

## SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE

Car Boot sale in Edendork Hall Car Park  
**Sun 21 Sept** from 10am

## DUNGANNON GAELIC FORUM

Meeting on **Mon 22 Sept at 8pm** in Iggy Jones room in O'Neill Park.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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..

## ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Carers Support group meeting **Tue 23 Sept 7pm-8.30pm** in Gardeners Hall, Victoria Way, Dungannon. Attending a meeting is an opportunity for you to meet and talk with other carers of people with dementia. Please feel free to come along (Pauline 028 3025 6057).

## 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

## GENTLE YOGA & RELAXATION

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

## TAKE CARE ON THE ROADS

Tragically so far this year 57 people have lost their lives on Northern Ireland's roads. This figure is the same as for the whole of 2013. We are told that most of the deaths on our roads could be prevented. We all share the responsibility of making our roads safer. This means slowing down, wearing our seatbelts, paying full attention to the road and never driving after drinking alcohol. It sounds simple. It makes sense. We just need to do it. Let us pray for all those in our parish who have been affected in some way by a road death.

## CLONMORE REGENERATION

Yoga/pilates on Tuesday nights (7 - 8pm). Bubba's boot camp every Wednesday night (7.45 – 8.45pm). To book a place contact Aiman on 07840 030515. Line dancing commencing **Mon 22 Sept** at 7.30pm. Jive classes commencing Mon 13 Oct at 8.30pm for 4 weeks with Gerard Butler text 07867 536099 for further details.

**QUIZ** on **Fri 26 Sept at 8 pm** in Community hall in aid of **Southern Area Hospice**. Everyone welcome.

## FREE DEBT ADVICE SERVICE

If you or someone you know is struggling to manage their finances or dealing with debt, STEP's Debt Advice Service through AdviceNI can assist. Call to make an appointment to speak to our qualified advisor and receive free, impartial and confidential advice to support and guide you through your difficulties. Contact Cathy on 028 8775 0211 or email [debtadvice@stepni.org](mailto:debtadvice@stepni.org)



St. Patrick's



St. Brigid's



Sacred Heart



St. Malachy's

# Parish of Dungannon

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25th Sunday of the year

21st September 2014

Dear Parishioners,

It's good to be chosen, but to be left aside is desolation. Some of us can recall the anxiety of standing in the school-yard waiting to be called as teams were picked and desperately hoping that we wouldn't be left to the very end or worse still totally ignored. Adult versions of the same scenario happen in real life. Cathy knows what it's like. After three children and twelve years of marriage, her husband no longer wants to be married. "He's away with a younger partner, a newer model" as local gossip crudely puts it. Seamus knows what it's like. Three decades with the same company. A top position becomes vacant. He should get it but the board have different ideas. They want youth – something Seamus doesn't have.

"A small guy in a tall world". "A lost ball in long grass". "One brick short of a load".

You can add your own phrase. If you've been there and this describes you, then you should feel at home with today's gospel. God has a peculiar passion for the little ones, for those who are lost, for those who are forgotten and for the ones on the margin.

Glancing through the gospels, it's interesting to observe where Jesus can be found and the people with whom he associates. See the hand of Jesus on the festered skin of the leper; notice how he responds to the touch of the woman with a haemorrhage; listen to how he speaks to the woman accused of adultery; observe him beckoning the small man Zacchaeus down from the tree; watch him at table surrounded by tax collectors and sinners. He says it himself: "The last will be first, and the first last"

The message is consistent. What society rejects, God cherishes. What the world writes off, God picks up. What others turn away, God gathers in. Today's gospel is also a reassurance that God does not reward our achievements but honours the way in which we respond to the opportunities that come our way. It's worth remembering that the Lord has selected you; you have been chosen by him and for him and he has a special place for you.

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: 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: Sarah Mary McCall and Fergus Conrad Madigan.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Cathal Hagan, Annaghbeg  
Tony Burns, Wellbrook  
Rose Kelly, Coal Pit Rd  
Robert Stewart, Gortin Hts  
Joseph Donnelly, Ranfurly Rd  
Frankie Comac, Beechvalley  
Mary Quinn, Creenagh  
Evaristo Soares, Donaghmore Rd  
Maura Flannelly, Carland Rd  
Eamon (Gene) McKenna, Lisnahull Gdns  
Denis McNaney, formerly Irish Street  
Brian Somerville, Ballysaggart Pk  
Mary Donaghy, Springdale  
Ann Campbell, Woodbourne Cres  
Bernie McAshea, Lurgan  
Dalia Mirquaskaite, Church Mews

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.



### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

We invite you to join us in the Convent, Dungannon each **Wednesday** from **24 Sept to 5 Nov at 7.45pm**. Guest Speaker, week 1 – **Archbishop Eamon Martin**. Everyone welcome (Please use the rear entrance door to the Convent – via the back car park).

### 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.

### CARLAND ROAD CEMETERY

Over the coming weeks, work will commence to extend the cemetery. This will necessitate the temporary laying flat of some headstones, all of which will be re-erected once work has been completed.

### HOSPITAL VISITATION

If someone in your family is admitted to hospital and wishes to have a visit from a priest of the parish, please inform the Parish Office with the necessary details or contact one of the priests directly. Unfortunately, because of data protection protocol, the priests can no longer access information about hospital patients.

### 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.

### REGISTER NOW FOR THE POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

If you are aged between 16 and 18, the JP II 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*).

### THANK YOU!

Sr Catherine thanks everyone for continuing to donate their pennies to Tessie Taggart, for South Africa. The total raised to date is **£39,084.66**.

### SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS (SMA)

National Novena in honour of St Theresa (the Little Flower, Patroness of the Missions) in Dromantine, Newry from **Tue 23 Sept - Wed 1 Oct**. Mass and Novena daily at 10am and 7.30pm. Variety of themes and speakers for each day. All welcome!

### Retreat Day For Youth

(aged from 16 years up). **Sat 27 Sept**. beginning with Novena Mass at 10am. "Empowering Youth for the Challenges of Today" Leaders, Barry McGinley and Clare McKee - both have youth work experience in Africa and Ireland and are members of the Friends Of Africa (FOA). Due to number limitations it's important to register with Dromantine, tel. 028 3082 1224 before **Thurs 25 Sept**. Lunch provided. Ends at 4.30pm

### THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY AT QUEEN'S

28 Elmwood Ave, 028 90669737  
www.qubcc.org Welcome Week programme and Trust Lunch starts **22 Sept**; First Sunday Mass **28 Sept 8pm**; Dedication of Studies Mass **12 Oct 8pm**, **all students and their families welcome**. Please remember to sign up to the chaplaincy via the online process.

### 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

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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  
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