

## CUMANN SEANCHAIS ARD MHACHA

The first lecture in the 2014 programme marks the millennium of a famous wake in Armagh. *'Brian Boru (1014) and Charlemagne (814): Two Emperors, Two Centuries Apart'*, will be given by Dr Dagmar Ó Riain-Raedal from the School of Celtic Studies, University College Cork, on **Wed 5 Feb at 8pm** in the Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library and Archive. All are welcome for the lecture.

### 'THE LOST ANGEL'

This story, written by Noreen Conlan, depicts an angel in heaven who has to come to earth to guard a young boy. The book is £5 and can be bought directly from Noreen, tel 07939 932 616.

### 1<sup>st</sup> TYRONE SCOUTS

**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.

### FOUR PEAKS CHALLENGE

Southern Area Hospice Services invite you to an information meeting about their 4 Peaks of Ireland Challenge (5 - 9 June). The meeting is on **Thurs 6 Feb at 7pm** at the Southern Area Hospice, Courtenay Hill, Newry. For more info tel Anne or Tracey on 028 3025 1333.

### BREAKTHRU

In partnership with Boots are offering a 16 week health and wellbeing programme for anyone 50+ **beginning Fri 14 Feb from 11am – 1pm**. Light lunch provided. Course will be held in Breakthru Office, Killymeal Road. Places are restricted. For more information tel. Breakthru 028 8775 3228.

## CARROLL SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

Classes for boys and girls aged 4+, beginners welcome. Dungannon Youth Club Dance Studio - Tuesdays 6pm. Des Fox Pavilion Edendork GAC - Thursdays 6pm. Call Gerard on 07871600260 for more information.

### CÉILÍ DANCING

The popular céilí dancing classes continue on **Thursday evening from 8-10pm** in the Iggy Jones room, Dungannon Clarkes Clubrooms. Céad míle fáilte to all newcomers. Come and enjoy the dancing and the company.

### 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:** 6, 7, 10, 24. 5 match 3 winners. Jackpot now £1,250. General Knowledge Table Quiz - Quinn's Bar, Dungannon on **Fri 7 Feb at 9pm** - Lots of Prizes. All welcome.

### KILLYMAN GFC

Lotto 1, 2, 14, 23. 1 match 3 winner.

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The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

2nd February 2014

Dear Parishioners,

I'm sure you've heard people make the remark, "there's a stretch in the evenings". We are forever looking for signs of light and new life. At this time of year we become even more aware of how the great dividing line between light and darkness impinges on our lives. The changing pattern of light and darkness that we notice in nature and that is so much part of our lives is very often used in the gospels as signs or symbols of another light and darkness. Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Jesus Christ dispels the darkness of evil.

The day we were baptised someone held a lighted candle for us as a sign of Christ's new life and light within us.

At Confirmation we may have been reminded, as young people are today, that we commit ourselves to living in God's light with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

On Holy Saturday night the Paschal Candle is lit and carried in to the darkened church as a sign of the resurrected life of Christ coming into the world and breaking up the darkness of sin. On that special night we light our own candles from the Easter candle as a sign of our sharing in the new life of Easter.

On the day we die we will hold a blessed candle in our hands - or someone will help us to hold it - as a sign, once again, of Christ's life within us and as a light to guide us through the darkness of death into the clear light of our eternal home.

So the light is important to us. And the blessed candle is important to us. That is why Candlemas Day, the day of the blessing of candles is important to us. We need the light of Christ to give meaning, purpose and direction to the often confused gloom that can easily overwhelm us.

Appropriately, we begin the season of spring this week, with a number of reminders that this is indeed a time of optimism and new hope. On 1<sup>st</sup> February we celebrated the Feast of St Brigid, renowned for her hospitality, her almsgiving and her care of the sick. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord when we recall that Christ is the light for all people. On 3<sup>rd</sup> February, the feast of St Blaise we ask for healing and protection from all evil. And so we remember:

"The Lord says, do not be afraid. I have come that you may have life. I broke into your world when you were frail and uncertain. I am the ray of hope flickering in your troubled history. When your life is trampled upon and crushed by despair, do not lose heart. All that belongs to life, belongs to me. I came that you may have life and have it to the full."

