

Job Opportunities with Derry Diocesan Trust *Part Time Housekeeper – Donegal*
 9 hours per week – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 11 am – 2 pm; **Financial & Administrative Secretary - Diocesan Catechetical Centre** – 21 hours per week (temporary fixed term contract until August 2023 with possibility of extension of hours and / or term of contract). For job description and application pack please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, 71262302 or payroll@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned no later than 4.30 pm on 17th April 2023.

Pilgrimages to Lourdes JWT are organising 3 fantastic pilgrimage tours to Lourdes departing from City of Derry Airport this May and July. **Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage** 23rd May. To book contact Spiritual Director, Fr Stephen Gorman at: frstephengorman@gmail.com; **Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage** 3rd July. To book and for more details, contact the Derry Pilgrimage Office on (028) 71 260293 or by email: derrypilgrim@outlook.com; **Lourdes Pilgrimage from Derry** 7th July – contact Margaret Wade - 07732468511 or mwade12@outlook.com

World Youth Day Derry Diocesan Youth is taking a group on pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon from 25th July - 7th August 2023. This pilgrimage is for over 18s. Limited places available. If you would be interested in travelling on the pilgrimage, or finding out more, please contact Lizzie Rea on lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org.

Follow in the Footsteps of Lough Derg Pilgrims from long ago as you walk the Pilgrim Path. The next event is our special Pilgrim Path Day Walk on Easter Monday (10th April). Booking essential via Eventbrite. This is a free event. Donations welcome. Visit: <https://loughdergpilgrimpath.eventbrite.com>

Foster Carers needed in the Western Trust area – a range of opportunities available that can work in with different lifestyles, including respite, emergency and long-term:

Upcoming Information Events: 20th April, 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm: Guildhall, Derry; 22nd April, 2 pm - 4 pm: Westville Hotel, Enniskillen; 27th April, 6 pm - 8 pm: Bethany Community Hall, Limavady. To register, email info@fostering.hscni.net or call 08000720 137.

The Next Hearing Aid Support Sessions will take place on **Wednesday 12th April** from 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm at Old Bridge House, Glendermott Rd, Waterside and on **Thursday 20th April** from 11 am - 12.30 pm at Carnhill Resource Centre. All welcome.

Give Blood, Save Lives NI Blood Transfusion Service will collect donations of blood on Monday 17th April and Monday 24th April from 12.45 pm - 4 pm & 5 pm - 7.30 pm in the City Hotel, Queen's Quay, BT48 7AS. To make an appointment, please call 08085 534 653.

Thank You to those who helped in any way during the Holy Week ceremonies.

Parish Office will be closed Monday - Wednesday. Please contact from Thursday onwards regarding baptisms and weddings.

Marriages 3 months' notice must be given to the parish before date of marriage.

Baptisms Please contact the Parish office by phone to book.

Safeguarding If you have any concerns with regard to safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church, please contact Maire Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at tel: +447596 500 793 or email: mairgormley@derrydiocese.org or PSNI (Police Service of N Ireland) 101 or Social Services: Western HSC Trust, +442871314090 (Ask for the Duty Social Worker).



Parish of the Three Patrons

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection - Year A - 9th April 2023

Parish Clergy

Fr Michael McCaughey, PP – 028 71262360 – stpatriks@threepatrons.org

Fr Sean O'Donnell, CC – 028 71351261 – stbrigids@threepatrons.org

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No One Expected The Resurrection

The Gospel readings for both the Vigil and the Mass of Easter Day report the utter confusion of Jesus' followers. No one seems to have expected anything like a resurrection.

We are not unlike those first followers. Though we know well the Easter story, we never seem fully to grasp its meaning. Like them, we so often continue to live burdened with our dashed hopes and with our misunderstanding of God's mysterious power. Like them, we come to the tomb and expect to find death, but instead we find signs of a new life that we cannot even begin to comprehend. Like them, we do not realise that our history has been broken open and is now filled with the resurrected presence of Christ.



Our faith assures us that the tomb is empty because Jesus has risen; it assures us that death has been swallowed up by life. Easter is a time to celebrate life, to value life in all of its forms and at all of its stages. A wondrous world of mystery has opened up before us, inviting us to step into it.

Sr Dianne Bergant

'He is risen! And because He is risen, we too shall rise ... The anticipation of eternal life is the source and reason for our hope. If cultivated and protected, it illuminates our lives as persons and communities.' Pope Francis



Easter Blessings We, the priests of the parish thank you for your prayers and encouragement. We wish all of you the blessings of the Easter Season. We offer a special prayer for our sick, our housebound, for those who have been bereaved recently and for peace.

The love of Christ surround you, the light of Christ lead you, the peace of Christ embrace you, the joy of Christ fill you, the presence of Christ be with you always.

Fr Michael, Fr Sean and the Franciscan Friars

Next Sunday, 16th April, is Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy Devotions will be celebrated next Sunday at 3.00 pm in St Brigid's Church, Carnhill. Everyone welcome.



