

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 18th December 2016



Today we relight the first three candles of the Advent Wreath - the candles of HOPE, PEACE and JOY. Now we light the fourth candle of Advent. This is the candle of LOVE. Jesus demonstrated self-giving love in his ministry as the Good Shepherd. Advent is a time for kindness, thinking of others, and sharing with others. It is a time to love as God loved us by giving us his most precious gift. As God is love, let us be love also.

Let us pray:

Teach us to love, O Lord. May we always remember to put you first as we follow Christ's footsteps, that we may know your love and show it in our lives. As we prepare for our celebration of Jesus' birth, also fill our hearts with love for the world, that all may know your love and the one whom you have sent, your son, our Saviour. Amen.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Priests will be available this Sunday, 18th December 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 (during office hours). Promoter's Prize with each winning ticket.



Offertory Collection Thank you for your generous contribution last weekend which amounted to £5,443.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family, Aoife-May Dunne; Sophie Alex Walker; Noah James Higgins; Ronan Pol Plummer.

Requiescant in Pace Celine Coyle, 77 Bloomfield Park; Bridget Gallagher, 11 Oakgrove.

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

Celebration of Christmas : Carols and Christmas meditation will take place today Sunday, 18th December in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh at 12 noon (immediately after 11am Mass), St Brigid's Church, Carnhill at 5pm, and in St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn 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.

'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 figure to each of our Carol Services at which time baby Jesus figure will be blessed. On Christmas morning, people can again place baby Jesus in the crib of their own home. We welcome and encourage people to come along to this time of prayer in preparation for Christmas.

Ulster University Choir presents 'Eternal Light' in St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn, Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm. Admission is free with retiring collection. Everyone is welcome.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society acknowledge with thanks a donation of £90

Termonbacca: Mass for the Sick Tuesday 20th December at 8pm. Advent Evening Vigil - (Adoration, Confessions & Mass) Wed 21st Dec at 7.30pm.



**12 Games of Christmas
Big Bingo** in St Joseph's Parish Centre,
Sunday 18th December
at 9pm. Doors open: 7.30pm.
Prizes include: 4 x £200; 4 x £300; 3 x £1,000
Total payout £6,240

Bingo will close Sunday 25th December and Sunday 1st January.

Christmas Mass Times:

Saturday 24th December: Christmas Eve - St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn 6pm, 8pm; St Brigid's Church, Carnhill 6pm, 7.30pm, 9pm; St Joseph's Church, Galliagh 7pm, 10pm.

Sunday 25th December: Christmas Day - Masses as usual St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn 7.30am, 10am, 12noon; St Brigid's Church, Carnhill 10.30am, 12.30pm; St Joseph's Church, Galliagh 9am, 11am.

Monday 26th December: Feast of St Stephen - St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn 10am; St Brigid's Church, Carnhill 9.30am.

**Parish Christmas card available in Church porches,
detailing Mass times over the Christmas and New Year period.**

The Little Theatre Group presents it's annual Christmas Pantomime "Mother Goose" in St Josephs Parish Centre, 27th to 30th December at 3pm. Tickets: £6 / £3.50 concessionary, family ticket available. Tel: 07543050891 for bookings and box office opening times.

Pennyburn Youth Club presents **Disco Kids** on Friday 23rd December from 6 – 8pm for 5 -12 years. Admission £1. Spot prizes. Everyone welcome.

Walking Tour of the Dubrovnik Islands and Medjugorje, 15th – 24th May 2017. Religious programme in Medjugorje, £895.00. Contact: Jean Reynolds 028 44830979 or email: jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk

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.

A special charity concert in memory of the late Bishop Daly, Saturday 4th February in St Columb's Hall. All proceeds from the concert will go to Bishop Daly's chosen charities: Children in Crossfire, Foyle Hospice and Foyle Search and Rescue. Hosted by renowned comedian Jean Fitzpatrick. Tickets can be purchased through the Millennium Forum: 71264455.

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. Closing Date: 12 noon Wednesday 11 January.

St Joseph's Community Playgroup - Application forms available from the school for children aged 3 years on or before 30th June 2017.

Belmont Nursery School, Racecourse Road, telephone 028 71265241, email us at info@belmontnurseryschool.co.uk or visit our website.