

BURGLARIES

People attending Mass or visiting the church privately are asked not to leave handbags or other valuables in their vehicles where they might be visible. As you may be aware, there has been a spate of thefts from cars in recent weeks within this locality - so please be prudent and vigilant.

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE:

5 Sept – 13 Sept. This is a fully escorted tour with breakfast, evening meals and all entrance fees included in the price of £1295. Anyone interested please contact Caroline on 02838 394489.



HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT WALKING GROUP

Dungannon – Alternating start points.
First & third Thursday of every month at 2.30pm. Contact Fiona Robinson on 028 3026 7711.

KILLYMAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Irish Language Class
Mon 8 Feb at 6.30pm for four weeks.
All welcome from P6 and above.
£2-00 per week.

FIRST STEPS WOMEN'S CENTRE

Table Quiz
In Dungannon Rugby Club,
Thurs 11 Feb
9.00pm start.
£4-00 per person(6 per team)
Refreshments & Raffle.

ARAS MHUIRE

Bookshop & Religious Goods
Shamble Lane, Dungannon.
Confirmation & First Communion

Prayer books, Rosaries, & Gifts
Holy Water Fonts & Statues
Tel. 028 8772 6852

Email: arasmhuire@lycos.com

Opening Hours
Mon – Sat 9.30am – 5.00pm
Open during lunchtime.

CLONMORE GFC

'Grand Centenary Quiz' on
Fri 12 Feb at 8.15 pm in the
Community Hall. Admission £5
per person, with a maximum of
6 per team. Light refreshments
will be served.

NEW FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Some months ago I made a proposal that on the occasion of a funeral, particularly in St Patrick's, it would be more respectful to everyone if those attending a funeral could take their places in the church before the remains of the deceased person is brought in. I want to compliment parishioners for their co-operation in this regard and I thank all those bereaved families who have helped to implement these new arrangements. I also pay tribute to Mr PJ Quinn and other undertakers for their assistance and especially in helping to guide people at a very difficult and sensitive time. A number of people have commented favourably on these changes, while others have remarked that it is more dignified and shows respect for the deceased person who can be welcomed in to the church for the last time by the assembled community. Colm Curry PP.

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Parish of Dungannon

Killyman, Drumglass & Tullyniskin

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th February 2016

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Dear Parishioners,

Language is a strange thing, because it can mean different things to different people. In our language – to fail, to be powerless, to be totally unable to deal with a situation ...all imply weakness, failure and cause for shame. In God's language, the very same situations are extraordinary opportunities for grace and for God to intervene. According to the account in today's gospel, Peter had failed. He was a fisherman, and after a whole night's fishing, he hadn't caught a fish. That is failure in anyone's language, especially in the language of a fisherman. The situation was ideal for Jesus to step in, just as he had done in Cana. He is the God of the hopeless, the God of the helpless, the God of the powerless. Jesus came to look for the lost, to seek out sinners and to bring them safely home. When Peter says, "Leave me, Lord, I am a sinful man", he should have said, "Lord, stay with me. Please don't leave me, because, apart from you, I'm totally lost".

Speaking of language, I like the cynicism of the following piece which you have seen before! It is called "**How to make your child in to a delinquent**":

1. Begin at infancy to give the child everything she wants. In this way, she will grow up to believe the world owes her a living.
2. When he picks up bad language, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute.
3. Never give her any spiritual training. Wait until she is 21, and then let her decide for herself.
4. Avoid the use of the word 'wrong'. It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.
5. Pick up everything she leaves lying around, books, shoes, clothes. Do everything for her so that she will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.
6. Let him read and watch anything and everything he wants. Be careful that the silverware and the glassware are sterilised, but let his mind feast on garbage.
7. Give a child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?
8. Satisfy her every craving for food, drink and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustration.
9. Take his part against neighbours, teachers. They are prejudiced against your child.
10. When she gets in to trouble, apologise for yourself by saying, "I never could do anything with her."
11. Prepare for a life of grief. You will be likely to have it.

