

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 5.00pm

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

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday 11th December 2016



Light shines in the darkness
A flame that brightens every day
Leading us towards the birth of Christ
Guiding us to the one who is the light of the world

Celebration of Christmas : Carols and Christmas meditation will take place in our parish next Sunday, 18th December in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh at 12 noon (immediately after 11am Mass), in St Brigid's Church, Carnhill at 5pm, in St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn at 5pm. We welcome and encourage people to come along to this time of prayer in preparation for Christmas.

'Bring your own baby Jesus' In the tradition of Bambinelli Sunday, where on this Sunday in Rome, Pope Francis will bless people and their baby Jesus figures from their own homes – we ask people to bring their baby Jesus figures to each of our Carol Services at which time they will be blessed so that on Christmas morning, people can again place baby Jesus in the crib of their own homes.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Priests will be available next Sunday in the three churches of our parish from 2.30pm – 4.00pm, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We invite people to use this opportunity to celebrate the sacrament in preparation for Christmas.

Parish of the Three Patrons - Twelve Days of Christmas Draw 25th December 2016 - 5th January 2017

Many great prizes - three prizes each day including:
Vouchers for: Strand Hotel, Ballyliffin; The Wolf Shack; Foyleside; Paul's Butchers; Tesco; O'Kane Meats; Ballyliffin Hotel; The Gap, Bridgend; Da Vinci's; The City Hotel; and An Grianan Hotel. Lunch for two at Coffee House; B&B for 2 people at Brian McEniff Hotels; Afternoon tea for two at The Red Door, Fahan; Afternoon tea for two Beech Hill Country House; B&B, spa treatment package for 2 people at Ballyliffin Lodge; Playstation 4 with one game; Afternoon tea for two in Bishop's Gate Hotel; 40" Smart Television; 200 litres of oil. **And on the 12th Day of Christmas,**

1st prize: £2,017; 2nd : iPhone 7; 3rd: Foyleside voucher

50p per daily draw / 12 days: £6. Tickets available from Parish Offices



Offertory Collection Thank you for your generous contribution last weekend which amounted to £5,382.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family, Cathair Aaron Irvine; Cathal Gary Mahon; Kyra Rose Hillen; Kai Jay Doherty-Clarke; Theo Davin Clifford-Parke; Niamh Leigh Travers; Lochlann Patrick Hutcheon

Requiescant in Pace Robert O'Donoghue, 60 Bracken Park; Finbar Dennis, 8 Kingsfort Park; Isobel Davidson, 18 Shandon Park.

Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help continues in St Joseph's Church, each Wednesday at 7pm and will conclude on Wednesday 21st December.

St Brigid's Church will reopen this weekend following extensive refurbishment. A special Mass of rededication, thanksgiving and remembrance will be celebrated at St Brigid's by Bishop Donal McKeown at 12noon next Saturday, 17th December. We have much to celebrate at this time – the 40th anniversary of the foundation of St Brigid's, the very many priests and people associated with St Brigid's through four eventful decades, and the generosity of the parish community that has made this refurbishment possible. We acknowledge the understanding and co-operation of all during the recent weeks of closure, with special thanks to the staff of The Resource Centre and St Brigid's Centre in enabling daily Mass to continue during the period of disruption.

Remembering our Deceased Family Members at Christmas Christmas can be a very difficult time for those who have experienced loss through bereavement. Jesus came into our world of suffering at Christmas to share our burdens and to bring hope. During the Mass of re-dedication at St Brigid's next Saturday at 12noon, new windows in St Brigid's will be blessed and dedicated in memory of all our deceased family members and the generosity of the donors. We will remember in prayer our deceased loved ones, those who experience bereavement around Christmas time and especially those who are alone in their grief at Christmas. Let us bring our intentions into the presence of the Eucharist for healing.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society monthly meeting, Tuesday 13th Dec at 7.30pm in Pennyburn Parochial House. New members welcome.

Youth Choir: Are you aged 14- 25 and enjoy singing? St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn are looking for new members for their Youth Choir to sing at Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings at 6pm. Contact Kathryn at 71351261.

St Joseph's Parish Centre:

Bingo: Wednesday, Friday & Sunday at 9pm.

Snowball: £2,500 in 40 numbers.

A Gift of Music, concert in aid of Foyle Hospice, in St Joseph's Parish Centre, on Monday 12th December from 8pm - 10pm. Adm: £10. Tickets available from St Joseph's Parish Office 9-1pm. Guest Star: The Rat Pack.

SVDP Carnhill appeal to you for donations of Christmas gifts for the children and the elderly in the parish. Please leave them at St Brigid's Church as soon as possible, so our busy volunteers can distribute them early. Gift Vouchers are also most welcome, especially for older children.

Pennyburn Christmas Carol Service takes place next Sunday, 18th December at 5pm featuring children from St Patrick's PS, Pennyburn Folk Group and other soloists. As is customary, children are invited to bring presents of new toys and adults sweets, biscuits, vouchers or money gifts to make Christmas a happy time for other families who are less fortunate. Please identify wrapped gifts with gender / age. The St Vincent De Paul will distribute gifts to local families.

Holy Family Padre Pio prayer group - Christmas meeting, Tuesday 13th December in Holy Family Church, starting with Mass at 7.15pm.

Stormont Rosary Vigil for Life - Please join us in a beautiful candlelight Rosary Vigil for the protection of Ireland's unborn babies at Parliament Buildings, Stormont (Main Gates) at 7.30pm this Monday 12th December, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadeloupe. For more information contact Rosary Crusade for Ireland on 028 9027 8484 or info@preciouslife.com

'I AM:PRESENT' will be a night to remember, with Derry's own 'I AM' 14 piece worship band, special guests, in St Columbs Hall on Sunday 18th December. All the favourite Christmas classics such as 'Oh Holy Night' 'Silent Night' 'Hark the herald' etc. Tickets £10 available from Veritas.

Hearing Aid Maintenance and Support - free drop in Clinic at: Carnhill Resource Centre on Thursday 15th December 2016 from 11am-12.30pm Mary.Cruickshank@hearingloss.org.uk or 02871 320167 / 07918767640.

Altnagelvin Hospital Choir Christmas Carol Concert, including Mozart Coronation Mass and a collection of seasonal pieces, in All Saints Clooney, Saturday 17th December 7.30pm. Musical Director: Derek Collins. Tickets: £10. Proceeds in aid of Children in Crossfire. Everyone welcome.

Primary 1 Enrolment 2017 – Application forms for entry into P1 in September 2017, are now available from the school of your choice. There are four excellent Catholic schools in the parish: St Brigid's Primary School, 71351929; St Patrick's Primary School, 71266074; St Paul's Primary School, 71352485 & St Therese's Primary School, 71359759. Children born between 2 July 2012 and 1 July 2013 (inclusive) must start primary school in September 2017. Completed forms should be returned to the school with a Birth Certificate, before 12 noon on Wednesday 11 January 2017.