

**Have you made a new year's resolution or commitment yet?  
Walk the Camino for your local hospice.**

Maybe the famous Camino de Santiago has been on your bucket list for far too long? Or maybe you are just looking for a new walking challenge? The Southern Area Hospice is delighted to announce that they will be taking a group of walkers to complete this once in a lifetime expedition from **27 May – 3 June 2017**, and there are still limited spaces available...If you would like to join us on this journey please phone Denise in Fundraising on 028 3025 1333. Please note that places are limited.

**Action on Hearing Loss Hearing Aid Information and Support Session** takes place on **Tues 17 Jan**, in The Junction, Beechvalley Way, Dungannon, between **10.30am-12.30pm**. Drop in for NHS batteries and help with using and cleaning your hearing aid. We can also do a quick hearing check for anyone who is worried about their hearing. Information on how to manage hearing loss and other services that can help are also available.

**LAGHEY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Parents Support Group**  
Will hold their AGM in the school on **Mon 16 Jan at 7pm**.  
New members welcome.

**SOCIAL DANCE** in Killeeshil Community Centre, **Fri 20 Jan at 9.30pm**. Music is provided by Larry & Co. Admission £5. Everyone welcome.

**SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE**  
Car Boot Sale on **Sun 15 Jan** in Edendork Hall car park from 10am.

**ANAM CARA**

The organisation that supports bereaved parents is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wed 25 Jan- 7.30pm - 9.00pm** in the Armagh City Hotel. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

**Southern Area Hospice** are looking for qualified Reflexologists to volunteer in our Resource Centre in Irish St, Dungannon. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday or Thursday, times are flexible.

Do you have a couple of hours to spare? Please contact Andrea or Rosie for more information 028 3026 7711 we look forward to your call.

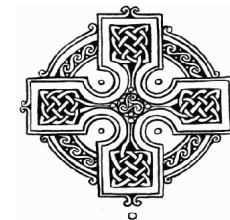
**Dates for the Diary 2017**  
Confirmation – 6 & 7 May  
First Holy Communion  
Clintyclay PS – 29 April  
Edendork PS – 13 May  
Gaelscoil – 13 May  
Laghey PS – 20 May  
St Patrick's PS – 20 May  
Windmill & Dgn PS – 27 May

**ARAS MHUIRE**  
Religious Goods & Bookshop  
Shamble Lane, Dungannon  
**Tel: 028 8772 6852**  
Calendars 2017  
Church Art, Padre Pio, Sacred Heart,  
Get up and Go 2017 Diaries  
Christening Candles & Gifts,  
Wedding Candles  
**Email: arasmhuire@lycos.com**  
Mon – Sat 9.30am – 5.00pm  
**Open During Lunch Hour**

# Parish of Dungannon

*Killyman, Drumglass & Tullyniskin*

**St Patrick's, Dungannon**  
**St Malachy's, Edendork**  
**St Brigid's, Killyman Sacred Heart, Clonmore**



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year

15 January 2017

**Rt Rev Dean Colum Curry, PP, VG – 02887 722775. Curates - Fr Seamus White, Fr Radoslaw Szymoniak, Fr Aidan McCann & Deacon Andy Hegarty – 02887**

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Dear Parishioners,

One of the curious facts of modern life is the growing number of cults and sects which are always competing for followers. Some cults are linked to an excessive admiration for a particular individual, while others are movements which have broken away from mainstream religion. The cults often arise from the supposed failure of those religions to address the personal needs of their followers. Because of this, cults usually stand as a critical challenge to institutional religion.

It is worth noting that when the Christian movement began, it was regarded in most places as an eccentric cult focusing on Jesus of Nazareth. One of the problems the early Church had to face was the presence of a close competitor, called the Baptist sect, who believed that John the Baptist, not Jesus, was the Messiah. The Baptist sect argued that their master was superior to Jesus for two main reasons: firstly John the Baptist was prior to Jesus and that priority gave him superiority. Secondly, Jesus submitted to John's baptism of repentance making him inferior to John. Faced with these two arguments, the early Church had to respond and clarify its own position.

Against that background, we should reflect on how the writer of the Gospel faces these challenges in the way that he presents Jesus and John the Baptist. If, for example, the Baptist appears to speak negatively about himself it is for the purpose of directing attention to Jesus. "This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me..." He even points his own followers in the direction of Jesus, releasing them from their attachment to him. "Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God".

We too are called to witness to Jesus. We are asked to point away from ourselves and we are challenged to lead others to the person of Jesus.

Today is World Day for Migrants and Refugees. In his annual message Pope Francis focuses on the terrible reality of child migrants and the consequent exploitation carried out by unscrupulous people. He calls upon the commitment of the whole international community to eliminate the conflicts and violence that force people to flee their homeland. The Pope asks us to pray that hearts may be open to Christian welcome and to the effort to increase in the world justice and charity, pillars on which to build an authentic and lasting peace. "All belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth".

