

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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 9th October 2016

So often when we hear Luke's story of the ten lepers, we concentrate on the supposed rudeness of the nine who didn't return, who seem ungrateful for the healing Jesus brought. I wonder, however, if they were being rude or simply doing what they had been told to do. Jesus said 'Go, show yourselves to the priests' and that is what they set out to do. In fact, their initial cry for help would indicate they recognised Jesus as Master, they knew to call out to him for healing, they trusted him, and they believed him when he spoke to them. They even set out in the direction he told them before there was any evidence he had healed them.

Luke makes a point of distinguishing the returning leper as a Samaritan/Gentile so, presumably, the other nine were Jewish. They, and Jesus, knew the priests would provide official acknowledgement of their being cleansed, allowing them to re-enter the community in accordance with the law. They continued on their path to visit the priests so they could resume their lives, go home to their family and friends, and return to worshipping in the synagogue. They were cleansed. But that's not the end of the story. The Samaritan did a turnabout and returned to thank Jesus, to thank God. He, however was not only cleansed; he was 'made well.'

All ten are healed but the thankful Samaritan is somehow more prophetic. He is grateful for the grace he has just received and, perhaps, lights the way for future Gentiles to respond to the Good News through faith and thankfulness. The thankful Samaritan shows us that gratitude is an essential response to God's mercy. It is essential to our wholeness of mind, body and spirit; it is essential to salvation. To be made well we must add thanksgiving to our faith.

Altar Servers: Has your son/daughter expressed an interest in becoming an Altar Server in our Parish and is willing to commit to attending a weekend Mass, be keen to learn and is dedicated? This is a great opportunity for your child to enjoy having a valued role within the Parish and develop their faith while also building friendships in the community. If you would like your child to be an Altar Server please contact Kathryn on 71351261.

Offertory Collection Thank you for your generous contribution last weekend which amounted to £5,437.

Baptism: Grace Mary Heavron-McDaid.

Requiescant in Pace: Deirdre McQuilkin, 32 Governor Road; Margaret Burke, Edenballymore Lodge; Mary Begley, 12 Dunkeld Avenue.

Parish Mission With its theme 'Open the Door to Christ', our Parish Mission will take place in the Parish of the Three Patrons from Sunday 16th – 23rd October. Priests from the Dominican Order will conduct the Mission. They will be present at our Masses next weekend and will lead people in a time of prayer in the week after.

This is a time of reflection and renewal for all. In this Year of Mercy, another opportunity to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mission leaflet with details will be distributed at all Masses this weekend. Please pray for the success of the Mission.

Please note CCTV is in operation in parochial property throughout the Parish of the Three Patrons. More details, if necessary, are available at parish offices.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society monthly meeting on Tuesday 11th Oct at 7.30pm in Pennyburn Parochial House. New members welcome.

Accord Derry, Marriage and Relationship Counselling Service.. If you can't talk to each other – Try talking to us.... ""For an appointment or further information please contact Accord 71362475 derry@accordni.com

Holy Family Padre Pio prayer group monthly meeting, Monday 10th October in Holy Family Church, starting with Mass at 7.15pm. There will be two 1st class relics at the meeting, and everyone is welcome.

Fostering Information Evenings: -Thursday 13 October in Da Vincis Hotel at 7.30 pm or telephone 71314244 / 028 8283 5264. Foster carers much needed at this time. Please help if you can in providing a loving and secure home to some of the most vulnerable young people in our society.

St Joseph's Parish Centre:

Bingo: Wednesday, Friday @ Sunday at 9pm.

Snowball: £1,800 in 40 numbers.

Slimming World: Every Monday at 5.30pm

Briginis: Tuesdays from 6.30 - 7.45pm.

Monsignor Andrew Dolan PP VG Pope Francis has conferred the title of 'Chaplain to His Holiness' on Fr Andy Dolan, PP VG. He will now be known by the title Monsignor. A native of Aghyaran, Monsignor Dolan was ordained in 1971. He is currently Parish Priest in the Parish of Bellaghy (Ballyscullion), previously he was Administrator in St Brigid's, Carnhill, and was recently appointed Vicar General of the diocese by Most Rev Dr Donal McKeown. We offer him our best wishes and prayerful support on receiving this honour.

"Let the Landscape Speak: Drawing on the poetry of O Donoghue and Heaney, Mary Murphy will facilitate an exploration of poems. Thursdays 13/20/27 October and 10 November from 7.30 to 8.45pm in Thornhill College, Culmore Road. Suggested donation: £5. Further details or to book: 71351233 or e-mail thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org. visit our website at www.thornhillministries.co.uk.

Family Care Adoption Services is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For a free information pack please contact us at: 71 368592 / 028 90 691133 Monday to Friday 9 – 1 p.m. anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org : www.familycaresociety.co.uk

The Resource Centre urgently requires, good quality household furniture and clothes. Help Us To Help Others. Contact: Debbie: 71352832.

Crochet Classes - Tuesday 8-10pm, Friday 11-1pm. in the Portacabin beside St Paul's Primary School.

Cursillo will hold two "3-Day Weekends" in Termonbacca: Men's Weekend Thursday 20 - Sunday 23; Women's Weekend Thursday 27- Sunday 30th. For further information please contact 07708066939 or 07841100174.

Anam Cara, supporting bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 13th of October from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. This is a free event, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie or: Information Line on 085 2888 888.

The Foyle Yarnspinnners Monday 10th October at 7.30pm in the Verbal Arts Ctre (beside Bishop Gate). Guest speaker, John Makem, a renowned performer and winner of the Bard of Armagh. If you can sing a song or tell a joke or a story then come along. Everyone welcome. Admission free.

Draw to promoter temperance in Ireland and the Developing World. Contact Andrew Doherty, 71352285; Robert Glackin, 71341647. Monthly prizes: £1200; £400; £200' £100. Starting mid November.