

Parish of the Three Patrons

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C – 4th September 2022

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True Discipleship

Many saints discover the truth conveyed in the first reading from the Book of Wisdom that “the corruptible body burdens the soul, and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns.” Many holy men and women arrive at a point in their lives when they admit a deep dissatisfaction with the pursuit of earthly possessions.

From time to time, we too have a similar experience when the things we so desired yesterday no longer satisfy us today! This recognition of dissatisfaction with material things can be a moment of grace when we turn, once again, to God as the supreme source of the happiness we long for. The life of St Francis of Assisi is a good example.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes attitudes that mark a Christian disciple. He says, “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” Then, Jesus says, “anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Jesus notes that our relationship to God is more fundamental than even our closest family relationships!

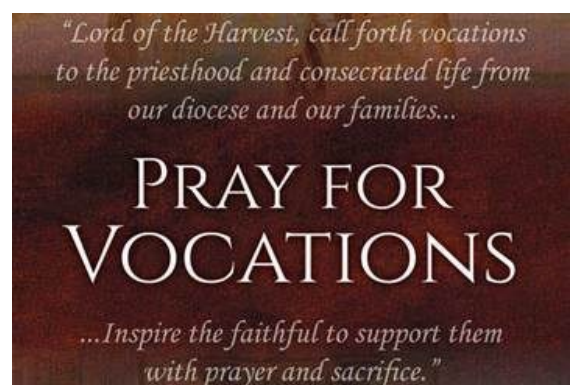
Earthly possessions are not harmful in themselves. It’s our attachment to them that can take us away from love of God and neighbour. Along life’s journey we become attached to things, ideas and habits. Over the years these attachments make us less free, less able to choose the good of others and to choose the way of self-giving love that marks the life of a disciple of Jesus. Attachments bind us to patterns of thought, action and habits that can be destructive to our dignity and to our relationship with God and neighbour.

God gives us freedom to liberate us from attachments that are harmful to body and spirit. God’s gift of freedom removes the chains that bind us so that Jesus Christ can make us a new creation in him.

Today the word of God invites us to reflect on whether we are truly free to love God and neighbour. As we take stock of the habits and possessions that prevent us from experiencing true freedom to live in friendship with God, we pray in confident faith, “speak to me, Lord.”

Lord, help me to be willing to die to self that I may rise with you to the eternal and glorious life.

The next monthly Holy Hour for Vocations will take place in Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty, Derry, on Friday 9th September, from 8-9pm, and will be broadcast live via the parish webcam - www.holyfamily-parish.com. All welcome.



We welcome people to the public celebration of the Eucharist in the three churches of our parish. For those who prefer to do so, we invite you to join us via webcam in Three Patrons' Parish by watching our live streaming which can be viewed online at churchservices.tv/pennyburn, churchservices.tv/carnhill, churchservices.tv/galliagh or the parish website at www.threepatrons.org/webcam.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PENNYBURN

Sunday 6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 10.00 am & 12.00 noon: Mass

Monday 7.30 am: Mass, 10.00 am: Mass followed by the Rosary;

7.00 pm: Monthly Mass in honour of St Pio

Tuesday - Friday 7.30 am: Mass, 10.00 am: Mass followed by the Rosary

Saturday 10.00 am Mass followed by the Rosary



ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, CARNHILL

Sunday 6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 10.30 am & 12.30 pm: Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9.15 am: Mass followed by Rosary

Saturday 11.00 am: Mass followed by Rosary

First Saturday of the month after 11 am Mass: Adoration and Rosary ending with Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3.00 pm.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GALLIAGH

Sunday 7.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 9.00 am & 11.00 am: Mass; 12.30 pm: Irish Mass

Monday - Friday 10.30 am: Rosary; 11.00 am: Mass

Thursday 7 pm: Holy Hour for the Unborn & Expectant Mothers (in Our Lady's Chapel)

Irish Mass The next Irish Mass will be celebrated today (Sunday), at 12.30 pm in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. Everyone welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Our Lady's Chapel, St Joseph's Church, every Monday, beginning after 11 am Mass and continuing right through until 7 pm on Monday (for this week only). All welcome.



