

AN FORAM GAELACH

Cruinniú an Foram Gaelach Dé Luain ar a hocht a chlog. The usual monthly meeting of the Gaelic Forum will take place in the Iggy Jones room in O'Neill Park on **Mon 7 Oct at 8pm**. All are welcome, particularly those with ideas to further the community cultural ideals.

Irish Céilidh Dancing classes on **Thurs from 8-10pm** in the Iggy Jones Room.

TUNES 4 CHANGE

Traditional Irish Music Concert to raise funds for NSPCC in Burnavon Theatre, Cookstown on **Fri 11 Oct at 8pm**. Tickets can be purchased at Burnavon Theatre.

SCOUT HALL

BINGO every **Monday at 8.30pm sharp**. Free tea/coffee. Snowball, Flyover and Lotto. Free prize draw each week.

NEW IRISH DANCE CLASSES

Mondays at 5pm in Ballysaggart Business Park. Clann McCaul School of Dancing. Contact Maria on 07900 278 551

SET DANCING CLASS

Tue at 8.30pm sharp in Ballysaggart Business Complex. Everyone welcome.

Cummings /Quinn

School of Irish Dancing

Classes Edendork Hall Sat 11am – 12.30pm. Killyman GFC Mon 6.30 – 8pm.

Parish Office

Mon - Thurs 9.00am - 5.00pm
CLOSED FRIDAYS

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IRISH NATIONAL FORESTERS

Dungannon INF will celebrate their 125th anniversary in 2014 and hope to run an exhibition to mark this occasion. If anyone has any INF memorabilia eg pictures, video footage, uniforms, etc., that they would be willing to lend to the club, please contact either Barney Boyle, 07562 986 642 or Eddie McNally, 07876 535 352. All items will be returned afterwards.

TWO HAND DANCING

Beginning **Thurs 10 Oct** (to 6 Dec) 8.30 – 10pm at Ballysaggart Business Park. Everyone welcome.

DGN THOMAS CLARKE GFC

Lotto: 3, 8, 9, 15, - 7 match 3 winners. Jackpot now £1,950.

Useful Phone Numbers

Samaritans:	3833 3555
ACCORD:	3833 4781
Child Line:	9032 7773
WAVE:	0800 337755
(Trauma Counselling)	0800 776600
CRUSE:	8778 4004
Domestic Violence:	9033 1818
St. Vincent de Paul:	8772 7323
Retrouvaille, supporting troubled marriages:	028 9049 2777
Parents Advice Centre:	0808 8010722
Gamblers Anonymous:	028 71351329
Lourdes Office:	07511 047866
Aras Mhuire Bookshop:	(028) 8772 6852
Niamh Louise Foundation:	07717 876037
Bereavement Support Group:	07857 108 988
Alcoholics Anonymous:	028 9043 4848
Al Anon Family Groups:	028 9068 2368
The Peace Factory:	028 8775 0009
Dungannon Youth Club:	028 8772 5138
Breakthru:	028 8775 3228



St. Patrick's



St. Brigid's



Sacred Heart



St. Malachy's

Parish of Dungannon

Rt. Rev. Dean C. Curry PP, Tel 8772 2775

Fr. S. White, Fr. D Glocko, Fr. R. McAleer. Tel: 8772 2631

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27th Sunday of the year

6th October 2013

Dear Parishioners,

In the coming weeks we will hear again something of the important role of the Parish Pastoral Council within the parish community. For those who wish to explore this further, there will be a number of sessions of information and personal formation starting on Tuesday, 15th October. I would encourage as many people as possible to avail of this opportunity to find out more.

As a backdrop to all of that, I offer a quotation from a very insightful book "Secularism and the New Europe", written by Bishop Donal Murray and published by Veritas. In this book he refers to the challenges of living in a society that has little reference to anything spiritual and where there is a common perception that we don't need God anymore.

He writes: "*The growth of science and technology has changed the way in which people see the world: there has been a loosening of moral sensitivity to certain issues. This can lead to a kind of blindness or deafness to the presence of God. Large chunks of our lives are lived with little thought for the mystery of God and with little awareness of the spiritual dimension of ourselves. We can watch television soap operas for hours and see people whose lives appear to have no spiritual dimension whatever. Secularism is not so much hostility to religion: worse than that, it is living as though the religious dimension of life did not exist*" (page 28).

Later in the same book, Bishop Murray argues that the need to embrace the Good News of the Gospel has never been more urgent and he makes the point that stronger partnerships between priests and committed laity is essential in responding to the tide of secularisation that is sapping the joy from so many lives and leading to so much alienation.

That notion of partnership between priest and people underpins the purpose of a Parish Pastoral Council. Unlike the Parish Councils of a previous era, whose primary function seemed to be concerned with the fabric of the parish and its maintenance, today's Parish Pastoral Council is more concerned with fostering the faith and spirituality of the community. In order to fulfil its mission, a Pastoral Council needs to be rooted in prayer, open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and formed by the Word of God through patient listening and reflection.

