

CANCER CHOICES

Calling all ladies. You are invited to join Cancer Choices, your local Cancer Charity, to raise much needed funds and to launch breast cancer awareness month in October by taking part in our 6th annual "Walk The Mall" event on **Sun 28 Sept** from 3-5pm at the Mall, Armagh. If you would like a sponsorship sheet or more information on the event visit our website, follow us on face-book or contact Clare on 028 8772 9850.

NI BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

Blood donation session - **Thurs 25 Sept** 1.30pm – 4pm and 5.15pm – 8pm in Presbyterian Church Hall, Scotch St, Dungannon.

SOUTH TYRONE MEN'S SHED

Old Convent Primary School, Northland Row, Dungannon. Opening hours Tue, Wed & Thurs 10am-4 pm. Tel. Raymond 07811 185 530 or Teresa 07955 593 415.

FIRST 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..

CLONMORE

REGENERATION GROUP

Children's Irish dancing on Wednesday at 5.30pm. Bubba's boot camp every Wed 7.45-8.45pm. Contact Aimon on 07840 030 515 to book. Line dancing starts **Mon 22 Sept** at 7.30pm. Jive classes start **Mon 13 October**, 4 weeks with Gerard Butler 8.30pm, tel. 07967 536 099 for further details.

SET DANCING CLASSES

Tuesdays, 8.30pm—10pm, Ballysaggart Centre. Everyone welcome.

GENTLE YOGA & RELAXATION

Yoga for healthy lower backs – 12 week programme starts **Mon 22 September** 5 pm – 6.30pm
Contact Madeline McBride on 07871536206 for further details.

CLANN MCCAUL SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

Classes resume on **Mon at 5pm** in Ballysaggart Business Park. Tel. Maria on 07900 278 551.

YOUNG AT heART

Retired? Time on your hands? Would you like to take part in a **FREE** 5 week programme? Choose one or all three from: Fabric Techniques, Photography, Fine Art. Free Transportation provided. Coming **23 Sept** to Beam Creative Network, The Torrent Complex, Donaghmore. Tel Grace on 028 8776 9157 to register your interest or for more details

CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

Monday in Killyman GFC Hall 6.30pm-8.00pm. Friday in Edendork Hall 6.00pm-7.30pm. All boys and girls are very welcome.

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 07871 600 260 for more information.

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Mon - Thurs 9.00am - 5.00pm
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St. Patrick's



St. Brigid's



Sacred Heart



St. Malachy's

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The Exaltation of the Cross

14th September 2014

Dear Parishioners,

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross reminds us that an instrument of human hatred and death has been transformed in to a symbol of God's infinite love and mercy. Prior to the Christian era, the cross was associated in people's minds with the most barbaric form of execution – a fate reserved only for slaves. It was something to be feared and despised, and was used by those in authority to strike terror into the hearts of those slaves under their power. The bodies of the crucified were usually left on display for several days as a stark warning to others. And yet when God wanted to reveal his love for the world, he did so - as St Paul reminds us in today's second reading – through the person of Jesus Christ, his Son, who assumed the very condition of a slave and accepted death on a cross.

The love revealed in the Cross overcomes the power of sin; it brings forgiveness and demonstrates the depth of God's mercy. It gives us a pledge that death is not the end of everything, but rather the beginning of a new heaven and a new earth. This is the reason why we venerate the Cross and why the Sign of the Cross has a central place in our spirituality.

I carry a cross in my pocket
A simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian
No matter where I may be.

When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or a key
The cross is there to remind me
Of the price He paid for me.

This little cross is not magic,
Nor is it a good luck charm
It isn't meant to protect me
From every physical harm.

It reminds me, too, to be thankful
For my blessings day by day
And to strive to serve Him better
In all that I do and say.

It's not for identification
For all the world to see
It's simply an understanding
Between my Saviour and me.

It's also a daily reminder
Of the peace and comfort I share
With all who know my Master
And give themselves to His care.

So, I carry a cross in my pocket
Reminding no one but me
That Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life
If only I'll let Him be.