Farewell and Blessings to Fr Gerard Mongan and Fr Joshy Parakkaran who were appointed to new parishes in recently clerical changes.

Fr Gerard has been curate in Three Patrons Parish for the last six years. We thank Fr Gerard for his work among us, his prayerful presence, his peaceful and calming nature and indeed his patience. We now pray God's blessing on him as he takes up his new appointment as Administrator of the Long Tower Parish.

Fr Joshy has been curate in Three Patrons Parish since December 2021. We thank Fr Joshy for presence among us. In such a short time he has made quite an impression on people by his prayerful presence. We pray God's blessing on him as he takes up his new appointment as curate in Glendermott and Strathfoyle Parish.

Welcome to Fr Sean O'Donnell In recent clerical changes, Bishop McKeown has appointed Fr Sean O'Donnell as curate in Three Patrons Parish. Fr Sean, who is a native of the Parish of Iskaheen, was curate in the Parish of Glendermott and Strathfoyle for the past seven years and hospital chaplain for the past three years. Fr Sean is no stranger to the area, knowing many people in his various roles. Fr Sean will reside at St Brigid's Parochial House, Carnhill.

There are now two diocesan priests in the Parish of The Three Patrons. We thank you for your ongoing support and we ask for your prayers for health, guidance and wisdom to lead our parish and work together on our faith journey as people of prayer.

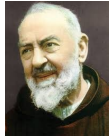
Saints of the Coming Week

Monday: St Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Thursday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St Ciaran of Clonmacnoise, abbot

Saturday: St Peter Claver, priest



Monthly Mass in honour of St Pio will be celebrated on Monday 5th September at 7.00 pm in St Patrick's, Pennyburn. We ask God's blessing on all through the intercession of St Pio.

PRAYER TO ST PIO

O Glorious St Pio, patron of those who are in need of healing,
I call upon you and seek your help. Please intercede for all
those who are in need of spiritual, emotional or physical healing.
Obtain for them comfort during their sufferings, strength when they
feel weary, hope when they feel discouraged and joy when they are
down-hearted. Help them know the peace of Jesus and the certainty of
His victory in their suffering, through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

The First Anniversary Mass for Fr Aidan Mullan will be celebrated on **Friday 9th September** at 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart Church, Omagh and on **Monday 12th September** at 7.30 pm in St Columba's Church, Long Tower. All welcome.

Concern Worldwide Bookshop in Ferryquay Street is looking for volunteers. If you have some spare time and have a keen interest in books, please get in touch. To find out more about this rewarding work, call to the shop for a volunteer application form, or contact enquiries.info@concern.net.

One Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg Pioneer Association and Friends are organising a bus from Derry to Lough Derg for a One Day Pilgrimage on Saturday 10th September 2022. Save the date! No charge for the bus but the charge for Lough Derg facilities will be £40 per person. If interested in going, please ring Andrew on 71352285.



The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention for September You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention: Abolition of the Death Penalty: *We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.*

'Living in **DIVINE WILL**' takes place at Termonbacca on Monday 4th September and the first Monday of every month at 8 pm. All welcome.'

SMA Novena 2022 in honour of St Thérèse Of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions: **Friday 23rd September to Saturday 1st October**. Daily Mass & Novena Prayers **10.00 am & 7.30 pm**, SMA Chapel Dromantine. All Welcome. Also available via webcam www.sma.ie

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

Readings for Sunday 11th September, Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Psalm: 50(51):3-4,12-13,17,19

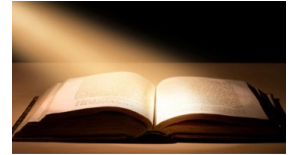
Response: I will leave this place and go to my father.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner



A Holy Hour for the Unborn and Expectant Mothers will take place on Thursdays at 7.00 pm in Our Lady's Chapel, St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. Everyone welcome.



Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

takes place on **Saturday 24th September 2022** led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Stations of the Cross at 2.00 pm followed by Mass at 3.00 pm, with Sacrament of the Sick. Buses will travel from a variety of pick up points. For further information please contact St Eugene's Cathedral on 028 7126 2894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org.

Cursillo Weekends Termonbacca will host Cursillo weekends in September as follows:

Ladies' weekend: Thursday 15th - Sunday 18th September

Men's weekend: Thursday 22nd - Sunday 25th September.

For further information, please tel 7171262512.

The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with t Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the **Masters in Catholic School Leadership**. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. **Applications for the Autumn intake close 30th September 2022**. For further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 028 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

Lough Derg We look forward to welcoming all who come our way to Station Island this summer. You can view our list of dates here and on our website. Blessings.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine



Sunday 2nd October-Monday 3rd October

**Cost: £125 per person sharing.
Single room supplement: £75**

Package Includes Bus, Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal, Knock museum, full pilgrimage itinerary plus a goodie bag. For more information contact LiveBy Faith Pilgrimages on Facebook or call 07508897429

Lough Derg 2022
PILGRIMAGE SEASON RE-OPENS SUNDAY 1st MAY 2022

ONE DAY RETREATS
May, August & September

One Day Retreats are scheduled to take place on
MAY - 1st, 2nd, 7th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, 29th and 30th
AUGUST - 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 27th, 28th and 29th
SEPTEMBER - 3rd, 7th, 10th, 13th, 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th

Admission €45 - Concessions for groups. Booking essential.

THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE
June, July & August

The Three Day Pilgrimages will commence on **Wednesday 1st June** and continue until **15th August 2022**
(Saturday 13th August 2022 is the last day for pilgrims to begin the Three Day Pilgrimage)

Pilgrimage, in the words of Pope Francis, is "the most eloquent expression of the faith of God's people."

Admission €80 - Concessions available for students, seniors & groups. Booking advised.

QUIET DAYS
May - Monday 9th | September - Friday 9th
Admission €35. Booking essential.

LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH
Pray the Pilgrim Path with us:
Wed 4th May, Sat 21st May
Wed 31st August, Mon 12th September
10:30am - 4:30pm. Admission €25. Booking essential.

Pilgrim Path Day
Easter Monday 18th April
Join the Prior and Team for a guided walk on the lakeshore Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, to celebrate Pilgrim Paths Week. Donations welcome. Registration essential.

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AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



"My Jesus, I believe that you desire to make your home within me and that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace your love as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."



Requiescant in Pace John McElhinney, Dunvale Park, Harry Harkin, Maybrook Park, Louise Duffy, Cornshell Fields, Thomas Harkin, Bracken Park, Emma McClay Rossnagalliagh, Fr Paddy McIntyre, Pat Smith, Capall Court, Terry McFeely (Maddock), Moss Pk

Anniversaries, Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries Margaret Yates, James Crilly, Margaret O'Donnell, Mary McIvor, Betty McCarron, Annie Lyons, Rose McLaughlin, Tommy McGeady, Brendan Sweeney, William Farren, Danny Quigley, Liam Strawbridge, Charlie McLaughlin, Linda Quigley, Jean McDonagh, Sean O'Mahony, Eamon McClean, Colm Browne, Gerard Kane, Shauna & Kelsie Stokes, George McGilloway, Nan Cartin, Joe Cartin, Berna Doherty. May they rest in peace.

Anniversary Masses and Prayers If you wish to have an anniversary Mass offered or a Mass or prayers offered for any intention, please email the parish offices at stpatricks@threepatrons.org or stbrigids@threepatrons.org or phone the parochial houses at St Patrick's (0281 71262360) or St Brigid's (028 71351261).

