

PARISH CLERGY

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ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, Buncrana Road Derry BT48 7Q Tel: 71262360

Sunday Masses: Vigil 6pm; 10am, 12noon

Weekdays: Monday – Friday 7.30am, 10am, Wednesday 7.30pm, Saturday 10am

Confessions: Wednesday 7pm – 7.20pm; Saturday: After morning Mass and 5.15pm - 5.45pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday after 10am Mass until 7.15pm & Friday 8 - 9.45am

Baptisms: Every Saturday at 4.00pm; third Sunday of the month at 1pm

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9.15am - 3.30pm

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, Carnhill BT48 6 8HJ. Tel: 71351261

Sunday Masses: Vigil 6pm; 10.30am, 12.30pm

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 9.30am; Thurs 7.30pm; Saturday 9.30am

Eucharistic Adoration:

Daily in Adoration Chapel from 8am - 6pm and Thursday 10am - 7.15pm

Confessions: Thursday: 7pm - 7.20pm; Saturday: After morning Mass and 5.15pm - 5.45pm

Baptisms: Every Saturday at 4.00pm

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am -12.00pm

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, Galliagh, BT48 8NU. Tel: 71352351

Sunday Masses: Vigil 7pm; 9am, 11am

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday 10.30am; Monday 7.30pm

Confessions: Monday: 7pm - 7.20pm; Saturday: After morning Mass and 6.15pm - 6.45pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday 11am until 7.15pm.

Baptisms: Every Saturday at 5.00pm

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm

Marriages Three months' notice must be given before the date of marriage.

Passport and Drivers' Licence Endorsements Please visit during office hours.

Child Safeguarding If you or anyone you know has a Child Safeguarding concern please refer to the notices in the Church.

Hospital Visitation If you have a family member in hospital, please contact the parish office if they would like a priest to visit them.

Bulletin Notices should be sent to stjosephs@threepatrons.org by 1pm Wednesday.



Parish of The Three Patrons

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 29th January 2017

St Brigid - Wednesday 1st February. St Brigid was born c454, She is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. Her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her, but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St Mel in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. She died in 524. Her life depicts her as an active nun, living with her community but often travelling either for evangelical or charitable purposes. The St Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's Protection.

Saint Brigid Hearth Keeper Prayer

Brigid of the Mantle, encompass us, Lady of the Lambs, protect us, Keeper of the Hearth, kindle us. Beneath your mantle, gather us, and restore us to memory. Mothers of our mother, foremothers strong. Guide our hands in yours, remind us how to kindle the hearth. To keep it bright, to preserve the flame. Your hands upon ours, our hands within yours, to kindle the light, both day and night. The Mantle of Brigid about us, the Memory of Brigid within us, the Protection of Brigid keeping us from harm, from ignorance, from heartlessness. This day and night, from dawn till dark, from dark till dawn.



St Brigid's Day - Celebration of the Feast of St Brigid will be held at the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 1st February, in St Brigid's Church, Carnhill. Led by pupils and choir of St Brigid's College.

The Presentation Of The Lord - Thursday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day. This feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the Nations.

Candles will be blessed at Masses in our Parish on this day.

Feast of St Blaise - Friday 3rd February. The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. Using two crossed and unlighted candles, the priest touches the throat of each person, saying, 'Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.'

Throats will be blessed at Masses in our Parish on this day.

Offertory Collection Thank you for your generous contribution last weekend which amounted to £5,524.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family, Jacob Daniel Harker Rúa Dowds; Tieghán Dolly Breslin; Darragh Harkin.

Requiescant in Pace Margaret Cartin, 14 St Patrick's Terrace; Rosie Harkin, 48 Benview Estate, Coshquin.

Monthly Visitation of the Sick and Housebound - for February

Fr Canning - Wednesday 1st: Old School Lane, Racecourse Park, Bradley Park, Capall Court, Glendale Park, Donal Casey Court. Thursday 2nd: Carnhill Estate, Friday 3rd: Thorndale, Elmgrove, Mansefield Grove.

Fr McCaughey - week beginning Monday 6th February (by arrangement)

Fr Mongan - week beginning Monday 6th February.

Bethany - Bereavement Group Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th February at 6pm in the Parochial House, Pennyburn. Everyone Welcome.

Padre Pio Prayer Group will hold their monthly Mass on Monday 6th February at 7.30 pm in St Patrick's, Pennyburn. Everyone welcome

Night of Healing with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Friday 3rd February at 7pm in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. Bishop Donal McKeown will give the main presentation and bless people with the Padre Pio Mitt. Facebook: Derry Franciscans.

Feast of St Brigid: Come and make a St Brigid's Cross at IOSAS Centre & Celtic Garden, Lenamore Road on Tues 31st Jan from 5:30pm followed by Mass celebrated by Fr Neal Carlin in St Canice's Oratory at 7pm where crosses will be blessed. Tea / Coffee provided during cross-making. No cost but donations welcome.

The Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs, and their families and friends, will take place in St Joseph's Church, on Saturday 6th May at 2pm. Bishop McKeown will celebrate the Mass. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on 71264087.

St Joseph's Parish Centre:

Bingo: Wednesday, Friday & Sunday at 9pm.

Snowball: £1,500 in 40 numbers.

Briginis: Tuesdays from 6.30 - 7.45pm.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2017, January 29 - February 4.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is:

Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home.

At this time we offer a word of thanks to all those associated with the Catholic Schools in the Parish of the Three Patrons.

Thornhill College Open Day: Monday 30th January, 4.00pm – 6.30pm.

'Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love': Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on 'Love in the Family' presented by Grainne Doherty, in Ardmore Pastoral Centre: nine monthly sessions, commencing Tuesday 31st January, at 7.30pm. The First Session will be introduced by Bishop Donal McKeown. The various themes contained in Pope Francis' 'Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the Family' will be explored and deliberated upon for reflection, inviting all to look anew at the beauty and joy of what it means to be part of a family. It is an opportunity to be refreshed, enriched and informed by the Pope's reflections on the Family. Contact Fr Neil Farren: 71349490 or email: ardmoreparish@btconnect.com

St Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot, Co Donegal, - Retreat Sunday 5th February at 11am. Guided Prayer and Quiet Reflection, concluding with Mass at 3pm. Cost £22/€25. To book please contact 00353 749368370 or email: sarce@eircom.net

Holy Land Pilgrimage Retreat: to the Holy Land in September 2018, if you are interested please e-mail thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org.

Wanting to Volunteer overseas? Viatores Christi (VC) - Information & Recruitment Session, Tuesday 31st January at 7.30pm in St John's Parochial House, Falls Road, Belfast BT12 6EN. Tel. 0035318689986 apply@viatoreschristi.com www.viatoreschristi.com for more information.

Calling all Quizzers! Are you over 60 and live within Derry City area? Then why not get a team of friends together. All four members of each team must be over 60 and the quiz will start on Monday 20th February at 3pm at Malvern House, Chapel Road. For an entry form and further information, please contact Older People NW (Age Concern) on (028) 71 347 478.

Do you have 1-2 hours free once a week to support Foyle Hospice's Compassionate Communities '*Reach Out*' voluntary befriending service. Contact 07841101932 or Email: tracy@compassionatecommunitiesnw.com

Retired Teacher Volunteers urgently needed one morning per week. The children's charity Sólás needs 4 Retired Teachers, to provide 1:1 educational support to children, with additional educational needs, in a number of primary schools in the Derry area. Contact Anne: 02890 247600 / 07729 779242 or email anne@solasbt7.com for further details.