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 & 7.30 pm
Sat: 10am
St. Malachy's
Fri. 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St Patrick's:
Mon –Sat: 9.15am – 9.55am
Saturday: 12.30pm – 1.00pm
5.30pm – 6.00pm

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: Airiesha Gally Magno DeJesus, Maddie Cate Stringer and Eoghan Martin Canavan.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Cathal Hagan, Annaghbeg
Tony Burns, Wellbrook
Rose Kelly, Coal Pit Road
Robert Stewart, Gortin Heights
Joseph Donnelly, Ranfurly Road
Frankie Comac, Beechvalley
Mary Quinn, Creenagh
Evaristo Soares, Donaghmore Road
Maura Flannelly, Carland Road
Eamon (Gene) McKenna, Lisnahull Gardens
Denis McNaney, formerly Irish Street
Brian Somerville, Ballysaggart Park
Mary Donaghy, Springdale

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

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets every Wednesday at 8pm in the convent

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.



REGISTER NOW FOR THE POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD!!

If you are aged between 16 and 18, the JPII Award will enable you to become more actively involved in the life of your parish and community. Religion is not just for learning, nor a list of rules designed to stop you doing what you want. Religion is for living and through taking an active part in your church and community you will experience the contentment and fulfilment that comes from serving others, especially those in great need. As well as the feeling of personal achievement that you will gain from taking part in the award, participation will help to show future employers and educators that you are a young person who can make an ongoing commitment to a task. The award is non-competitive, flexible and voluntary. Registration forms are available in the sacristy of St Patrick's Church, Dungannon, or speak to Fr Ryan for more details (*Twitter* @ryankmcaleer *Facebook* /ryankmcaleer).

ALTAR-SERVING

All those from P5 upwards (including Secondary School) who are interested in volunteering to be an altar-server in the parish are invited to sign up in the coming weeks, either through their local Catholic primary school, or by collecting and completing consent forms which are available in the sacristy of St Patrick's Church, Dungannon.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS REQUIRED

If you feel you could offer your services as a Eucharistic Minister in St Patrick's Dungannon please contact the Parish Office on 028 8772 6893

ST PIO'S PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday 17 September. Rosary will be said before Mass. St Pio Relic available after Mass. All welcome.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

To mark the International Day of Peace 2014, the Clergy and Churches Forums of Cookstown and Dungannon are organising a series of events in partnership with Ckstr District Council, Dgn Borough Council and the Irish Churches Peace Project: **Fri 19 Sept: Cookstown** Schools Peace Art exhibition in the Burnavon from Friday-Sunday. Schools music event with Donal Canavan, 1.30pm outside the Burnavon. **Sat 20 Sept: Dungannon** Songs of Peace event with schools, churches and community– Ranfurly House - Rehearsal starts 3pm. Event 4-5pm. All welcome to rehearsal and event. **Sun 21 Sept:** Peace Vigil led by Clergy and Churches Forums, The Hub, (across the road from the Burnavon), Cookstown at 9pm.

Collection: Sunday 7 September

TOTAL: £4,535

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

Meeting on **Monday 15 September** at 8pm in the Convent. All members are asked to attend and if possible to bring a new member with them.

ST PIO WEEKEND AT KNOCK SHRINE

20 – 21 September. Cost – including B & B, Evening Meal & Sunday Dinner, £95. Bus leaves Beechvalley Depot at 8.30am. Tel. Peter and Josie Donaghy 028 8772 5018.

EXPLORE GOD'S CALL

12 October, 2-6pm, Clonard Monastery, Belfast. ExploreAway is a programme which provides the opportunity for young, single, men and women between the ages of 21-40 who are interested in exploring religious life and the priesthood in a reflective and prayerful environment. Booking is essential: tel. Sr Gabrielle Farrell on 0035387 3584447 or Fr Alan on 0035385 7664480. www.exploreAway.net or www.vocationsireland.com

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

Southern Area Hospice Services invite you to their Annual Coffee Morning on **Fri 19 Sept** from 10am-1pm in their Dungannon Day Hospice (D Floor, South Tyrone Hospital). Everyone welcome. All proceeds to Southern Area Hospice Services. For more information contact Anne on 028 3025 1333 or email macoscar@southernareahospiceservices.org

WALK TO MASS

We are being encouraged to walk to Mass on **Sunday 21 September** (UN Day of Peace) as a gesture of solidarity with Christians and all who are suffering persecution in the Middle East.