

DONAGHMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Talk by Peter Acheson on Charles Shiels, founder of the Charles Shiels' Charity.

8.00pm Mon 14 March

in the Heritage Centre, Donaghmore.
Adm £3-00.

1ST TYRONE SCOUT GROUP CEILI

in the *Scout Hall, Charlemont St, on St. Patrick's Day* from 4.00pm to 6.30pm. Music by the Gary Currie Ceili Band. Admission £4, including refreshments.

We would also like to thank all who supported our Church Gate Collection, which raised £1610, and other recent fund raising events.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Senior Citizens' Function takes place on **Fri 29 April** in Quinn's Corner at 7.30 pm. Those who would like to attend should complete a reply slip (see insert in bulletin) and return it to: SVP shop Union Lane, any conference member, or the parish collection box, no later than **Fri 15 April**.

AWARE SUPPORT GROUP

Weekly in Western House, 3 Dungannon Rd, Coalisland
Next group **Tue 15 Mar at 7.00pm** - This group is for people in the area affected by depression (that includes family, friends and carers). All welcome.

Parish Office

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www.parishofdungannon.com

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TRÓCAIRE

Armagh Archdiocese representative for Trócaire Fr Gerry Campbell is planning a fundraising run from the 'Bann to the Boyne' as part of Trócaire's Lenten 2016 Campaign. *As part of his route there will be a short Prayer Service in St Patrick's Church on Mon 14 Mar at 9.00am.* To support this event, or for more info, please search for Fr Gerry www.JustGiving.com

INTERESTED IN ADOPTION?

Family Care Society specialises in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who could be concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old.

To talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners please tel: Rachael at our Belfast office – Tel: 028 90691133.

Julie or Brian at our Derry office –Tel: 028 71368592

Email: email@familycaresociety.org

Website: www.familycaresociety.co.

Publication Of The Irish Language Missal

An Leabhar Aifrin Rómhánach

To coincide with *Seachtain na Gaeilge* (Irish language week), Veritas will publish a new *Roman Missal* in Irish. This is a unique and hugely significant publication, not only for the Church in Ireland, but for all who cherish our culture and heritage. The Missal will help to preserve the Irish language as a living language for worship. In some parishes the Missal is being sponsored by Irish speaking groups or individuals who wish to commemorate a family member or a particular person in the community. Details from the parish office.

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5th Sunday of Lent

13th March 2016



In today's Gospel Jesus finds himself between the proverbial "rock and a hard place". As often happened throughout his ministry, he is presented with a dilemma. The scribes and Pharisees bring along a woman who has been caught committing adultery. Aware of his relationship with sinners and outcasts, they make the woman stand in full view of everyone. They quote the law as stipulated by Moses that she should be stoned to death and then they ask him to make a judgment: "What have you to say?"

The whole thrust of his ministry has been primarily focused on the poor, the prostitutes, the sick and those consigned to the margins of life. His parables have emphasised the need for compassion and forgiveness. If he says that the woman should not be stoned he would be seen to encourage others to sin and could be accused of ignoring the importance of the Jewish tradition. On the other hand, if he says the woman should be stoned he would be jeopardising his own reputation and all that he valued in terms of love, mercy and respect. They have him trapped. Either he must condemn her and so reinforce their position or he must side with the criminalised woman and lose all credibility as a religious leader.

As we hear in the Gospel account, the wisdom and compassion of Jesus prevailed and is still much admired. We don't know what he wrote on the ground; maybe he was only doodling. But after a moment of quiet reflection he invites the accusers to look in to their own hearts and to recognise their own sinfulness before condemning the helpless woman – "Let the one who is without sin, cast the first stone". At the same time he sets the woman free and dismisses her with a gentle admonition not to sin again – "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more".

The mission of Jesus is more concerned with mercy and forgiveness than judgement and condemnation. To correct the woman caught committing adultery was much better than stoning her to death; to pardon and save her was much better than condemning her.

