

DUNGANNON GAELIC FORUM

Meeting in the Iggy Jones room in O'Neill Park on **Mon 4 Nov at 8pm**. Just one item on the agenda - The St Patrick's Day Parade in Dungannon. Everyone welcome. Bring your ideas and your friends

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

SCOUT HALL

BINGO every **Monday at 8.30pm sharp**. Please show your support for your local Scout Hall. Free tea/coffee. Snowball, Flyover and Lotto. Free prize draw each week. Books £5. Flyer £2

GENTLE HATHA YOGA

6 week programmes start **Tue 5 Nov and Thurs 7 Nov** at 10am and 7pm. Ballysaggart Business Park and Ranfurly House. Yoga for Healthy Lower Backs - 12 weeks - starts **Wed 6 Nov at 5.30pm** see www.yogaforbacks.co.uk To book, tel. Madeleine McBride Holistic Lifestyle Coach BscHons IA, YFNI, CBRT on 07871 536 206.
www.madeleinemcbride.co.uk

Parish Office
Mon - Thurs 9.00am - 5.00pm
CLOSED FRIDAYS

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8772 6893

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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.

TWO HAND DANCING

Thurs (to 6 Dec) 8.30 - 10pm at Ballysaggart Business Park. Everyone welcome.

IRISH CEILIDH DANCING

Classes on **Thurs from 8-10pm** in the Iggy Jones Room. Everyone welcome.

KILLYMAN GFC

Lotto: 1, 3, 17, 21. One match 3 winner. Jackpot now £3,675. AGM **Sun 17 Nov at 2pm** in the clubrooms.

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
Dungannon Youth Club:	028 8772 5138
Breakthru:	028 8775 3228



St. Patrick's



St. Brigid's



Sacred Heart



St. Malachy's

Parish of Dungannon

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31st Sunday of the Year

3rd November 2013

Dear Parishioners,

I like the image of God that is presented in today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom:

“You are merciful to all, because you can do all things.
You overlook men's sins so that they can repent.
You love all that exists.....
You spare all things because all things are yours,
Lord, lover of life.....”

In this piece God is acknowledged as the great lover of life who cares for all creation. God is so full of compassion and mercy that he “overlooks men's sins so that they can repent”. The sequence here is important: first, God overlooks sins; after that, repentance is expected. That sequence underlines the difference between the way God forgives and the way we forgive: we usually demand repentance first - only then might we be prepared to forgive. I'm inclined to think that maybe in our preaching and teaching we gave the impression that God's forgiveness was also dependent on the quality of our repentance.

A similar pattern of ‘overlooking sins so that the sinner can repent’ is evident in today's gospel. Zaccheus was a senior tax-collector, who would have been well known for his dishonest lifestyle and would have been treated by his fellow Jews as no better than a murderer or a prostitute. Being of small stature, he climbed a tree from where he could get a good view of Jesus as he passed by. But Jesus didn't pass by; Jesus noticed him; he took the initiative to speak with him; he befriended him; and he asked him to come down - “Hurry, I must stay at your house today”. Even though the crowd was enraged and disgusted, Jesus didn't demand repentance from Zaccheus before he went to his house for a meal. And much to the surprise of all, Zaccheus responded by repenting his evil ways in the grand gesture of giving half his property to the poor and making restitution four times the amount to those he had cheated.

According to the evangelist, St Luke, Jesus is portrayed as “the one who comes to seek the lost and save the sinner”. In today's gospel reading he fulfills that role in a very powerful and graphic way. In today's Church the same story continues.

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 Kody Fox, Desmond Fox, Katie Leigh McCrudden, Orlagh Rose Fay, Orlaith Caitlin Gill, Sebastian Jakuc and Isabella Maria Dudkeviciute.

RECENTLY DECEASED

May Mullan, Carland Road
Brendan Foley, Knockmore Drive
Bridie O'Rourke, Hawthorne Crescent

OUR LADY'S GROTTO

EDENDORK

Rosary prayed at 8.30pm every Thursday. Everyone welcome!

HALO YOUTH GROUP

meets *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!



NOVEMBER PLEDGE

Many people choose to give up alcohol during the month of November and offer this sacrifice up for their deceased loved ones. Visit www.pioneerassociation.ie

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DEAD

If you haven't already done so, please fill in the names of your deceased family members, relatives and friends. Please place your list, with an offering, in the envelope provided and return it to the collection basket, sacristy or Parochial House. *"May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace, Amen."*

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

A Commemoration Service for all our dead, especially those who have died in our parish over the last year ended 31 October, will take place in St Patrick's Church, Dungannon on **Sunday 17 November at 7.30pm**.

HOSPICE COLLECTION

Dr Murty and his team will be collecting for the Southern Area Hospice at all Masses this weekend, **2/3 November**. Your continued support is appreciated.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME

As part of a series of events to mark their Golden Jubilee, Killyman St Mary's GFC are remembering all their deceased members at a Mass in St Brigid's Church, Killyman at **3pm on Sun 24 Nov**. On that date there will be no Mass in Killyman at the usual time of 11am.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock from **Fri 15 Nov to Mon 18 Nov**. Everyone welcome. For further details please see notice at the back of St Patrick's Church.

FAMILY ADVENT RETREAT

Alliance of the Two Hearts. Sat 23 and Sun 24 Nov in St John's Rest and Care Centre, Knock Shrine. Led by Fr Edgardo Arellano. Buses will travel from North and South on **Sunday only** - €15 return. For bus details tel. Anne Lench 07734 562 102

KNOCK SHRINE VIGIL

41st Eucharistic Annual All Night Vigil, **Sat 7 Dec**. Coach £15. For info and booking Gabrielle (028)8778 4964 mob: -07933 521 105 or Grace (028) 8778 4942.

HOSPICE HOME BOX

If you have a Southern Area Hospice family home box at home please don't forget to empty it and get it in to us as soon as possible. It can be left to Hospice reception or to our Hospice shops in Dungannon. For assistance with this or to get a home box posted out to you please contact Anne on 028 3025 1333

Dungannon Area Churches' Forum

AGM on **Tue 5 Nov at 7.30pm** in The Tower Room, Ranfurly House. Guest speaker Noelle Fitzpatrick (based in Maynooth) on the work of "Trócaire". Everyone welcome. Refreshments served.

HOSPITAL REMEMBRANCE

Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance, to remember all deceased patients and staff of Craigavon Area Hospital, **Sun 3 Nov at 3pm** in the Medical Education Centre, Main Hospital Building. For an act of remembrance you may wish to bring a flower. All welcome

THANK YOU

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society, Clonoe sincerely thank all who contributed to our Guest Tea and a special thanks to those who entertained us; the Irish dancers, the musicians, singer and story teller. The total amount raised was £1,300.00

FR LIAM LAWTON CONCERT

The Market Place Theatre, Armagh on **Thurs 7 Nov at 8pm**. Tickets are on sale directly from theatre or online www.marketplacearmagh.com. sales from Box Office 028 3752 1821. Further info from www.liamlawton.com

LOST PROPERTY

A substantial number of house and car keys found in St Patrick's Church in recent months can be claimed from the sacristy after Mass.

CUMANN SEANCHAIS ARD MHACHA

The next lecture, 'The Irish Penitentials and their Relevance for Today', will be given by Monsignor Hugh Connolly, President of St Patrick's College, Maynooth on **Wed 6 Nov at 8pm** in the Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library and Archive. All are welcome for the lecture.

Collection Sunday 27 Oct

TOTAL: £4,795