



Parish News

Sunday 21st August

Try your best to enter by the narrow door ...

In a family so much love is lavished on the new-born first child, and you hear them saying that's the end of freedom now for a good few years. Or the grandchildren come and there's the babysitting. Life deepens love and narrows our freedom. Jesus says elsewhere that love is the door to eternal life. In laying down life for a friend, the cross was a narrow door.

Real love means little things a lot of the time, and with God it means time now and then dedicated to prayer and to worship, as well as loving our neighbour.

Love demands a lot as well as giving a lot. With the people we most love, we are most vulnerable and they can bring the worst and the best out in us.



The sick child, the elderly in the family, those in prison or in a difficult marriage call on our love, as does a husband or wife needing a lot of care in illness or old age. There is a special love shown by volunteers in our country and the developing world. The grandchild who is isolated and lonely calls too on our love. This is the world of love, the only world worth sacrificing anything for.

The condition for entering is not where you come from, whether you are first or last, whether you wear the right clothes or even turn up on time - the condition is that, in the way of the living God, you hear the word of God daily and live by it faithfully.

*Lord,
may your will of love
be done on Earth.*

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Diocesan appointments – sincere thanks and best wishes

In the summer diocesan appointments formally announced this weekend, Fr Sean O'Donnell, after seven years of ministry in these parishes, as curate and for the last 3 as part time hospital chaplain, has been appointed as curate to Three Patrons Parish (Pennyburn, Carnhill and Galliagh).

Fr Sean has given of his time and talents very generously to both parishioners and patients in the hospital and his contribution will be missed. I, on behalf of the parish, take this opportunity to thank Fr Sean for his dedicated service while priest of these parishes. I am very sure he will miss this parish in the weeks ahead, perhaps not being called to the hospital and having to get out of bed during the night, but he will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

Fr Roni Zacharias, who has been with us since December 2020 has been appointed as curate at St Eugene's Cathedral. I also thank him for his work while amongst us. His caring and gentle manner will be missed I also wish him every blessing in his new appointment.

Fr Michael Canny

National Synthesis of the Synodal Process

The Irish Bishops' Conference has published the National Synthesis of the Synodal Process conducted across the Church in Ireland from Autumn 2021. The National Synthesis is the fruit of a wide-ranging process of listening and consultation and is based on the syntheses produced by the 26 dioceses in Ireland, as well as those submitted by religious congregations and other interested groups. The report is available on the parish website. We would encourage everyone to read the final document.



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Blessing of Motorbikes and Bikers: St Aengus' Church, Burt, Co Donegal (N13. Derry-Letterkenny Rd): Sun 11th September, at 1.00pm. All are very welcome to a blessing for motorbikes and bikers. We will also remember all our biker friends who have died since our last time together: "September 2019, before COVID." Collection on the day for RNLI. Usual bike run to Ned's Point RNLI Station to present the donation and for refreshments. Contact details Fr Gerry Sweeney: gerardsweeney@ymail.com or on Facebook.

Our Ladys' Shrine Knock International Eucharistic & Marian Shrine Catechism Workshop: Saturday 27th August 2022, 9.15am - 5.30pm.

Following on our pilgrimage, we would like to invite you to a workshop which will be held in Knock for those wishing to begin studying the Catechism of the Catholic Church. While the focus will be primarily on the Catechism there will also be an overview of Youcat. (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church - the content is a simplified form of the Catechism).

The Diocesan Priesthood. "Come & See" retreat from 26th-28th August. If you are considering such a vocation, speak to Fr Pat O'Hagan (Diocesan Vocations Director), pgoh2111@gmail.com or email the National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie

Buncrana Parish is holding a Summer Garden Fête in the grounds of Scoil Mhuire, Buncrana on Sunday 28th August from 3pm – 6pm.

Children's races, bouncy castles, rickety wheel, dog show and much more. Come along for an afternoon of family fun! Admission €5 per adult / €15 per family. Children must be accompanied by an adult. See Facebook Page 'Buncrana Parish' for details.

"Benburb Priory will host a day conference on The Meaning Crisis, Modernity, and the Christian Way: A Benburb Priory Conference, (rise in suicides, depression, and more) and the Christian way, today, on Friday 2 September. The conference will feature leading Christian thinkers, including Paul Kingsnorth, Paul Vander Klay, and Fr Calvin Robinson. Tickets are available at Benburbpriory.com now. Cost: £34.99. All are welcome."



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Our Parish Mass Schedule

Weekday schedule Monday to Friday

09.15am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's,
11:00am St Oliver Plunkett
11:00am St Mary's Oratory (**Wednesday only**)
07:30pm St Columb's

Saturday Morning

10:00am St Columb's
11:00am Immaculate Conception

Weekend schedule Vigils

06:00pm Immaculate Conception
06:00pm St Oliver Plunkett
07:00pm St Columb's
08:00pm Immaculate Conception

Morning (Sunday)

09:15am St Mary's Oratory
10:15am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's
11:15am St Oliver Plunkett
12:15pm Immaculate Conception

Evening (Sunday)

12:30pm St Columb's
06:00pm St Columb's

The [full schedule](#) is available on the parish website

All Liturgies are streamed on www.youtube.com/watersideparish



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REST IN PEACE

Deaths:

Margaret Ferris, Hollymount Park

Anniversaries:

Molly Moran, Canon John Friel, Francie Mullan, Michael Feeney, Sr Geraldine McCrystal, Olive Houston, Cathal Gallagher, Frances Brown, Brenda Curran, Dia Parkhouse, John Minihan, Frances Kerr, Elizabeth Kelly

A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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