

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.

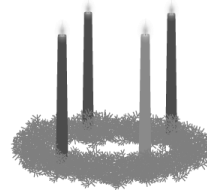
Hospital Visitation If you have a family member in hospital, please contact the parish office if they would like a priest to visit them.

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



Parish of The Three Patrons

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday 27th November 2016



The first Sunday of December marks the beginning of Advent. Advent is a season observed by many Christians as a time of preparation and expectant waiting for the celebration of Jesus' birth. The term comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming". For every Sunday of Advent, a candle is lit. Each candle represents a different theme: hope, peace, joy, and love.

The four candles represent the 4,000 years prior to Christ's coming and, the four weeks of Advent. The unlighted candles represent the dark ages before Christ's coming. The lighted candles represent Christ, the Light of the World. Each week we light one more candle and that represents the idea that the coming of Christ is closer. The circular form of the wreath symbolizes that God has no beginning or end. The green of the boughs indicates hope - just as the green of spring indicates new life.

Heavenly Father, as we begin this Advent, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. May the Lord find us watching and waiting in joy when He comes. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

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.



Priests' Collection Thank you for your generous contribution last weekend which amounted to £4,908

Monthly Renovation Collection £5,282, many thanks for your ongoing generosity.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family, Oisin Tony McLaughlin; Kye Thomas Travers; Teagan Sara McClelland; Odhran Cathal Quigley; Freya Kate McKeever.

Requiescant in Pace Christina McFeely, 3 Balmoral Avenue; Betty Devine, 9 Culmore Park; Connie Moore, 111 Elmvale.

Fr Canning will visit the sick and housebound this week at the usual times: Thursday: Carnhill Estate, Friday: Old School Lane, Racecourse Park, Bradley Park, Capall Court, Glendale Park, Donal Casey Court.

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

Parish of the Three Patrons: St Brigid's Church, Carnhill

Weekend Mass will be celebrated in St Brigid's Centre (opposite Resource Centre) at the usual times: 6pm (vigil), 10.30am and 12.30pm. Weekday Masses will be celebrated in the main room of the Resource Centre at 9.30am, Monday – Friday. (Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated in St Brigid's Centre at 9.30am).

Healing Night with Eddie Stones, in St Joseph's Church, on Friday 2nd December at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

Padre Pio Prayer Group will hold its monthly Mass on Monday 5th December at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn.

Mass will be offered for deceased members of the Derry Diocesan Society in St Patrick's, Pennyburn on Tuesday 29th November at 7.30am.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Party: Friday 2nd December at 7.30pm, in St Paul's Primary School. All names must be given to Mary McLaughlin: 07702038839 or any of the Parochial Houses during office hours, by Tuesday, names cannot be taken after this date.

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: £2,300 in 40 numbers.

Briginis: Tuesdays from 6.30 - 7.45pm.

Fun Christmas Bingo, in Carnhill Community Centre, Friday 2nd December at 8pm. Prizes Galore. Everyone Welcome. £1 per book of 6.

'Lady So Still and Man of Silence': Thornhill Ministries leads Advent Mondays 28th November & 5th December. These are a gentle offering for those who seek quiet reflective time in this holy season. Thornhill (Convent) House, after 10am Mass in Culmore - 12pm - Suggested Donation: £5 Tel: 71351233, email: thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

Galliagh Nursery School If you have a child aged 3 years before 30th June 2017, please contact the school on 028 71 353612 to receive an application pack for the pre-school year 2017-2018.

Christmas Cards on sale at St Anthony's Retreat Centre and Columba House. Proceeds go to St Anthony's Retreat Ctre, Burnfoot, Co. Donegal.

Christmas Gift Vouchers for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017 are now available at The Pilgrimage Office 164 Bishop Street, 71260293. Office open Tuesday, Thursdays 11am to 1pm.

Foyle Hospice If you have a couple of hours to help with a bag pack in M&S, Foyleside please contact Sharon Williams, on 71351010.

Steelstown Primary School Christmas Craft Fair Friday 2nd December, 5.00 - 8.00pm. Vast range of stalls selling Christmas gifts, cakes etc. Free activities for kids and many raffle prizes! Everyone welcome.

Thornhill College PTA – Christmas Craft Fair Sports Hall, Saturday 3rd Dec, 11.00am - 3.00pm. (71355800 to book a stall) see Santa: £1.00. Adm: £1.00.

The Rainbow Child & Family Centre is seeking volunteers for their Winter Wonderland, to help design, set up and assist with the event in the lead up to Christmas. Painting and decorating of the Grotto starts 9th December, any age from 14 up, training is available. If you can spare a few hours, contact the Rainbow Child & Family Centre, Bracken Park 71353724.

Light up your Christmas at Northside Friday 2nd December 10am – 8pm. Christmas Market opens at 10am. School Choirs from 10.30am – 3.00pm. Kids Entertainment 2.00 – 5.00pm. Colmcille Pipe Band 6.45pm. Lights switch on with special guest Santa Claus at 7pm. Fun filled day!

Open Casting Call for Studio 2's 2016 Christmas Play: 'Ho Ho Ho'. Come and join Community Theatre group 'Showtime'. Junior cast 6-10 yrs; intermediate cast 11-14; senior cast 15-18. Contact Jean Dunn on 71358750 or email info@gscaderry.com performance on 17th December.

DVD available it examines the phenomenon of Knock Shrine, from the testimonies of those that witnessed the Apparition in 1879, to those that play a central role in Knock Shrine and village today. on sale at Knock Shrine Bookshop, Knock Museum and online at www.knockshrine.ie.