With every blessing,  
Colum Curry PP

**SUNDAY MASSES** (including Vigil):

**St. Patrick's:** Sat at 6.15pm  
Sun at 8.00am, 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 -Fri: 7.45am, 10am, & 7.30pm  
Sat: 10am  
**St Malachy's:** Fri: 10am

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

**CONFESSIONS**

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

**BAPTISMS**

Please contact the Parish Office on **028 8772 6893**, to arrange.  
Please give at least 2 weeks' notice.  
We welcome:  
Aoife Bleeks  
Aibhín Marie O'Donnell

**OUR LADY'S GROTTTO EDENDORK**

Rosary at Grotto **8.30pm every Thurs.**

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

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

**St Joseph's Young Priests' Society**  
Meeting **Mon 16 Jan at 8.00pm** in the Convent. New Members welcome.

**ST PIO'S PRAYER GROUP**

Mass **Wed 18 Jan at 7.30pm** in St Patrick's. Rosary prayed at 7.00pm. St Pio relic available after Mass.

**FEAST DAYS**

Jan 16 – St Fursa  
Jan 17 – St Anthony  
Jan 20 – St Fabian, St Sebastian  
Jan 21 – St Agnes

**PARISH COLLECTION**

**6 & 8 January**  
Envelopes, DDs and Loose Plate  
€6,670-00

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Alice McGonigle, Drumglass Way  
Josie McCall, Donaghmore Road  
Betty Cullen, Bush Road  
Eilish Corrigan, Victoria Road  
Penny Martin, Braeside  
Sean Meehan, Hillcroft  
Winnie Donaghy, Charlemont St  
Oliver Morgan, Altmore Drive  
Rosaleen Jones, Donaghmore Rd  
*Please remember them in your prayers.*

**SPRED**

SPRED activities will resume for all Catechists and helpers on **Mon 16 Jan.** Each group will meet their special friends at the same time and same evenings as previously, during the week commencing **23 Jan.**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Meeting **Tue 17 Jan at 8.00pm** in the Convent.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Annual Ecumenical Service will take place in St Anne's, Church of Ireland, Dungannon on **Mon 23 Jan at 7.30pm.** The theme is "Reconciliation – The love of Christ compels us". Parishioner are encouraged to make every effort to attend.

**DUNGANNON PARISH FAMILY PRAYER BOOK**

Fr Johnny Doherty, Redemptorist, will celebrate Mass with us on **Wed 25 Jan at 7.30pm** to mark the launch of our Parish Family Prayer Book. This has been compiled as a follow on from our Parish Mission in 2015, with the support of the Parish Pastoral Council and is aimed at increasing prayer within and for the family.

The book contains a collection of prayers and reflections that relate to a wide variety of family situations, in addition to familiar prayers that are an important part of our Catholic tradition. All parishioners are asked to join us on this unique occasion when the first batch of this little pocket size Prayer Book will be available for all those who attend.

**CRAIGAVON SAMARITANS VOLUNTEER INFORMATION EVENING**

We are holding an Information Evening in the Branch for prospective volunteers:

DATE: **Tues 17 Jan, 2017**

TIME: 7.30pm

LOCATION: 162 Thomas Street, Portadown, Co Armagh, BT62 3BD

This event aims to provide individuals with an opportunity to find out more about who we are, what we do and how they can get involved. Our volunteers are vital to enable us to; increase our capacity, raise awareness, raise funds and be available 24 hours a day to provide emotional support to those in distress and at risk of suicide.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

We wish to thank all those who contributed to our recent annual Church gate collection, which amounted to €6,733. In 2016, apart from carrying out 361 home visits, the Conference organized a Senior Citizens evening for 117 people and also a family day out for 118 children and parents. In addition, at Christmas, we hosted a trip to the Cinema for 150 children, distributed 220 hampers, brought toys to 308 children and delivered gifts to two nursing homes. We can assure you that your continued support is of enormous assistance to us in identifying and providing help to all those in genuine need throughout the community.

**DUNGANNON LOURDES COMMITTEE**

Annual pilgrimage, **12 – 17 May 2017.** Forms for pilgrims and application forms for assisted pilgrims can be obtained from the Lourdes Office, situated at the rear of the former Convent of Mercy. The office will be open every **Thursday 7.30pm – 9-00pm** or telephone the Lourdes booking number 07936566983. Fare is €730-00 and must be paid in Euros.

**RETROUVAILLE** - A Lifeline for Married Couples: Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme starts **10 – 12 Feb.** For information contact Tony & Anne (003531) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (003531) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or Email [info@retrouvaille.ie](mailto:info@retrouvaille.ie)  
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