In short, a Parish Pastoral Council is not just a decision making body that happens to pray, but rather a praying body that makes decisions. And many of those decisions will relate to the development of people's faith and the promotion of Gospel values. Such a task, within any parish, is undoubtedly a very worthy one.

With every blessing, Colum Curry PP

Sunday Masses (including Vigil):

St. Patrick's: Sat at 6.15pm
Sun: 8am, 10.30am
& 12.30pm
Polish Mass: Sun at 5.30pm
Edendork: Sun at 10am & 12noon
Clonmore: Sun at 10am
Killyman: Sun at 11am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

St Patrick's:
Mon - Fri 7.45am 10am
& 7.30pm
Sat: 10am

St Malachy's: Fri at 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St Patrick's:
Mon - Sat: 9.30am - 9.55am
Saturday: 12.30pm - 1.00pm
5.30pm - 6.00pm

Novena prayers will be said during the **7.30pm Mass** on Monday.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets every Wednesday at 8pm in the convent.

Baptisms

St Patrick's: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 1.30pm; Country Churches: 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month after Mass. We would ask those who wish to have their child baptized to please give at least two weeks' notice of the proposed date of baptism. We welcome into our community We welcome into our community Ryan Lewis Gribben and Peter Michael Dynes.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Peter Donnelly, Corrainey Gardens
Gerald Conway, Mullaghmore Rd
Brendan McCracken, Dalriada Park
Patrick Devlin, Bush Road
Jack McGinty, Ardgannon
Una Devlin, Kingarve Roa

OUR LADY'S GROTTTO

EDENDORK

Rosary prayed at 8.30pm every Thursday.
Everyone welcome!

APOSTOLIC MISSIONARY COLLECTION

The annual collection for Apostolic Work will be taken up at all churches in the parish this weekend, **5 and 6 Oct.** Your support for the Missions will be appreciated.

HALO YOUTH GROUP

meet *every Saturday* at **7pm** in the **Convent.** Everyone aged 15-29 is welcome to attend. Come along for a bit of prayer, craic and refreshments, and help us organise events for the parish!



AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

The parish branch of St Joseph's Young Priests' Society will host their annual prayer afternoon in the Convent of Mercy on **Sun 20 Oct** beginning at 2.30pm. The afternoon will include a talk by Fr Ryan McAleer, a Holy Hour of Adoration and Benediction, and will conclude with Mass at 5pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Invite your friends!

THANK YOU!

Sr Elizabeth would like to thank everyone for continuing to donate their pennies to Tessie Taggart, for South Africa. The total raised to date is £35,632.32

ARAS MHUIRE BOOKSHOP

'*Rediscovering the Eucharist*' by Raymond Moloney SJ is now in stock, price £4. The book is divided into short, accessible chapters which help the reader look at the Eucharist through a variety of lenses, and ultimately breaks open a mystery which is rooted in the understanding of Eucharist as not being about 'I', but about 'we'

ONE OF US

Members of the Dungannon Pro Life Group will be outside all Masses this weekend collecting signatures for the One of Us Campaign. Please take the time to stop and give your details to help save millions of tiny lives. This campaign, which is endorsed by Pope Francis, needs 1,000,000 signatures in order to bring legislation to the European Parliament arguing for the protection and respect of human life from conception. You can also sign online at www.oneofus.eu Thank you for your support

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn from 25 to 27 Oct. The event is open to women who are discerning God's call in their lives and who would like to discover more about monastic life. Cistercian nuns seek God and follow Christ in a monastic life of prayer and work, silence and simplicity and community life. We are a vibrant, growing community of 34 sisters. Currently, there are 2500 Cistercian monks and 1800 Cistercian nuns worldwide. For more info on our way of life visit our website www.glencairnabbey.org

Collection Sunday 29 September

TOTAL: £4,776

DOMINICAN NUNS

Contemplative Life

Single young women attracted to this way of life are welcome to attend the discernment weekend, **25-27 Oct** or at other times by arrangement. Please contact: Sr Mairéad OP, Monastery of St Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

Tel: 00353 41 9838524

e-mail siena3@eircom.net

www.dominicannuns.ie

<http://dominicannunsireland.blogspot.com>

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Sat 12 Oct in Killeeshil Community Centre featuring String Ensemble, Jazz & Blues, Country, Traditional, Rock, School Choirs and many more. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. All proceeds go to TanzaniaAID. For more information or tickets (£10) contact Clare on 07821 577 204 or

www.facebook.com/tanzaniaaid or

www.gofundme.com/tanzaniaaid

MOUNT ERRIGAL WALK

Southern Area Hospice Autumn Walk to Mount Errigal in Donegal on **Sat 12 and Sun 13 Oct.** Overnight stay in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny and visit to Glenveagh National Park on Sunday. Participants are asked to raise £250 for the local Hospice. Contact 028 3025 1333 for further details. See notice at back of St Patrick's Church.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

The next blood donations sessions will be held in the Presbyterian Church Hall, Scotch Street, Dgn on **Wed 23 and Thurs 24 Oct** from 1.30pm - 4pm and 5.15pm - 8pm. Call 0500 534 666 or visit

www.nibts.org