

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 4th September 2016

Today's Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? Jesus is making a point here about how we attach ourselves to things and to people, even to images of ourselves. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, we move on from the comfortable, we let go of the familiar, and that can often be painful. Today, we can ask ourselves: 'What is it that I need to let go of?'

The two parables in this story remind us to think things through and weigh up the cost involved. This Kingdom of God journey involves sacrifice and sometimes it feels like '200,000 against 10,000'. A disciple of Jesus must be ready to carry the burden not only of tensions with ones' family but even the burden of legal consequences. This was the experience of Luke's community and it is still the experience of many Christians in the world today. So this passage is a call to conversion and we read it from various forms of discipleship that we are in: parenting, advocacy, political life, social work, friendships, community building....

Jesus '*turned to them*', he is speaking from experience. Jesus' words are harsh, but spend time with this text today; his words can be interpreted as passionate, urgent, and focused, and can even offer us a great freedom and encouragement in whatever journey of discipleship we are on.

University Students: - The Catholic Chaplaincy 28 Elmwood Ave, re-opens on Monday 19th September. Sunday Mass at 8pm starts 25th September. **Daily Mass** at 12.15pm (12.45 during exams) from 26th September. Come and use the chaplaincy facilities. (*Corpus Christi* Chapel, library, lounge and prayer room) Trust Café –Opened from 9.30am - Free Tea & Coffee. Food served from 12noon to 1.45pm @ Queen's University Belfast: qubcc@downandconnor.org. Website: www.qubcc.org Twitter: @CatholicChapQUB. **The Dedication of Studies Mass**, Sunday 9th October at 8pm. Celebrated by the papal nuncio, Archbishop Charles Brown. Students, family and friends welcome. Please sign up with the Chaplaincy as part of the Online Enrolment Procedures.

Offertory Collection Thank you for your generous contribution last weekend which amounted to £5,416.

Emigrant Collection will be taken up at all Masses 10/11 September.

2nd Collection (monthly) for the Major Maintenance and Renovations Work for the Parish of the Three Patrons will resume 17/18th Sept, again we thank people for their tremendous generosity to this collection which was taken up in the month of April, May and June. We also thank people for other very generous donations that have been given to our parish. This generosity enables us to do the necessary work for the upgrade of our parish buildings, already we can see the fruits of this work in the refurbishment of St Joseph's Church, Galliagh and the ongoing work in St Brigid's Church, Carnhill, with particular note to the windows. Indeed we also thank people who have made a contribution to the windows at Carnhill in memory of their loved ones. There is much more work to be done, again we thank people for their ongoing generosity. People may contribute to the 2nd collection through the white envelopes that are available, in our Parish Churches.

Fr Michael McCaughey's arrangements for visitation of the sick and housebound area are as arranged.

Fr Micheál McGavigan will visit the following areas on Monday morning, 5th Sept: Glencaw Pk, Elaghmore Pk, Ederowen Pk, Altar Pk, Brookdale Cres, Brookdale Court and Bloomfield Park. Tuesday morning, 6th Sept Galliagh Pk, Knockalla Pk, Fergleen Pk, Moss Pk, Thorndale, Elmgrove and Mansfield Grove. Tuesday afternoon: Bracken Pk, Rosnagalliagh Pk.

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

Month's Mind Mass for Bishop Daly will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral on Saturday 10 September at 7.30pm.

Marian Devotions will take place in Termonbacca on Tuesday 6th September at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

A Blessing of Motorbikers will take place in St Aengus' Church, Burt Sunday 11th Sept at 1.30pm.

St Joseph's Parish Centre:

Bingo: Wednesday, Friday @ Sunday at 9pm.

Snowball: £1,200 in 40 numbers.

Slimming World: Every Monday at 5.30pm

Three Patrons Brigini resume in St Joseph's Parish Centre Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm until 7.45pm and is open to all girls aged 5-10years. New members are always welcome. We would also welcome any adult interested in volunteering to help out. Contact Aoife on 07825133151 or call into the Parish Centre any Tuesday evening.

St Brigid's Pray Group will re-open on Sunday 4th September at 8pm in Carnhill Resource Centre. All welcome.

Galliagh Women's' Group, 63 Galliagh Park - Open Day on Tuesday 6th September from 11-2pm. Wide range of courses available. All welcome.

Irish Dancing - Monday 4-5pm.; **Crochet Classes** - Tuesday 8-10pm, Friday 11-1pm. in the Portacabin beside St Paul's Primary School.

Foyle Harps Youth Football Club Centenary Celebrations. Mass on Wednesday 7th September in Our Lady of Lourdes, for all past and present players and family members of Foyle Harps.

Bus to Knock Our Lady Of the Miraculous Medal 10th/11th September for Grandparents Day; 17th/18th September for Padre Pio. Each weekend Cost £98 or €120 for overnight stay, Tel: 00353749320734 or 07856427403.

Set Dancing Classes in Pilots Row on Tuesday 6th September at 8pm.

10th Anniversary Mass for the late Sister Anne McDaid of Loreto House, Linsfort will be celebrated in Star of the Sea Church, Desertegney, Buncrana 11th September at 3pm. All welcome.

Autumn Activities at Older People North West, Malvern House, Chapel Road: Art, Knitting, Line Dancing, Sequence Dancing, Tai Chi, "One to One" Computer Tuition, Singtoncity, Curling and Bowls, plus a daily Luncheon Club. For more information, please telephone 71347478.

Cullen School of Irish Dancing Beginners' class age 3+ Wednesday 5pm and Thursdays at 4.30pm in Shantallow Community Centre. Beginners' class, Tuesdays in GAA Clubhouse, Lowry's Lane. Contact 71264548

Climb Ben Nevis 21st Oct - 23rd October with Children in Crossfire, Flying from Derry. Details from: 71269898, or www.childrenincrossfire.org

Epilepsy Action NI Foyle Branch, Coffee & Chat meeting, Tuesday 6th Sept 11am in Foyle Street Library. All welcome.

U3A Foyle's Open & Enrolment Day for their new Autumn Programme, Tuesday, 6th September 10am - 3pm. Membership is open to all Retired people - no age limit! Further information on 71860123, email Christine on info@u3afoyle.com or visit the website www.u3afoyle.com.