Mass times in the coming week are as follows:

St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn

Monday - Tuesday 10.00 am: Mass

Wednesday - Friday 7.30 am, 10.00 am: Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday

6.00 pm (Saturday) Vigil; 9.45 am & 12.15 pm: Mass

St Brigid's Church, Carnhill

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

11.00 am: Mass followed by Rosary

Divine Mercy Sunday

6.00 pm: (Saturday) Vigil; **10.30 am & 12.30 pm:** Mass

3.00 pm: Divine Mercy Devotions

St Joseph's Church, Galliagh

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

11.00 am: Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday

7.00 pm: (Saturday) Vigil; **9.00 am & 11.00 am:** Mass; **12.30 pm:** Irish Mass



Regina Coeli Regina Coeli, Queen of Heaven, Rejoice, Alleluia!

For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!

Has risen as he said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!

(The Regina Coeli, full of joy, is an ancient anthem to the Blessed Virgin Mary which traditionally replaces the Angelus during the Easter Season).

Requiescant in Pace Marie Davis, Duncreggan Rd; Jack McCauley, Shandon Pk

Anniversaries Leslie Baird, Cathy Murray, Nance Connelly, Sheena Carlin, Shauna McDevitt, Nellie McGilloway, Phyllis & Benny Donaghy, Charlie Lyndsay, Anne Curran, Isobel Gallagher, Colin McDaid, William Duddy, Peter Gallagher, Kathleen O'Donnell, Patsy O'Donnell, Terry McBride, Kevin Deehan, Martin Whoriskey, Seamus Kelly, William Duddy, Jim Doherty

Readings for Divine Mercy Sunday, 16th April 2023 **First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47; **Psalm** 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24; **Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9; **Gospel:** John 20:19-31

The Sister Clare Retreat will take place in St Columba's Church, Long Tower from Monday 17th – Saturday 23rd April. There will be Mass at 7 am & 10 am (Monday - Friday). Each evening at 7.30 pm there will be Benediction, with a guest speaker (Monday -Friday). On Saturday there will be Benediction at 3 pm, followed by a guest speaker. The closing ceremony will be led by Bishop McKeown on Sunday at 3 pm.

Rosary on the Coast will take place on Sunday 16th April at 3 pm at Benone Strand for world peace and the protection of unborn babies. Bring along family and friends and make this something special for Our Lady. For details, tel 077 303 30028.

TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World

Trócaire boxes can be returned to the chapels in the coming week. Thank you for your support.

As the 25th Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement falls on Monday 10th April, we pray 'O God, healer of the broken and reconciler of the divided, we pray for the healing of our wounded history, and with thanksgiving for the peace and security we currently enjoy. Bless the work of all who seek to reconcile past divisions and all who dedicate themselves to the causes of justice and peace in our land. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen'.

Thank You for your generosity to the offertory collection last weekend.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society acknowledge with thanks a donation of £20.

The Next Irish Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 16th April at 12.30 pm in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. Everyone welcome.

First Anniversary Mass for Fr John Cargan will be celebrated in St Mary's Church, Drumagarnier, on Friday 14th April, at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

The Next Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral on Friday 14th April at 8 pm, and will be led by Fr Patrick Lagan. All are welcome to attend, or to join in the prayers via the Cathedral webcam..

We pray that the celebration of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection will be an inspiration to those considering a vocation to the priesthood in the diocese of Derry, and that the gift of the Eucharist, which Jesus left us at the Last Supper, will be their guide and strength.

Vocations In life, many hear God's call to priesthood. Is your heart open to the Lord? Have you ever considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? If so, you are invited to the national seminary of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, on 25th April, to attend a special conference on evangelisation and vocations in Ireland today. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, will be the keynote speaker. Please register directly on www.vocations.ie, or contact the National Vocations Director, Fr Willie Purcell at willie.purcell@iecon.ie or Rev Eric Cooney, Secretary of the National Vocations Office at eric.cooney@iecon.ie

Invitation to Opening of New Memorial Garden at St Columb's College

On Wednesday 26th April, at 4.00 pm, Bishop McKeown will bless and dedicate a new Memorial Garden at St Columb's College, which has been created in memory of all deceased members of the College Community. As well as honouring all of the deceased colleagues, pupils, parents and friends, two young men, Reuven Simon and Joseph Sebastian, who tragically lost their lives on 29th August 2022, will be particularly remembered. If you would like to attend, please email rsvp@stcolumbscollege.org by 3.30 pm on Wednesday 19th April.

Cemetery Sunday The annual Service of Intercession for the Dead will take place on Sunday 25th June at 3.00 pm in the City Cemetery.

BLESSING Bless us with the overflowing joy of this Easter Week.

Bless us as we share in the joy of the risen Christ,
as individuals and as communities of faith.

Bless us with the enthusiasm of the apostles,
and let others see in us a people redeemed, Amen.