Supporting Your Parish Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the offertory collection through envelope, standing order, online payments and the 'donate' button on our parish website. Your support is greatly appreciated. Boxes are available in our three churches to return your parish envelopes. If you require information about any of the above methods of supporting Three Patrons Parish, please contact the parish office - stpatricks@threepatrons.org or 028 71262360. The bank account details for the parish are sort code: 90 49 74; account number: 51442271.



Right to Life, UK ask that you could remember their intentions in your prayers during the month of September. **4th:** *Tomorrow, we celebrate the feast of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for her intercession as we the church seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that, like her, we would become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord hear us"*

Prayer for Peace

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine and all parts of the world where there is conflict and strife, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.



AA Can't Stop Drinking? Call Alcoholics Anonymous 90351222.

Gamblers Anonymous Is gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Tel 71351329.

Lifeline If you are in distress or despair call Lifeline free on 0808 808 8000 and speak with a crisis counsellor. Lifeline is available 24/7 and is free to call from all landlines and mobiles. You are not alone.

Marriages Three months' notice must be given to the parish before the date of marriage.

Baptisms Please contact the Parish office by telephone. At least one Godparent must be Catholic.

Safeguarding Audit The Derry Diocese has invited the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland to conduct a review of safeguarding practice. This review is due to commence with the Safeguarding Sunday Mass on 18th September 2022 in St Columb's Church, Waterside at 3 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass. The review will continue on Monday 19th September to Friday 23rd September 2022.

If you have any views about Safeguarding in the Derry Diocese, we invite you to come forward to Teresa Devlin, Chief Executive Officer, National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland, prior to the review dates. Teresa can be contacted on the following number (+353) 01 5053124 or alternatively by email Teresa.devlin@safeguarding.ie

If you wish to report a child safeguarding concern, please contact Marie Gormley, Designated Liaison Person (DLP) on (+44) 07596 500793 or report directly to An Garda Síochána/PSNI or TUSLA/HSC.

C.A.L.M.S. (Community Action for Locally Managing Stress) Mental Health Support Line is offering the following: providing support with anxiety, panic, insomnia, low mood, depression and stress; a listening ear; and relaxation/breathing techniques. The service is available via telephone or zoom free of charge. Tel 079 0704 0568 or 028 71268698 Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 5.00 pm or leave a message out of hours. Visit www.calmsstresscentre.org.

Fr Joseph K Bill 5 Day Healing & Faith Renewal Retreat, given by Fr Anthony Saji, VC will take place at Knock from 3rd - 7th October. Contact 07815319710 for details.

The next Mass in memory of Sister Clare will be celebrated on Sunday 11th September at 7 pm in Termonbacca. All welcome to come along. If you have any prayer intentions you would like included in the Mass let us know by sending a private message or tel 71262512.



Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlagh Healing

Sunday Service takes place today (Sunday) and on the First Sunday of every month. Rosary at 2.45 pm followed by Mass / Healing Service at 3 pm. Confessions are from 2 pm – 5 pm. All welcome.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Bishop Donal McKeown will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from February 13th – 21st 2023. Visiting Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee and other important sites, this is an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Price is €1,895 / £1,655 pps including taxes and tips. For more details, email info@marian.ie or call Belfast on (028) 956 80005 or Dublin on (01) 878 8159.



Year of Prayer for Vocations 4th September: Jesus tells those who want to follow him that they must be able to give up their attachment to their possessions and to take up their cross. We pray for those who feel called to follow Jesus as a priest, deacon or religious, that they will have the strength to detach themselves in order to give their lives in service to him.



Discerning What is God's Will for your Life? To discern a vocation is to discover the person God wants you to be. The first step is to take seriously that God has called you through being baptised. He called you to baptism so that you could grow in love and in holiness of life, not only for your own sake but for the sake of others to whom you are sent. There comes a moment in a life of faith when a person takes seriously their personal call to holiness.