In these closing weeks of Lent each one of us should confront our own sins, admit them, seek help about them and continue to do penance for them. Above all we should avail of the opportunity to experience Christ's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

With 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,
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:
Cameron Oliver Coyle
James Adam Mallon
Andre Monteiro Correia
Declan Dos Reis Silva

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets every **Wednesday at 8.00pm** in
the Convent.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

This week's petition is:
March 13 – for Marriage & Family
Life

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bobby Lavery, Union Place
Bridie McKenna, Union Place
Kevin Campbell, formerly Drumcoo Gr
Patrick Greene, Springfield Park
Karen McCann, Lisnastraine Pk
John Paul Bell, Castle Gardens
Una Morrison, Mullaghmore Rd
Mamie O'Neill, Fairview
Please remember them in your prayers.

**OUR LADY'S GROTTO
EDENDORK**

Rosary prayed at Grotto at **8.30pm on
Tue 15 March** (or in the Chapel if
weather is unsuitable).

ST PIO PRAYER GROUP

Please note there will be no relic or
prayers on **Wed 16 Mar** due to vigil
Mass for St Patrick's Day.

ST PATRICK'S DAY (17 MARCH)

St Patrick's
Wed 16, Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Thurs 17, 8.00am, 10.30am (In Irish)
& 12.30pm
St Malachy's 10.00am & 12 noon
St Brigid's 11.00am
Sacred Heart 10.00 am

Collection: Sunday 6 March £4,809
1018 envelopes issued
462 envelopes returned

**MONTHLY DAY OF
CONTINUOUS PRAYER FOR
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE -**

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.parihofdungannon.com

COLLECTION OF

PARISH ENVELOPES 2016/2017

Parish envelopes for the new financial
year will be available for collection at
all of the churches over the next
weekend, **19/20 March**. Please be
patient with those helping with the
distribution. Envelopes have been
sorted into the four church areas – so
please be mindful that your envelope
will be in your nearest church. If not
collected, or if you wish to receive
envelopes for the first time, please
contact the parish office.

**NEW ENVELOPES BEGIN ON
SUN 3 APRIL AND SHOULD NOT
BE USED BEFORE THAT DATE.**

**A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE
BLESSED MOTHER**

The next session of the Lenten
programme "A Biblical Walk with the
Blessed Mother" will be held on **Fri
18 March** in the Family Learning
Centre after 10 am Mass.

LOURDES COMMITTEE

Annual pilgrimage, **12 – 17 May 2016**.
The office will be open **Fri 18 Mar
7.30pm – 9-00pm**. contact
07936566983 for more info.
Palm Sunday Walk, 20 March, in the
Hurling Fields, Donaghmore Rd, at
2.00pm. Sponsor Cards available from
committee members.

THE 12 MISSION TEAM. invite you
to an information day on 'Unbound:
Freedom in Christ' **on Sat. 19 Mar
9.30am-4.00pm** in The Servite Priory,
Benburb. This is an International
Healing Ministry. The cost is by
donation. Light lunch. Contact: Fr.
Gerry Campbell 087 6483919 or email:
mailforthe 12@gmail.com

MASS FOR IRELAND

Sat 19 March feast of St Joseph, in the
beautifully restored St Mel's Cathedral,
Longford. Rosary and procession to
The Holy Family Altar, Mass 3pm,
then Holy Hour and Blessings. All
prayer groups welcome and bring
prayer banners. Coach organised
contact: Gabrielle 02887784964 /
07933521105 or Catherina
02887784188 / 07899810181.

**ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA
ONE DAY RETREAT**

with Cardinal Seán Brady on
Sun 20 Mar from 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
in The Ryandale, Moy. Price £20. St
Pio Relic available on the day. Tel:
Nuala Somers 028 3754 8382

**PILGRIMAGE TO DIVINE
MERCY SHRINE KRAKOW**

15-22 Sept Full board from £549 from
Belfast, includes full religious
programme. For information contact
Ethna McCrory 028 8774 0951.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Archdiocese Centenary Pilgrimage to
Fatima from **10 – 17 August 2017**.
Cost is €848-00, per person sharing.
For booking- contact Pilgrimages
Abroad, 003531 635 9300. €200
deposit to secure place. Booking forms
are available in the Parish Office or by
contacting Fr Seamus White 02887
722631 or Joe McLaughlin 02890
701606 / 07711808207.

CUAN MHUIRE & FRIENDS

Women's Group
12-2 Every Day
For women and their families dealing
with addiction issues
St Vincent De Paul Centre, Cookstown.
Contact 07751271251.