



Parish News

Sunday 28th August

Be Humble ...

Once again in Luke's gospel a meal forms the backdrop to some important teaching of Jesus about the values of the kingdom of God. In ordinary society the normal practice is to be self promoting, always seeking to be one step ahead or to find ways to have one's reputation enhanced. Jesus sees this as evidence of shallow behaviour, guided by a mistaken notion of a person's true worth. The value of humility as taught by Jesus is that our understanding of our worth is not dependant on being better than or more important than somebody else. It is not about comparison at all. Our true sense of self worth comes from within. Hence the significance of Jesus' command to the man who had invited him to the meal. The next time he has a dinner, instead of using it as an occasion to further himself, why doesn't he invite all those people who can't repay him? No doubt that suggestion ensured that Jesus was not invited back, but it gently exposes the often shallow ways in which people deal with each other

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Reflection

Humility is a virtue not much spoken about today. This is the era in which self esteem is promoted, sometimes to the detriment of all other aspects of a person's development. Of course there is no conflict between true self esteem and the value of humility as taught by Jesus. The problem may be that nowadays humility might be seen as weakness, the humble person might be regarded as a pushover. That would be a mistake and we only have to look to Jesus to see how big a mistake. The philosophy that might is right is capable of unleashing dreadful violence and of inflicting untold damage on human society. It represents the opposite worldview to that preached by Jesus and brings about no real change. However, to live as gently and humbly as Jesus did is to commit oneself to a better world, armed only with a deep conviction that God is love.



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Diocesan appointments – Welcome

In the summer diocesan appointments formally announced ten days ago Fr Patrick Lagan curate in St Eugene's Cathedral has been appointed to our parishes. Fr Lagan spent a period of time here before as a deacon and since ordination 10 years ago he has served for a year in the parish of Limavady and 9 years at St Eugene's Cathedral. I formally extend to him a warm word of welcome and look forward to working with him for the good of our parish communities.

I also extend a warm welcome to Fr Joshy Parokkaran. Fr Joshy has been in Ireland since late last year and has served in the Three Patrons Parish, living in Carnhill. He is chaplain to the Syro- Malabar community, most of whom live in our parishes and use our church, so his new appointment means that he is much closer to them. I look forward to working with him also.

I ask that you remember in your prayers all the priests who have been involved in the recent diocesan appointments.

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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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.

The Season of Creation begins on 1st September and runs until October 4th 2022 with the theme '*Listen to the Voice of Creation*'.

Resources are available [here](#)

WHEN IT IS DARKEST: Understanding Suicide

Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre Saturday Workshop

Suicide can affect any one of us and despite the scale of devastation for individuals, family and friends, it is still poorly understood. This workshop will untangle the complex reasons behind suicide and dispel unhelpful myths. It will also provide compassionate advice on how best to help someone vulnerable and support those struggling through the tragedy of suicide to find strength in the darkest of places. Saturday, 24th September 2022 cost £40 / 45 Euro

Workshop Facilitator: Father Hugh Lagan SMA. Fr Lagan is a priest with the Society of African Missions and a chartered clinical psychologist.

LOUGH DERG – ONE-DAY RETREATS have resumed. Dates for September: 3, 7, 10, 13, 17, 18, 24 & 25. Booking is essential. Admission €45pp includes all refreshments, lunch, return boat service, full retreat programme, free car & coach parking. Boats available from 9.15am on the day; retreat begins at 10.30am, finishing at 4.30pm. For booking and further information: tel +353 (0)71 9861518, online: www.loughderg.org or email info@loughderg.org



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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:

Terry McLaughlin, Ardilea Drive

Anniversaries:

Molly Moran, Brian McMenamin, Bernard Doherty, Mary McConnell, James McConnell, Margaret & Edward Houston, Mary Colhoun, Patrick McGrath, Rose Henry, Angela Hampsey, Willie McCauley Jnr., Frances Duddy

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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