"It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples." Are you being called to love and serve the Lord and His people as a priest, sister or brother? If you are considering such a vocation, speak to Fr Pat O'Hagan, the Diocesan Vocations Director, Parochial House, Moville, Co Donegal. Email: pgoh2111@gmail.com. Tel: +353 749382057 or +44 77 03444280 or email the National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

God our Father,
You call us by name, and ask us to follow you.
Help us to grow in the love and service of your Church today.
Grant us the courage to embrace Christ's mission of love and justice.
Bless the Church here in the diocese of Derry
By raising up generous and dedicated leaders from among our families and friends,
Who will serve your people as priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers.
Bless those who have already answered your call
And who are now preparing for service in your Church.
Inspire us to know you better,
And open our hearts and minds to the guidance of your Holy Spirit.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Concern Derry Donations to the Pakistan floods emergency appeal may be made at the Concern Bookshop, Ferryquay Street, Derry or online at; <https://www.concern.org.uk/donate/pakistan-floods-appeal-community>

The monthly Matt Talbot freedom from addiction Mass will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7:30 pm on Monday 5th September. At this Mass we pray for all those battling addiction, their families and all those affected by addiction. We also pray specifically for all those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. We welcome you to join us at this Mass to pray for yourself or somebody you may know who has an addiction. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com or call (028) 71262894.

Lough Derg Day of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine The One Day Retreat on Sunday 25th September will have the special focus of praying for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. Guest Speaker, refugee, Halyna Tesluk, Associate Professor of Old Testament at The Ukrainian Catholic University. More information at www.loughderg.org.

Boats from 9.15am | Retreat Programme begins at 10.15am | Boats return at 4.30pm. Morning coffee & lunch included. Booking essential. Special discounted rate of €25 for Ukrainian refugees (must be booked by telephone: +353 (0)71 9861518). Full price €45.



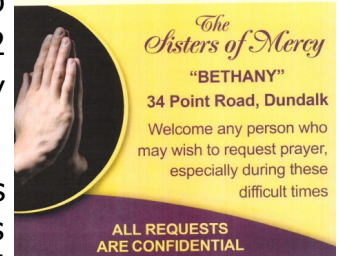
World Youth Day Pilgrimage - LISBON 2023 The Diocese of Derry is inviting any young person who is over 18 or will be 18 by July 2023 to join us on Pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. This pilgrimage will take place in August 2023.

For now, we are taking expression of interest until we have more information on dates, times and prices. We have limited space so signing up is essential. You can register your interest on the derrydiocese.org website or on the @derryyouth Facebook page

If you have any questions regarding this pilgrimage, please email Lizzie Rea, Youth Coordinator at: lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org

Prayer by Telephone The Sisters of Mercy, Bethany House of Prayer, Dundalk, welcome any person who may wish to request prayer. All requests are confidential. Tel 0035342 9331602 between 9 am and 9 pm every day. One of the Sisters will be happy to listen and pray with you.

A Prayer by Telephone



Tel: **00353 42 933 1602**

9am - 9pm Daily

One of the sisters will be happy to

Listen and Pray
with you



Studio2 Our creative youth drop-in runs every Friday. New member always welcome 11+. Come and explore your creative side at Studio2. Register at <https://www.studio2derry.com/> registration

Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme Two-year, part-time course, now enrolling for 2022-2023 intake Have you ever thought about exploring your faith... or wished that you could broaden your understanding of your faith? Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to life? If the answer is "yes", then Pathways may be for you.

