



ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

15 Killyman Road Dungannon.
We warmly invite applications from parents whose children are due to start Nursery or Primary school in September 2014.

(1) Children who will be 3 years old on or before 1st July 2014 may be enrolled in Nursery class.

(2) Children who will be 4 years old on or before 1st July 2014 may be enrolled in Primary 1 class.

Applications available from the school office or Tel. 028 8772 3473. **Closing date** for Nursery and Primary 1

Applications is **Fri 10 Jan 2014. Open Afternoon – Wed 18 Dec 1:30 – 3:00pm.**

CHARITY FAYRE

First Steps Women's Centre invites you to their **Christmas Fayre on Wed 18 Dec from 11am – 2pm.** Refreshments, gift stands and a raffle. All proceeds to St Vincent de Paul and the Vineyard Church. More info (028) 8772 7648.

EOGHAN RUADH HURLING CLUB

Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club Development Draw scheduled for Fri 13 Dec has been **postponed** until early Summer 2014, we thank you for your continued support.

LIAM LAWTON CONCERT

'A Celtic Christmas', St. Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt on **Thurs 19 Dec.** Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets £20 - tel 028 796 32320

GENTLE HATHA YOGA

6 week programmes start **Tue 14 and Thurs 16 Jan** at 10am and 7pm. Yoga for Healthy Lower Backs - 12 weeks - starts **March** - see www.yogaforbacks.co.uk To book, tel. Madeleine McBride Holistic Lifestyle Coach BscHons IA, YFNI, CBRT on 07871 536 206. www.madelinemcbride.co.uk

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

IRISH CEILIDH DANCING

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

IRISH DANCE CLASSES

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

Cummings /Quinn School of Irish Dancing

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

DGN THOMAS CLARKE GFC

Lotto: 3, 12, 17, 18. 5 match 3 winners. Jackpot now £2,500.

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

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

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

Parish Office 028 8772 6893

www.parishofdungannon.com

3rd Sunday of Advent

15th December 2013

Dear Parishioners,

Having reprimanded the local ruler for his immoral lifestyle, John the Baptist ended up in prison with plenty of time to think and reflect. He wondered whether his cousin Jesus really was the promised saviour, the one the people had longed for. John had expected a more militant type. He thought the messiah would wield authority and assert his influence with power and strength. Having wrestled with his doubts and questions, he managed to send some friends to ask Jesus the straight question: "Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?" The reply was equally direct: "Go back and tell John what you hear and see – the blind see again, the deaf have their hearing restored and the poor are being given new hope."

Today, in the midst of many options and choices, imprisoned by anxieties and uncertainties, the young especially, and the not so young, too, ask a similar question of the Church. Are you the promised saviour of the world?

The question is addressed to each of us, leaders and people. No answer in mere words will satisfy. As we are learning from the example of Pope Francis, actions are more important than words, service is more persuasive than doctrine. The young are more influenced by lifestyle than preaching or teaching. Do our actions bring hope to the poor? Maybe our prayer today should ask God to remove our blindness to enable us to see the plight of the alienated, to open our ears to the cry of the poor.

The various ways that Jesus attended to people are indications of the actions that his followers must carry out. "Giving sight to the blind" points towards our mission of bringing light to wherever there is darkness of sin and lack of inner freedom. "Enabling the lame to walk" symbolises freedom from oppression, corruption and exploitation. "The cleansing of the lepers" exhorts us to not discriminate against anyone but to be just towards all. Our responsibility to the deaf is to help them hear the life-giving message of Jesus. In short, Jesus came to give life, promote life and facilitate life. Similarly, the actions of his followers must always be life-giving.

Are you the one who is to come or do we look for another? It is a challenge question for each of us.

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 and Tue: 7.45am 10am & 7.30pm
Wed 7.45am and 10am only
Thurs and Fri: 7.45am 10am & 7.30pm
Sat: 10am
St Malachy's:
Fri: 10am

No Advent Devotions this week

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 welcome into our community Megan Rose O'Hagan and Anna-Therese McGeown.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gertie McKenna, Mullaghmore Park
Peter McGorry, Newtown's Court
Paddy McNamee, Glebe Crescent
Frances Ferris, Dunavon Heights
Willie John Duffy, Altmore Drive
Joseph Stewart, Gortin Heights
Maura McGee, Dunclare Heights
Dermot McGee, Killymeal Road
Teresa Toal, Meadowvale
Tommy O'Neill, Quarry Lane
Mamie Stewart

OUR LADY'S GROTTO EDENDORK

Rosary prayed at 8.30pm every Thursday. Everyone welcome!

