of the embrace of home.
Love them. And give them sure and certain knowledge
of your unfailing love, Amen.*

Prayer for Vocations: For our seminarians and those considering a vocation to the priesthood, that, like Jeremiah in today's first reading, they will feel a fire burning in their hearts as the Holy Spirit calls them to service in the diocese of Derry.

Requiescant in Pace We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of: Christine Sheehan, Elmgrove; Gareth Morrin, Galliagh Park.



Anniversaries & Birthday Memorials: Garvan Henderson; Mary McIvor; Jackie Dalton; Chrissie Wiltshire; Ciaran O'Connor & Kathleen Grant; Rose McLaughlin; Brendan Sweeney; Liam Stranbridge; Charlie McLaughlin; Danny Quigley; Nan Carton; Betty McCarron; Laurence Crilly; James Crilly. May they rest in peace.

Readings for 10th September, 23rd Sunday of Year 1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9; **Psalms:** 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8); **2nd Reading:** 13: 8-10; **Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

The Next Irish Mass will be celebrated today (Sunday) 3rd 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 7.00 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 8.00 pm - 9.15 pm in Our Lady's Chapel, St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. All welcome.

Monthly Mass in Honour of St Pio will be celebrated on Monday 4th September at 7.00 pm in St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn. We ask God's blessing on all through the intercession of St Pio. Everyone welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday in Our Lady's Chapel, Galliagh after the 11am Mass, ending at 7pm.

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

Daily 8.00 am - 6.00 pm in Kildare Room beside St Brigid's Parochial House, Carnhill.

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

Saints of Coming Week Monday: St Mac Nissi, bishop; **Friday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; **Saturday:** St Ciaran of Clonmacnoise, abbot

The Next Rosary on the Coast takes place today (Sunday) at 3pm at Lisfannon beach. All welcome to pray for peace, Ireland and our unborn children.

Blessing of Bikes – St Aengus' Church, Burt - Sunday 17th September, in St Aengus' Church at 1 pm, followed by the blessing of bikes, prayers will be said for all our biker friends who have died since this time last year. Names can be emailed to gerardsweeney@ymail.com. A collection will be taken up for RNLI.

Holy Family Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting, **Tuesday** 5 September at Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagroarty, Rosary at 6.45pm, Mass at 7.15pm, followed by Novena to St. Pio The priest will bless each person afterwards with a first-class relic of St. Pio.

Job Opportunity - Permanent Part time Housekeeper, Parish of the Three Patrons, 18-20 hours per week. View Job information at: derrydiocese.org/jobs.

Living Disciples will return on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm in St Pio House, St Joseph's Church grounds. Praise, worship, friendship and a cup of tea.

ACCORD NI: If you feel your relationship is in crisis or you need a little guidance and help, contact your local ACCORD centre, counsellors are professionally trained in the specialism of couples and relationships counselling - 0289033002 / accordni.com

5K Park Run in memory of Joseph and Reuven - Sat 23rd September at 9am at Oakgrove Integrated College. A morning of fun and remembrance of the lives of Joseph and Reuven. Further details from www.eventbrite.co.uk - park run.

St Vincent de Paul Clearance Pop-Up Shop in St Pio Centre, Galliagh, on Saturday 30th September from 10am - 4pm. Everything £1. Men, women and children's clothes, shoes and handbags. All welcome.

Legion of Mary - Bus to Knock - Sunday 24th September, leaving St Joseph's Church at 8am sharp. £20 for bus and £5 deposit secures a seat. Contact Margaret Mullan 07762508819 or any member of the Legion or St Joseph's Church 9am-1pm.

Season of Creation 2023 Pope Francis in his message for the Season of Creation, in accord with the theme, 'Let Justice and Peace Flow', calls us to live in harmony with creation, 'just as the heartbeat of babies in the womb are in harmony with that of their mothers so we can sense the maternal heartbeat of the earth'. In calling us to renew our relationship with the earth, Pope Francis states that it involves our relationships with God, with each other, with creation and with ourselves. We are interconnected with all of life (LS 66). In entering the rhythm of the life of Jesus, the Son of God, we enter the rhythm of God's gift of creation, the Common Home of our interrelationships. The climate crisis, as highlighted by the sciences, and impacting upon the poor, opposes that rhythm of life. As Christians, we are called to enter the flow of justice for humanity and for creation. Indeed, St. Paul (2nd Rd.) calls us not to model our behaviour on this world, but 'let your behaviour change'. Jesus, filled with a fire burning in his heart, like Jeremiah (1st Rd.), stayed with the flow of his calling to go to Jerusalem. His urge to keep going despite opposition was irrepressible.



We too are called to tune into this urge of Jesus to renounce everything for the sake of the cause of justice and peace. Pope Francis urges us to enter the flow of justice for the earth by changing our lifestyles and advocating for the public policies that care for our Common Home. Visit <https://catholicnews.ie/pope-francis-appeals-for-a-renewal-of-our-relationship-with-creation/> to read Pope Francis' message in full.

A Prayer for the Earth *God our Creator, maker and shaper of all that is, seen and unseen; You are present in the breadth and depth of the whole of creation, and in the processes that make life possible. Yet, we are distracted by the gods of the marketplace. Our lives have become fractured and fragmented. In our brokenness we disturb the Earth's capacity to hold us, Call us back from the brink. Help us to choose love and not fear, to change ourselves and not the planet, to act justly for the sake of the vulnerable, and to make a difference today for the life tomorrow. We make this our prayer in your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.*