The course runs one Saturday per month (10 am – 4:30 pm) from October to June, either in-house at Drumalis, Larne or online via Zoom. To register for Pathways, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Monday - Friday, 9 am – 5 pm) - 028 28276455 / 28272196 or email maura@drumalis.co.uk Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

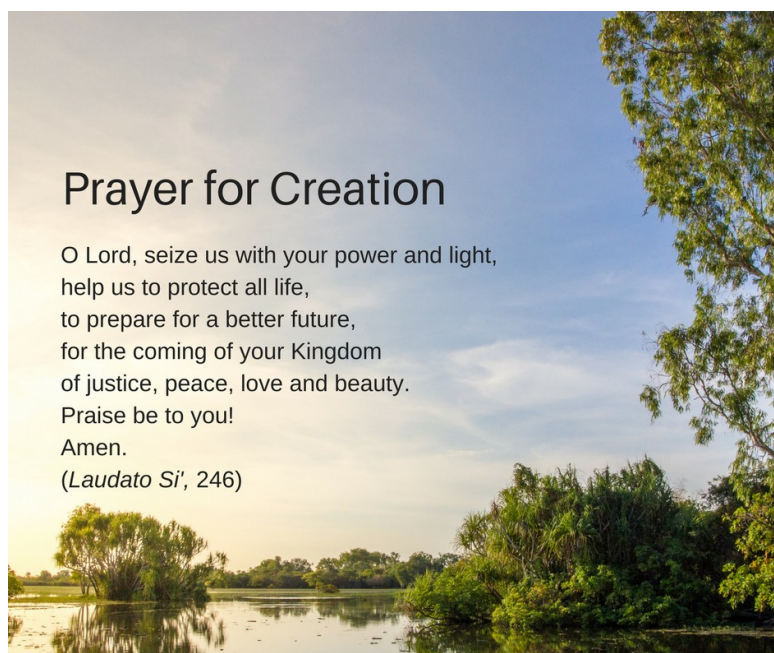
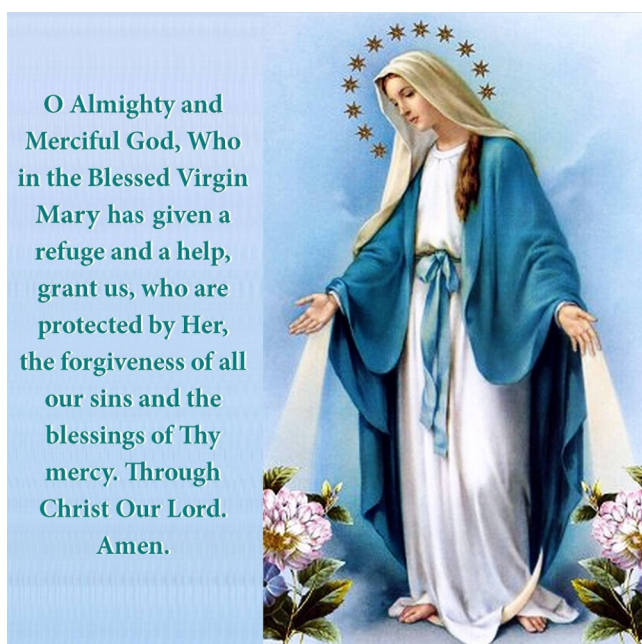
Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living Do you feel restless, do you sense there is a deeper meaning to life, that God is out there but you feel disconnected. The Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living may be for you. This 20 session course via Zoom between September and March is based on the insights of Ignatian Spirituality. For further details, have a look at the Drumalis Facebook page or website or contact Drumalis during office hours (Monday - Friday, 9 am – 5 pm) - 028 28276455 / 28272196 or email drumalis@btconnect.com

A NIGHT WITH THE STARS
Tuesday 6th December
Everglades Hotel, Derry/Londonderry
Proceeds in aid of ICU Unit Altnagelvin, Friends of Rescue and Pet FBI
Tickets £15
Artists appearing on the Night include
CONNOR MCGINTY, JAMIE DONNELLY, NOELLA HUTTON, NIKKI MCCOOL, LANA CAMPBELL, ERIN CARLIN & ISOBELL CALDWELL, ZACK WARNETT AS THE GREATEST SHOWMAN, COREY O'CONNOR, ALASTAIR SPENCE, NICOLA MCBRIDE, LOUIS MCTEGGART, CONNOR JOSEF, YVONNE HOLMES, CARA MCGILLON, THE TWO MARTYS, CATHERINE MAGUIRE, BIG & WILD, JAMIE DOHERTY, KERRIE SMITH AND SARAH MCGARRITY
Host and Compere Micky Doherty
Doors Open at 6.30pm Show starts at 7pm Sharp
CALL 07508897429 OR 07729179944 TO BOOK
OR MESSAGE SARA JANE OLPHERT OR NIKKI MCCOOL ON FACEBOOK