HALO YOUTH GROUP

meets **Saturdays** at **7pm** in the **Convent**. Everyone aged 15-29 is welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Confessions available **Mon - Sat** in St Patrick's from **9.15am - 9.50am**

WEDNESDAY 18 DEC

St Patrick's:
Penitential Service at 7.30pm
(No Mass this evening)

THURSDAY 19 DEC

St Malachy's, Edendork:
Confessions at 7.30pm

FRIDAY 20 DEC

St Patrick's:
Confessions 12noon until 7.15pm

SATURDAY 21 DEC

St Patrick's:
Confessions 12.30pm - 6pm

MONDAY 23 DEC

Sacred Heart, Clonmore:
Confessions at 7.00pm
St Brigid's, Killyman:
Confessions at 7.30pm
St Patrick's:
Confessions 9.15 - 9.55am only

NO CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Collection Sunday 8 December

TOTAL: £3,266

FUNDING PROPOSAL FOR THE PHILIPPINES

With the approval of Cardinal Sean Brady, an experienced fundraising team called 125NI would like our support for a new funding method that streamlines the funds directly to where they can be used without incurring any expense. They are asking our energy suppliers to donate £1, on our behalf, for every NI account they hold, directly to the Philippines to help restore electric power. With over 700,000 accounts in Northern Ireland, this would be a great start. The average NI household energy bill is around £600, so £1 represents 0.17% of each bill, which doesn't seem a big ask for our loyalty. You are encouraged to sign the petition forms at the back of church, please

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

7 - 14 August 2014. Full board in The Three Shepherds Hotel. £679 pps. **£100 off if paid in full by 19 Dec 2013.** £20 off if using own travel insurance. Tel Joe on (028) 9070 1606 or Fr S White 028 8772 2631 Ext 1.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Dungannon Branch

Annual pilgrimage, 12-17 May 2014. Booking office open **each Thurs from 9 Jan 2014** between 7.30pm and 9pm or tel. Lourdes Office on 07511 047 866. The booking office is in the former convent; please follow the signs from the rear car park.

CANCER CHOICES

SANTA SUNDAY

Sun 15 Dec from 11am to 5pm in The Cube, Dungannon Enterprise Centre, 2 Coalisland Road, Dungannon.

CHRISTMAS CAR BOOT SALE

Edendork Hall car park on **Sun 15 Dec from 11am** in aid of Southern Area Hospice.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FAMILY FUN DAY

SVP, supported by Dungannon Council, is hosting a Family Christmas Fun Day on Sat 21 Dec from 12.30 - 4.30pm at Ranfurly House, The Square, Dungannon. There will be school choirs, puppet shows, face painting, arts and crafts for children and refreshments for everyone. Santa Claus, as you have never seen him before, will be in attendance. Admission Free. Everyone welcome.

CLINTYCLAY PRIMARY SCHOOL TO REMAIN OPEN

81 Clonmore Road, Dungannon. Tel. 028 8778 4498

Open Day Mon 16 Dec (2 sessions). Please see enclosed leaflet.

EDENDORK PS OPEN DAY

Edendork Primary School Open Day on **Wed 18 Dec at 10am** for parents and children who wish to apply to be enrolled in Edendork PS in Sept 2014. We warmly invite applications from parents whose children are due to start Primary School in Sept 2014 (*Children who will be 4 years old on or before 1 July 2014 may be enrolled in Primary 1 class*). Application forms, available from the school, must be returned to the school Principal, Mrs McAlinden by **Fri 10 Jan 2014**.

EDENDORK PS CAROL SERVICE

On **Wed 18 Dec at 7pm**, P5 to P7 children from Edendork PS will present a Carol Service in St Malachy's Church Edendork, followed by a Christmas Fayre and refreshments in the school. Everyone welcome.

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

STEP Christmas Coffee morning on **Wed 18 Dec from 10.30am to 12noon** at The Cube, Dungannon Enterprise Centre, 2 Coalisland Rd, Dungannon. All proceeds to **deterMND: Tackling Motor Neurone Disease**. More details visit www.stepni.org