

LOUGH DERG

A Day of Friendship and Prayer, *Ash Wednesday, 5 Mar.* Special Guest Speaker Rev John Dunlop. Boats run from 10am. Admission €25 includes boat fare, tea/coffee, services and lunch.

Advance booking is essential. Telephone 0035371 9861518 (from NI 686 32391). Email: info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

GREAT DAFFODIL BALL

The Dungannon Fundraising Group for **Marie Curie Cancer Care** presents its annual Great Daffodil Ball on **Sat 1 Mar at 7.30pm** at Glenavon House Hotel Cookstown. Drinks Reception, Meal, Tombola and Raffle. Music by Brian Mills. Tickets £40 each. For further info or tickets tel. Sandra Spence, 028 8772 3989. Cathal McGurk, 07762 309 294 or email dungannonfundraisinggroup.mariecurie@hotmail.co.uk

KILLYMAN GFC

Lotto 8, 9, 18, 22. 1 match 3 winner. Tickets are now available from any Committee member for the **Golden Jubilee Gala night in Armagh City Hotel on 26 April.**

NAOMH TREASA

Indoor camogie training starting **Fri 28 Feb, 6-7pm** in St Patrick's College for U12, U10, U8 and U6

DGN THOMAS CLARKE GFC

Lotto: 3, 7, 12, 24. 10 match 3 winners. Jackpot now £1,400

IRISH DANCE CLASSES

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

1st 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.

GENTLE YOGA & RELAXATION

6 week programmes commencing **Tue 4 and Thurs 6 March** (10am or 7pm) in Dungannon. To book, tel.07871536206 Madeleine McBride Holistic Lifestyle Coach BSC Hons, IA, YFNI,CBRT www.madeleinemcbride.co.uk

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.

CUMMINGS /QUINN SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

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

CARROLL SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

is hosting a fundraising quiz in the Des Fox Pavilion, Edendork on **Sat 8 March at 8pm.** There will be Irish Dance displays as well as a raffle on the night. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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



St. Patrick's



St. Brigid's



Sacred Heart



St. Malachy's

Parish of Dungannon

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7th Sunday of the year

23rd February 2014

Dear Parishioners,

The teaching in today's gospel is not easy; it is difficult enough sometimes to love our friends and even members of our own families, but "to love our enemies, to pray for those who persecute us and to turn the other cheek" is a huge challenge. It goes against our natural instincts and it goes against everything that Jesus was taught as a child. With the people of his day it was very clearly "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth". The Jewish system of justice was arbitrary and ruthless as we witness in gospel stories where women were stoned to death or men found guilty of other crimes were tortured and crucified as a public spectacle. The teaching of Jesus is diametrically opposed to all of that.

Yet Christianity does not ask us to be doormats so that people can walk over us; it doesn't ask us to be wimps. Through the power of God's Spirit within us, we are asked to become extraordinarily strong and brave, because it requires great strength of character and great single-minded resolve to forgive those who hurt us, or to turn the other cheek to those who offend us. Today Jesus asks us "to offer no resistance to the wicked man, to pray for those who persecute you and to love your enemies".

We must never forget, however, that by ourselves and of ourselves, we just don't always have what it takes to do what Jesus asks. There are times when the hurts are too deep, and the experience is too recent, to be able even to consider forgiveness. That is why we often pray that the Holy Spirit will "enkindle within us the fire of divine love" and to give us a willingness to want to forgive. When it comes to forgiveness, this is one area where we really need the Holy Spirit to enter and to act. It requires a heart which we may not yet possess to be able to forgive and forget.

The irony is that when I do forgive someone, I set both of us free. There is a tremendous sense of liberation and an extraordinary freedom in having a forgiving heart.

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: 9.15am - 9.55am
Saturday: 12.30pm - 1.00pm
5.30pm - 6.00pm

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

OUR LADY'S GROTTTO EDENDORK

Rosary prayed at 8.30pm every Thursday.
Everyone welcome!