When it is Darkest: Understanding Suicide *Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre Saturday Workshop* Suicide can affect anyone 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. Workshop Facilitator: Fr Hugh Lagan SMA. Fr Lagan is a priest with the Society of African Missions and a chartered clinical psychologist. Tel: 028 30 821964.

IN SUNSHINE and IN SHADOW A book of poetry written by Fr Paddy O'Kane, RIP is available to buy at Holy Family Church, Ballymagroarty or Foyle Hospice. Cost £10. All proceeds will go the Foyle Hospice.

Blessing of Motorbikes and Bikers St Aengus' Church, Burt, Co Donegal (N13. Derry - Letterkenny Rd): Sunday 11th September, at 1.00 pm. 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 Fr Gerry Sweeney: gerardsweeney@gmail.com or on Facebook.



The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September (the World Day of Prayer for Creation) to 4th October (the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). It is a time to celebrate the joy of creation as well as raising awareness on what is happening to our common home.



**Listen to the
Voice of creation**
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The theme for the Season of Creation 2022 is "*Listen to the Voice of Creation*" and the burning bush is the symbol. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice. On the contrary, the fire of the burning bush that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb (Exodus 3) did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence and affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be with us as we work for justice.

In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation, to the voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change, to the voices of those who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are voices of the Earth. The global Christian family is called to awaken to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other and to encourage our parish communities to do the same, "for we know that things can change!" (Laudato Si', 13).

O Creator God, in this month of creation time, teach us to see your footprints in the beauty of creation. Help us to listen to the voice of creation, inspire us to respect the rights of all people, and all living species, to share in your gifts today and to be always mindful of those who come after us. Lord hear us.

A Prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

Laudato Si'
Pope Francis

PARISH OF THE THREE PATRONS
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PARISH PRIZE DRAW 2022

Prize Winners for DRAW 5 Friday, 26 August 2022

	WINNERS	PROMOTERS
1 st Prize £4,000	Johnny Leonard No. 1029	Johnny Leonard
2 nd Prize £3,000	Derek Friars No. 87	Andre D'Arcy
3 rd Prize £2,000	Redmond Duffy No. 926	Michael Cassidy
4 th Prize £1,000	Margaret Armstrong No. 1425	Philomena Gillen
5 th Prize £1,000	Kevin O'Kane No. 400	Pat O'Kane
6 th Prize £1,000	Thelma Tracey No. 679	Thelma Tracey
7 th Prize £1,000	Anne Breslin No. 1039	Anne Breslin
8 th Prize £1,000	Patrick O'Connor No. 1068	Mary Ryan
9 th Prize £1,000	Cathleen & Jim Kelly No. 1103	Kathryn Ellis
10th Prize £1,000	Josie McAnena No. 902	Josie McAnena

**** Congratulations to all the Final Draw Winners and Promoters ****
Thank you for your support.

PRAYER FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Lord,
As our students begin a new school year,
I pray that you will keep them in your care.
Send your Spirit to open their minds
to all that is true and beautiful and good
Help them to see the gifts and talents
you have given them and to use them well.
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.
Help them to be kind to others
and lead others to be kind to them.
Give their teachers patience and understanding
and help them teach what is just and true.
Send your angels to guide and guard our
children and to keep them from all harm.
Open their young hearts to your presence
and enfold them in your peace and protection.
Hold them in the palm of your hand
and bring them home safely at day's end.
Amen.

