

PARISH OF CLONLEIGH
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SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2023

***'Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked to us on the road
and explained the scriptures to us?' (Luke 24:32)***

In St Luke's Gospel today we listen to the familiar account of the two disciples' encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. The disciples discerned a burning in their hearts after their encounter with the Risen Lord and, in the true spirit of Jesus' mission, went to spread the Good News to others.

We ask the Risen Lord today to open our eyes and hearts to the Scriptures and, through them, to reveal Himself to us. We ask also that our hunger for the Eucharist will be such that we may always recognise its centrality to all that we believe as Catholics and to an ever-growing relationship with Jesus.

We pray this weekend for those from our diocese who are discerning their vocational call to serve as a priest or in Religious life that, through their encounter with Jesus in Scripture and in the Eucharist, they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in their vocational path. We ask God's blessing particularly on those from our diocese who are attending a Vocations retreat in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, this weekend.

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 10.00; Tuesday: 9.30am

Rosary: Each morning, twenty minutes before Mass.

Saturday: Vigil Mass, 6.30pm. Sunday morning: Mass at 9.00am and 11.00am

All our Masses are available on our parish webcam. Our Sunday 11.00am Mass on Finn Valley Radio, FM95.8.

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Thomas Gallagher, late of 88 Croaghan Heights

As a parish faith community, we offer our sympathy and our prayerful support to all who mourn the death of Thomas: to Caroline, Aileen, Tomas Jnr and Jamie, to Elena and John, to the grandchildren, to Margaret, Marie, Sammy and Shaun, and to the wider family circle and friends of Thomas, whose Funeral Mass took place in St Patrick's on Thursday. May he rest in peace.

Patrick (Patsy) Quinn, late of Cavan Hill

As a parish faith community, we offer our sympathy and our prayerful support to all who mourn the death of Patsy: to Anna, to Thomas, Noeleen, Mary and AnnMarie, to Imelda, Bob and Paddy, to the grandchildren, great-grandchildren and wider family circle and friends of Patsy, whose Funeral Mass took place in St Patrick's on Saturday. May he rest in peace.

MASS INTENTION:

Saturday 29 April, 6.30pm: Danny McLaughlin, Croaghan Heights and Danny Boy McLaughlin, Coolatee

ANNIVERSARIES:

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: May they rest in peace:

Hugh James Doherty, Ballyduff Park; Patricia Catterson, Ballindrait; Danny Diver, Argergy
John McGill, Cavan; Eddie Gallagher, St Jude's Court; Paddy McCullagh, Ballinabreen; Marie Kelly, Porthall

DO THIS IN MEMORY PROGRAMME: We welcome the First Holy Communion children to the last of our Do This in Memory Masses before First Holy Communion, at our 11.00am Mass today. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 13 May.

CONGRATULATIONS and Well Done to the children of our three schools on receiving the Sacrament of Confessions for the first time this week. It was a lovely occasion. Thank you to the teachers and to the parents and family members who helped the children to prepare so well to receive the sacrament.

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection, which amounted to €1,722. Thank you also for your generosity in recent special collections: Clerical Education & Ongoing Formation (taken up at our St Patrick's Day Masses), €1,156; Holy Land collection (taken up on Holy Thursday & Good Friday): €490.

LOUGH DERG 2023: Three Day Pilgrimages: 1 June until 15 August (last day to begin is 13 August). Cost: €80. Booking advised. One Day Retreat: May: 1, 7, 9 / August: 19, 22, 27. Booking advised. Admission: €45. Concessions available for groups. **Residential Retreat** (4 nights): 11 - 15 June and 6 - 10 August. Cost: €400 single room / €325 sharing. Full board from Sunday evening meal until lunch Thursday. **Lakeshore Pilgrimage on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path:** 21 May and 30 September. Cost: €25. Booking essential. **Quiet Day:** 12 May & 15 September. Cost: €35. Booking essential. Email: info@loughderg.org or Tel 071 98 61518 for bookings or information.

'WHO IS SHE?', a day-long Legion of Mary Conference, takes place on Saturday 13 May, in the historic DCU Rooms, All Hallows Campus, Dublin. Includes insightful talks on Our Lady, Prayer, Mass. 'What can we learn from early Irish Christian Marian devotion? How can we love Jesus as His mother loved Him?' To find out, come along on 13 May, 9.30am - 4.30pm. Cost €30, including food. For more information or to book, email mariaassumptadublin@gmail.com

CARMELITE RETREAT CENTRE, TERMONBACCA, DERRY – Upcoming events:

ST PEREGRINE DAY RETREAT: Wednesday 3 May, 10.00am – 3.00pm. Cost for the day, including light lunch, £15. A first-class relic of St Peregrine will be available for veneration on the day. Please bring along a bottle of Olive Oil to be blessed in honour of St Peregrine.

HOLY SOULS RETREAT: Saturday 13 May, 10.00am – 4.30pm and **Sunday 14 May**, 10.00am – 1.00pm. Fr Paul Denizot and Fr Axel de Perthuis, from the Fraternity of Our Lady of Montligeon, France, will lead a time of prayer and retreat for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This is a free (donation only) event. Those wishing to attend should bring a packed lunch.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 29 August, for six nights: Euro 899 per person.

For all bookings and enquiries, telephone the Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, on 048 71 262 512.

ST EUGENE'S CATHEDRAL, DERRY: 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

Diocesan Mass: A Diocesan Mass to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Cathedral will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on **Sunday 30 April at 3.00pm**. All are welcome.

On **Wednesday 3 May** there will be a blessing of a new statue of Blessed Carlo Acutis. The blessing will take place during the **10.00am Mass** in St Eugene's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

On **Thursday 4 May at 7.30pm** Bishop Mc Keown will celebrate Mass to mark the day the Cathedral was opened in 1873. All are welcome.

The Little Way Novena in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux will be take place at St Eugene's Cathedral from **Saturday 6 May until Sunday 14 May 2023**. The Novena begins with a Mass with the Anointing of the sick at 7.30pm on Saturday 6 May. This will be an opportunity to pray for a special intention and to ask St Thérèse to intercede for us. It is a time when many people find great joy and healing. All are welcome.

Hello, boys and girls. Welcome to our Do This In Memory Mass. Like yourselves, Kath and Qumen are getting very excited that they will soon receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Qumen is giving Kath some good advice about the Sacrament of Confessions.

'LEARNING ABOUT THE MASS' CORNER

QUMEN: We're nearly ready to receive First Holy Communion, Kath. Can you believe!

KATH: I'm getting very excited now, Qumen. Only three weeks to go and we'll be receiving our THIRD sacrament - I don't remember my Baptism at all, but First Confessions this week felt really special. I don't think I'll do bad things any more - I want to stay friends with Jesus!

QUMEN: Kath, I don't think you or I will manage to be good all the time - we're bound to forget sometimes, but we know that Jesus loves us and, as long as we try to do our best, and be sorry for when we don't get it right, He will always forgive us. He wants us to be His friends. And remember, we received First Confessions but my mum goes to Confessions every month and so I can do that too. Every time we go to Confessions, we renew our special friendship with Jesus and, as you say, Kath, that feels very special.