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 Caolán Gerald O'Hagan, Noah Shea Trainor, Eoin James Loughran, Declan Hugh McKenna, Abigail Sarah and Caitlin Rose Campbell, Shonagh-Inez Helena Gates and Charlie James McCann.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bridie Timmons
Celina Casey
Adrian McVeigh, Killyman
Fr Aloysius MacCourt, Stewartstown

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.



YOUNG LEADERS TRAINING PROGRAMME

The parish is hosting a course on practical youth ministry skills for young people (15yo+). The programme is accredited at Level 1 by Open College Network, Northern Ireland and includes units on personal development skills in youth ministry and planning, implementing and evaluating a youth ministry activity in the parish. The programme, which will be charged at £25 each, also includes a residential weekend away (Fri 21 - Sun 23 March). The course will take place from 4-6pm on Mondays 3 Mar, 10 Mar, 7 Apr and 14 Apr. **Registration for the course will take place on Mon 24 Feb at 4pm** in the Parents' Room in St Patrick's PS. For further info contact Fr Ryan.

SCOUT COLLECTION

The 1st Tyrone Scout Group's Annual Church Gate Collection will take place next weekend, **Sat 1 and Sun 2 March**. Please give generously. Thank you.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 23 March to honour St Joseph. Please take packed lunch. Coach £15. To book, tel. Gabrielle (028) 8778 4964, (mob) 07793 521 105 or Grace (028) 8778 4942.

ROTA FOR MARCH

Eucharistic Ministers

St Patrick's:
6.15pm N Bullock, J McAshea
P Cavanagh, J Murray
8.00am F O'Donnell, P Slater
10.30am A Hughes, C Hart
A M Hart, P Ferran
12.30pm M Canavan, V Weir
D McCann, R Corrigan

Readers

St Patrick's:
6.15pm P McCusker
8.00am S O'Kane
10.30am SO'Neill/MandC McArdle
12.30pm T McNally, R Glackin

Clonmore:

02 Mar C McKee
05 Mar L Foye
09 Mar T Lyttle
16 Mar J Ward
17 Mar J Casey
23 Mar T O'Hagan
30 Mar J O'Donnell

Killyman:

02 Mar B McCann
05 Mar C McAliskey
09 Mar C McCaffrey
16 Mar F Fee
17 Mar H Finnegan
30 Mar L Loughran

Edendork 10am:

02 Mar S Fearon
09 Mar D Mallon
16 Mar A Currie
23 Mar C Mallon
30 Mar E Goodwin

12noon:

02 Mar P McIvor
09 Mar C McGeary
16 Mar D Hughes
23 Mar M Martin
30 Mar G Mulholland

STEWARDS

6.15pm P Sherry, S Hamill
T Bullock, I Donnelly
K Murray, J McCann
8.00am J Weir, S Murphy,
J F Kelly, E Goodwin
10.30am P McGahan, M Corrigan
P Maxwell, J McQuaid
P Montague, J Casey
M McKenna
12.30pm J McCausland, G Reid
P J Quinn, N O'Hagan,
C McCall, J J Devlin
M Whitmore, J Ruddy

Church Cleaning

D Campbell

Counters

P Doris, B Donnelly, O McHugh
A McSwiggan, M Kelly, J Kelly

Altar Society

E Devlin, P McIvor, M Morrow

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage

to Lourdes Dungannon Branch

All Pilgrims and Sick Pilgrims who have received application forms for travel on May 12 to 17 please return completed forms as soon as possible. Booking office open **each Thurs** between 7.30pm and 9pm in the former convent; please follow the signs from the rear car park. Lourdes Office 07511 047 866.

Collection Sunday 16 February

TOTAL: £4,218

PIONEER NEWS

The local Pioneer Council are looking for new members. Any Pioneer, male or female, who would like to join the Council please contact Fr Seamus White. **Sunday 2 March is Temperance Sunday.** There will be a special Mass in Benburb Priory at 3pm. Everyone is welcome.

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