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

**CANDLEMAS DAY (Sun 2 Feb)**

Candles will be blessed at all Masses.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

*St Patrick's:*

**Mon, Thurs and Fri**

7.45am 10am & 7.30pm

**Tue and Wed** 10am only

**Sat:** 10am

*St Malachy's:* Fri at 10am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

*St Patrick's:*

Mon – Sat: 9.15am – 9.55am

Saturday: 12.30pm – 1.00pm  
5.30pm – 6.00pm

**FEAST OF ST BLAISE (Mon 3 Feb)**

Blessing of throats will take place at all Masses.

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

**Baptisms**

St Patrick's: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 1.30pm; Country Churches: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month after Mass. We welcome into our community Viktorija Zak, Salomeja Skalisiute, Éabha Mary McGahan and Jodie Graham Jarvis

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Fr Terence Kelly  
John McKenna, Old Eglisli Rd  
Gertie McNaney  
Bridget Teresa Hamill, Tullycullion Rd  
Teresa McKee, Ballynakilly Rd  
Philomena McKee, Ballynakilly Rd  
Gertie Hegarty, Roskeen Road  
Bridie Timmons

**FIRST FRIDAY (7 Feb)**

**Masses:**

St Patrick's: 7.45am, 10am & 7.30pm  
Edendork: 10am  
Clonmore: 7.30pm  
Killyman: 11.00am

The sick and housebound will be visited during the week

**OUR LADY'S GROTTO**

**EDENDORK**

Rosary prayed at 8.30pm every Thursday. Everyone welcome!

**COFFEE MORNING**

Tea/coffee will be served in St Teresa's Hall after 10am Mass on **Fri 7 Feb**. Everyone welcome.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Meets every Wednesday at 8pm in the convent.

**HALO YOUTH GROUP**

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



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Meeting on **Tuesday 4 February at 8pm** in the Convent.

**MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Due to the unavailability of priests, there will be only **one Mass at 10am on Tue 4 and Wed 5 Feb**.

**READERS WANTED**

A new rota is currently being prepared for Ministers of the Word for St Patrick's, Dungannon. **Existing readers and those interested in reading** at Saturday Vigil or Sunday Masses please contact Margaret on 07950 011 276

**40 DAYS PRAYER**

Precious Life Ministries encourage you to continue 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting **to Sun 9 Feb**. Offer up your daily Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy, Holy Hour, and fast from a favourite food – imploring Heaven to protect Ireland from the scourge of abortion. **Precious Life (028) 9027 8484**.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**2014**

**Sat 3 May**

Clintyclay PS

Windmill Integrated PS  
Dungannon County PS

**Sat 10 May**

St Patrick's PS  
Edendork PS

**Sat 17 May**

Laghey PS

**All at 11am**

**CONFIRMATION**

**2014:**

St Patrick's PS **Sat 31 May**  
All other schools **Sun 1 June**

Both Ceremonies at **3pm**

**ACCORD**

**PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES**

As there is usually a waiting list for courses, couples are advised to book their place for Marriage Preparation courses **at least ten months** before their wedding. Courses can be viewed on our website [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com) Bookings to be made by tel. 028 3833 4781

**Collection Sunday 26 January**

TOTAL: £4,658

**Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Dungannon Branch**

Annual pilgrimage, 12-17 May 2014. Booking office open **each Thurs** 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.

**LOUGH DERG 2014**

**"Come as you are...to a quiet place and rest a while."** Three day pilgrimages run from 30 May – 15 Aug. No booking required. One day retreats take place in May, August and September 2014. Places are limited and booking is essential. Further details and booking at [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) or tel. 028 6863 2391 or email [linfo@loughderg.org](mailto:linfo@loughderg.org)

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA**

**7 – 14 August 2014**. Full board in The Three Shepherds Hotel. £679 pps. £20 off if using own travel insurance.

Tel Joe on (028) 9070 1606

or Fr S White (028) 8772 2631 Ext 1

**VOCATIONS EVENING**

Is God calling you to live the life of a Priest in the Archdiocese of Armagh?

An evening of prayer and reflection will take place in The Servite Priory, Benburb on **Tue 4 March from 5pm – 8pm**. For further info contact: Fr Peter McAnenly, 42 Abbey Street, Armagh, BT61 7DZ. Tel: 028 3752 2802

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**Vocation Prayer**

Lord, make me a better person, more considerate towards others, more honest with myself, more faithful to you. Make me generous enough to want to do your will, whatever it may be. Help me find my true vocation in life and grant that through it, I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others. We pray through Christ our Lord, Amen