Every blessing, Colum Curry PP

SUNDAY MASSES (including Vigil):

St. Patrick's: Sat at 6.15pm
Sun at 8am, 10.30am & 12.30pm
Polish Mass: Sun at 5.30pm
Edendork: 10am & 12noon
Clonmore: Sun at 10am
Killyman: Sun at 11am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

St Patrick's
Mon-Tue: 7.45 am, 10.00am
7.30pm
Wed - Fri 7.00am, 7.45am
10.00am & 7.30pm
Sat: 7.45am & 10.00am
St Malachy's Fri: 10.00am

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Patrick's:
Mon - Sat: 9.15am - 9.55 am
Saturday: 12.30pm - 1-00 pm
5.30pm - 6.00pm

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office on 028 8772 6893, to arrange.
St Patrick's: 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 1.30pm;
Country Churches: 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month, after Mass. Please give at least 2 weeks' notice.
We welcome:
Cassie May Carberry

PERPETUAL ADORATION

This month's petitions are:
8 Feb - Perseverance on our Lenten Journey.
15 Feb - Teachers and all school staff
22 Feb - Vocations.
29 Feb - Deep awareness of the Eucharist.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 10 FEB

St Patrick's: 7.00am, 7.45 am
10.00am & 7.30pm
St Malachy's: 10.00am
St Brigid's: 7.30pm
Sacred Heart: 7.30pm

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Trócaire boxes are available at the back of each church. Please take one per household.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Marjorie Bullock, Quarry Lane
Marie O'Neill, Glebe Court
Paula McKenna, Union Place
Briega Begley, formerly William St
Elizabeth Kennedy, Church Mews
Peggy Quinn, Dunavon Heights
Brendan Conlan, Oaks Road
Josephine Dean, West Lothian
Please remember them in your prayers.

HALO YOUTH GROUP COFFEE MORNING

Sun 7 Feb, 11.15am - 1.45 pm.
In St Teresa's Hall.

Please be mindful of parking, as others may need access to the Church.

PIONEER NEWS

Temperance Mass in St John's Church, Moy on **Sunday 7 February at 3pm.**

COLLECTION

Sunday 31 January £4,193
1018 envelopes issued
447 envelopes returned

PRIESTS' LENTEN DUES

will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, **13/14 Feb.** Please note that monthly direct debits do not cover Dues (pink envelope). Please make cheques payable to "Parochial House Account".

PARISH PRAYER DAY FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Monthly Day of Continuous Prayer for Marriage and Family Life - **9 February** - For more information including how you can get the special prayer booklet, and for some thoughts on Prayer for this month please check the Parish Website www.parishofdungannon.com

The Parish Visitation Team will visit the following areas of the Parish in the week commencing **15 Feb.**
Quarry Lane, Oakland Avenue, Woodlawn Drive, Woodlawn Park, Ard Gannon, Meadowvale, Hawthorne Crescent and Quarry Road.
The Visitation Team is made up of Priests, Deacon and lay Parishioners. We hope to visit the entire Parish over a period of time.

MARY: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER

The first session of the Lenten Programme - "A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother" will begin on **Fri 19 Feb at 10:30 am** in the Family Learning Centre. If you would like to take part in this programme (1 1/2 hours) you are asked to give your name to the Parish Office.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

World day of Prayer for the Sick
Mass & blessing of the sick on **Thurs 11 Feb, at 7.30pm** in St Patrick's Church. Refreshments afterwards in St Teresa's Hall.

LOURDES COMMITTEE

Annual pilgrimage, **12 - 17 May 2016.**
The office will be open **Fri 5 Feb 7.30pm - 9.00pm.** For further info contact the Lourdes booking number 07936566983.

25th DIVINE MERCY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

RDS Dublin **Sat 20 Feb** €30 for day & £15 for coach. For information and booking Gabrielle (028)87784964 (mob) 07793521105 or Catherina (028)87784188 (mob) 07899810181.

LENT 2016

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Fr Brendan Keane CSsR will join us to celebrate and speak at 7.30 pm Mass in St Patrick's Church, Dungannon on **Tues 23, Wed 24 and Thurs 25 February.**

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

If you or someone you know has lost a married partner through death or separation you may be interested in a Beginning Experience (BE) week-end in Dromantine Conference Centre, **Fri 26 to Sun 28 Feb.** BE is specially designed to help men and women cope with the pain of grief and the feelings of loneliness and isolation that follow a significant loss so that they can regain their confidence and sense of purpose. For inquiries and registration contact: Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Enquiries: 0035342-9336393.

Pioneer Lenten Challenge

Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting Fr Seamus White, 02887 722631. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life!