

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 4.30pm; 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 11am

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

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

Baptisms: Every Saturday at 4.30pm

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 5.30pm

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.



THE THREE PATRONS
ST PATRICK | ST BRIGID | ST JOSEPH

Parish of The Three Patrons

Sunday 16th October 2016 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God Does Not Need Reminding

I have just paused to notice my breathing. The heart is working away. Both are steady and normal. The normality almost deadens my awareness of God's creative presence giving me life with all its blessings, opportunities, challenges and difficulties. It sometimes takes the absence of one of His gifts to alert us to our total dependence on God. In times of crisis, we pleadingly voice our needs, even our panic, with a persistence that seems discourteous to our benefactor. This persistence in intercessory prayer is strongly encouraged by Jesus in this weekend's Gospel. There, the carefully crafted parable has a deeper message than just bullying God into changing his mind. God does not need reminding, but we do. Highlighting our needs is a reminder of all we have received. Such remembering evokes gratitude that leads to praise and worship culminating in happiness. Jesus does not explain the parable. He expects us to mine it. Some miners find diamonds. *Fr Tom Clancy, Cork*

Lord Jesus, may I never give up in prayer but persevere and persist, believing that God hears.

Parish Mission Our Parish Mission, conducted by the Dominican Friars, takes place from Saturday 15th - Sunday 23rd October. The theme is 'Open the Door to Christ'. The Mission begins at the 6 pm vigil Mass in St Patrick's, Pennyburn, the 6 pm vigil Mass in St Brigid's, Carnhill and the 7 pm vigil Mass in St Joseph's, Galliagh. During the coming week, **Mission Masses** are at 6.30 am and 10 am in St Patrick's, 6.30 am and 9.30 am in St Brigid's and 6.30 am and 10.30 am in St Joseph's. On Sunday 16th October, as our Mission begins, there will be Rosary, Benediction and a talk at 6 pm in our three churches. During the week, **the Evening Mission** consisting of the Rosary, Benediction and a talk, will take place at 7.30 pm in our three churches. There will be **all day Confessions** on Monday in St Joseph's from after 10.30 am Mass - 8.30 pm, Wednesday in St Patrick's from after 10 am Mass - 8.30 pm and Thursday in St Brigid's from after 9.30 am Mass - 8.30 pm; **Mass will be celebrated as usual** in St Joseph's on Monday at 7.30 pm, Wednesday at 7.30 pm and Thursday in St Brigid's at 7.30 pm. **Anointing of the Sick** takes place on Tuesday in St Joseph's, Thursday in St Patrick's and Friday in St Brigid's. There will be **Blessing of Roses**, in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at all morning Masses on Saturday 22nd October. **The relics of St Martin** and other Dominican saints will be available for veneration during the Mission. The Mission will close at Masses next weekend. Everyone is welcome to Three Patrons Parish for this time of prayer and petition.

Parish Mission Prayer Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people and grant us a new faithfulness to your Word, a new experience of your love in the Eucharist and a new consecration to your service. That your love may grow among us and your Kingdom come, through Christ, the Lord, Amen.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family Daire Gerard Hampson, Aoibheann Catherine Gallagher, Ruadh John McClean, Jacob Alexander Campbell.

Requiescat in Pace Frank Mahon, 68 Leafair Park.

Offertory Collection Thank you for your generous contribution last weekend which amounted to £5,516.

The Second Collection (monthly) for the major maintenance and renovation work for Three Patrons Parish will take place this weekend. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

A Word of Welcome to Fr Gerard Mongan, CC who has been appointed to the Parish of the Three Patrons. Fr Gerard was ordained in 2003 and is no stranger to the parish. He has served previously as a deacon in St Joseph's, Galliagh and as a priest in Our Lady of Lourdes, Steelstown, St Columba's, Long Tower, St Eugene's Cathedral, and Dungiven. We offer Fr Gerard every good wish in his new appointment. We ask you to remember him and all priests in your prayers.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. The theme is 'Every Christian is a Missionary of Mercy'. It is the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. We acknowledge the good work of **the Apostolic Society** throughout the country. Members of the Society, by prayer and various fundraising activities, contribute to the life of many missionaries.



Masses for Deceased Loved Ones will be celebrated on All Souls' Day (2nd November) in St Patrick's, Pennyburn at 7.30 pm, St Brigid's, Carnhill at 7.30 pm and St Joseph's, Galliagh at 7.30 pm. We remember in a special way all who have died in the past year.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society acknowledges with thanks a donation of £80.

St Joseph's Parish Centre:

Bingo: Wednesday, Friday @ Sunday at 9pm.

Snowball: £1,900 in 40 numbers.

Slimming World: Every Monday at 5.30pm

Briginis: Tuesdays from 6.30 - 7.45pm.

St Joseph's Church, Galliagh 40th Anniversary Next Saturday, Bishop McKeown will celebrate the Vigil Mass in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. This Mass will mark the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the church by the late Cardinal Conway on 17th October 1976. We acknowledge all those priests who have served in the church. We think of so many people of all ages who have received the sacraments in St Joseph's. So too, we pray for all those who have been present in the church for the funeral Masses of their deceased loved ones. We thank our sacristans, different groups and so many volunteers who have helped to maintain the fabric and beauty of the building. Indeed, we acknowledge your great generosity in the past few months, which has enabled a complete refurbishment of St Joseph's Church. It looks so well and please God, this work will stand good for many years to come. It is good to have the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal living beside the church. You are welcome and encouraged to come along to Mass next Saturday, 21st October at 7 pm. During the coming week, as we celebrate our Parish Mission, we offer special prayers for all associated with St Joseph's in the past 40 years.

International Choral Festival As part of the festival, the Momentum Choir will sing at the Parish Bingo in St Joseph's Parish Centre, Galliagh at 8.30 pm on Friday 21st October and Hollybush Primary School will sing at 11 am Mass in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh next Sunday, 23rd October.

St Therese PS, Lenamore Open Day Tuesday 18th October from 4-5 pm.

Mass for the Sick will take place in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca on Tuesday 18th October at 8 pm. Everyone welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017 The pilgrimage office at the Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop St is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 am - 1 pm for those wishing to join the savings scheme Tel: 71260293.

Thornhill Ministries offer *Quiet Moments of Meditation* (Wed mornings), *Poetry Workshops* (Thurs evenings), *Liturgy Planning* (Mon evenings). Please tel 71351233 or visit www.thornhillministries.co.uk.

Sing for Fun at Age Concern If you are 60+, come and join the Sing for Fun Group beginning on Tuesday 18th October at 7 pm at Malvern House, Chapel Rd. Refreshments served. Tel 71347478. All welcome.

Flu Vaccine Park Medical, Gt James St - Saturday 22nd October.

Flu Vaccine Aberfoyle Medical Practice - Thursday 20th October 6 - 8 pm.

Hearing Aid Maintenance and Support takes place on Thursday 20th October from 11 am - 12.30 pm at Carnhill Resource Centre. All welcome.

Grand Charity Show An Evening of Song and Story in The Playhouse on Friday 21st October at 7.30 pm featuring Aussie Bryson, Eamon Friel, Fergus Cleary, Paddy McCartney, Cathal McCann, Maureen Hegarty and others, in aid of HCPT - the Pilgrimage Trust. Cost £10 & £8. All welcome.