

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.

VIATORES CHRISTI

Always wanted to volunteer overseas? Looking for a course about global social injustice? Learn more at the Viatores Christi (VC) - Information & Recruitment Session in Belfast **on Tues 31 Jan at 7.30pm** in St John's Parochial House, Falls Road, Belfast BT12 6EN OR Tel.0035318689986
apply@viatoreschristi.com
www.viatoreschristi.com for more info. ALL WELCOME!

BREAKTHRU

Six week Mindfulness Course
Commencing **23 Jan, 6.30-7.30pm**
Further details contact
028 87753228.

FIRST STEPS WOMEN'S CENTRE Job Fair

Thurs 26 Jan 11.00am – 2.00pm
In Dungannon Youth Resource Centre,
2 Savings Bank Street.

Loughshore Family Action Project and **Diabetes NI** are trying to establish a Diabetes Support Group for Parents of Children with diabetes in the Dungannon, Armagh, Craigavon and Banbridge areas. Come and join us at our new Parent Support Group for Parents of Children with diabetes.

Thurs 26 Jan, 7pm, Brownlow Hub, Craigavon. Call the Loughshore Family Action Project on 0283885 1897 for further information.

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

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ARAS MHUIRE
Religious Goods & Bookshop
Shamble Lane, Dungannon
Tel: 028 8772 6852

The Aras Mhuire Shop, Shamble Lane, will close at 5.00pm on Thurs 26 January and will re open in its new premises at 14 Irish Street, Dungannon on Wed 1 February, at 12 noon.

Email: arasmhuire@lycos.com

Parish of Dungannon

Killyman, Drumglass & Tullyniskin

St Patrick's, Dungannon
St Malachy's, Edendork

St Brigid's, Killyman **Sacred Heart, Clonmore**



3rd Sunday of the Year

22 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 722631
EMERGENCY CALLS ONLY – 07518 542 360 **PARISH OFFICE - 02887 726893**
Email: info@parishofdungannon.com

Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel St Matthew describes how Jesus called four fishermen to leave their boats and their families to follow him into a way of life that was challenging and unpredictable. In all honesty we have to admit our reservations because they appear to be unlikely candidates for the work Jesus has in mind.

I remember coming across an article in a book on one occasion; it was written as a skit in the form of a letter directed to Jesus of Nazareth from a Firm called the Jordon Management Consultants.

"Dear Sir, thank you for submitting the character profiles of the twelve men you have picked for management positions in your new organisation. All of them have now taken part in our various assessment skills; we have not only run the tests through our computer, but we have also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologists and vocational consultants. The evaluations of all the tests are included and you will want to study each of them carefully.

As part of our service and for your guidance, we make some general overall observations. This comes without any additional fees.

It is the professional opinion of our consultants that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have any concept of working together as a team. Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to outbursts of wild temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas is deeply skeptical and doesn't seem to trust anybody. We have serious misgivings about the integrity of Matthew seeing that he worked formerly as a tax collector. Some of the others have strong political opinions and could have radical leanings towards military involvement.

One of the candidates, however, does show great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, he has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your chief controller and right hand man.

We wish you every success in your new venture and include herewith our professional fees. Yours sincerely, Jordon Management Consultants."

It's intended as a bit of a spoof but it does carry a certain truth; it underlines the fact that the twelve men chosen by Jesus were indeed a strange and motley crew. But it also reminds us that the Lord does not judge by appearances. The Lord does not measure a person's worth by the standards of the world. The Lord sees what is in a person's heart and the potential they have within them to make a difference. And that's what it's about - making a difference.

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:
Michael Junior Cavlan

**OUR LADY'S GROTTA
EDENDORK**

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

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

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

FEAST DAYS

Jan 24 – St Francis de Sales
Jan 26 – St Timothy & St Titus
Jan 28 – St Thomas Aquinas

PARISH COLLECTION

15 January

Envelopes, DDs and Loose Plate
£5,122-30

RECENTLY DECEASED

Paulo Lopes, Woodbourne Cres
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
Mary McVeigh, Killyman
Anne Kane, Church Mews
Teddy Finnerty, formerly Perry St
James Harte, Ardgannon
Teresa McNicholl, Woodlawn Pk
Please remember them in your prayers.

SPRED

SPRED activities have resumed. Each group will meet their special friends at the same time and same evenings as previously, during the week commencing **23 Jan.**

**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". Parishioners are encouraged to make every effort to attend.

**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.

**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.

FIVE SATURDAYS DEVOTION

As we celebrate 100 years since Our Lady appeared in Fatima, "The Five First Saturdays Devotion" will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh beginning on the first Saturday of February. (**4 Feb**).

On the first Saturday of each month, Confessions will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh at 9.30am, Mass will be celebrated at 10am and the Rosary will be recited immediately after Mass in Our Lady's Chapel. Please come along and join in this act of devotion in this special Jubilee Year.

**ARAS MHUIRE
ORATORY & BOOKSHOP**

The Oratory and Bookshop will be transferring to 14 Irish Street, Dungannon. To facilitate the changeover the Oratory and Bookshop at Shamble Lane will be closed from **Fri 27 Jan.** The new premises will open at 12 noon on **Wed 1 Feb** – the Feast of St Brigid. More details next weekend.

EUCCHARISTIC COORDINATORS

Meeting on **Thurs 26 Jan** in the Convent at 8.00pm.

**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.

DIVINE MERCY, 26th National Conference, RDS, Dublin. Coach organised for **Sat 25 Feb.** Speakers, confessions, adoration and Mass. For booking and info: Gabrielle (028)87784964/07933521105 Catherina 07899810181, Pauline 07713358295.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

First Holy Communion Programme
Dates for the Diary
Sunday 12 February
Sunday 19 March
Sunday 9 April