

ANAM CARA will for the first time host an event in **Omagh, on Tue Feb 21 in the Silverbirch Hotel**. This is in partnership with the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice.

This Information Evening event is open to all bereaved parents (regardless of the child's age or circumstances of death) and is completely free of charge.

DUNGANNON GAELIC FORUM

Any group who would like to take part in the St Patrick's Day Parade please contact Lorraine McKearney, at the Retro Room, Irish Street, or Tel: 07517 337990

Dungannon Thomas Clarke GFC Centenary Event.

In association with Begley's Sports, the official launch of our unique Centenary jersey will take place in the Iggy Jones room in O'Neill Park at **8.00pm on Thurs 16 Feb**. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served.

Killeeshil Community Centre.

Social Dance, **Fri 17 Feb at 9.30pm**
Music by White Lightning.
Everyone welcome

MINISTERS OF THE WORD.

A new rota is being prepared for those who read at Mass in both Clonmore and Killyman Chapels. If you would like to read at Mass in either of these Chapels please contact the Parish Office on 02887 726893 with your name and contact details.

Parish Office

Mon - Thurs 9.00am - 5.00pm

Friday 9.15am - 1.15pm

Tel : **028 8772 6893**

Parish Website:

www.parishofdungannon.com

Parish Email:

info@parishofdungannon.com

The Dungannon Fundraising Group for Marie Curie Cancer Care present their 20th Annual Great Daffodil Ball. Sat 4 March at 7.30pm in Glenavon House Hotel Cookstown.

Come and enjoy a wonderful night with a Drinks Reception, Beautiful Meal, and then dance the night away to the Music of Brian Mills. Many wonderful prizes to be won in our Tombola & Raffle. Come along and help support your local fundraising group for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Tickets £40 each.

For information or to buy tickets contact the numbers below, speak to any committee member or send us an email Sandra Spence: 028 8772 3989

Cathal McGurk: 07762 309 294

Email: dungannonfundraisinggroup.mariecurie@hotmail.co.uk

ARAS MHUIRE ORATORY

14 Irish Street, Dungannon

The Oratory is open daily for prayer, meditation and quiet reflection.

Mon – Fri 6.00am until midnight.

Sat - 11.00am – 5.00pm

Sun – 2.00pm – 6.00pm.

Why not call in for a moment of prayerful peace in your busy day.

ARAS MHUIRE

Religious Goods & Bookshop

14 Irish Street, Dungannon

Tel: **028 8772 6852**

Confirmation and First Communion

Gifts and Cards

Christening Candles, Gifts

Wedding Candles &

Inspirational Gifts

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



6th Sunday of the Year

12 February 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,

George Orwell's famous novel "Animal Farm" was published in 1945. Written as a satire, it was intended to mock the brutal dictatorship of Russian Communism. Set in a world where there are no rules, no laws, where nobody holds positions of authority or responsibility, it is supposed to be the ideal society. This was to be Utopia, where everything would go along smoothly, nobody would rock the boat and everybody would live happily ever after. Unfortunately, things don't turn out that way. Although the novel is about animals, the point of the story is that, without structures, without rules to guide behaviour, without somebody taking responsibility to animate and lead the group, we also can descend into anarchy and self-destruction. The reality is: 'All animals are equal - but some are more equal than others'

In today's Gospel we learn that Jesus doesn't want to do away with the law; rather he wants to fulfil it. He does not, however, want the law to become an end in itself. The law is there to serve the people, to guide and protect them, and it must not be used to control them or oppress them. Jesus tells us that all law comes from God and, therefore, for a law to be valid, it must be made for the common good. Jesus is more in favour of a law of love, rather than a love of law.

The journey towards perfection is a slow process. Therefore, I am becoming perfect when I show a little more patience towards those with whom I have to live even though it may test my serenity; a little more firmness to continue the work which duty demands even though it may be unpleasant; a little more common sense to take people as they are; a little more strength to endure an event that disturbs my peace; a little more cheerfulness so as not to show I am hurt; and a little more prayerfulness to draw God to my heart.

A blind man slowly turned the corner of a busy street feeling his way with his white cane. A young man coming from the opposite direction bumped into him. "Why don't you look where you're going?" barked the young man. The blind man gently replied, "Why don't you go where you are looking?"

May the words of the Gospel give us vision and guide our steps.

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:
Cillian Thomas Kelly
Cathaoir Michael Lavery
Caíden Daniel Campbell
Ada Bernacka

PARISH COLLECTION

5 February

Envelopes, DDs and Loose Plate
£4,856-20

FEAST DAYS

Feb 14 – St Cyril & St Methodius
Feb 17 -St Fintan

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

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

OUR LADY'S GROTTO EDENDORK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary McVeigh, Killyman
Anne Kane, Church Mews
Teddy Finnerty, formerly Perry St
James Harte, Ardgannon
Teresa McNicholl, Woodlawn Pk
Gretta McCann, Donaghmore Rd
Finian O'Donnell, Lurgaboy Lane
Ian Wray, Cloneen
John Fitzpatrick, formerly Dgn
Helena Dalecka, Lisnahull Park
Rose Beagan, Woodbourne Cr
Please remember them in your prayers.

Mass for the World Day of the Sick
Will be celebrated on **Mon 13 Feb at 7.30pm**, in St Patrick's. There will be a blessing of the sick at this Mass.

St Pio's Prayer Group

Mass, **Wed 15 Feb at 7.30pm** in St Patrick's. Rosary prayed at 7.00pm. St Pio relic available after Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers Meeting

There will be a meeting of all Eucharistic Ministers for St. Patrick's Church on **Thurs 16 Feb at 8pm.**, in the Convent. If not able to attend please contact Anne on 02887723391 to confirm if available for Lenten Rota.

DUNGANNON LOURDES COMMITTEE

Annual pilgrimage, **12 – 17 May 2017**. Forms for pilgrims and assisted pilgrims can be obtained from the Lourdes Office, at the rear of the former Convent of Mercy. The office is open every **Thursday 7.30pm – 9.00pm** or tel Lourdes booking number 07936566983.

Beginning Experience

Weekend Programme
for Widowed, Separated & Divorced
24 – 26 February 2017
For inquiries and registration contact
Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre,
The Magnet,
The Demesne,
Tel 0035379-34871718

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.

Lenten Retreat Days in Dromantine.

Dromantine is offering two retreat days during Lent. These will provide an opportunity to reflect and pray in the peaceful environment of Dromantine on important themes of Lent, and to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

Dates:

Sat 11 March. –

Led by Fr. Des Corrigan, SMA

Sat 1 April –

Led by Fr. Aodhán McCrystal, SMA

Time 10.00am -5.00pm

Cost; £25 including lunch, teas/coffee.

All are welcome.

Bookings to: (028)30821964. Email;

admin@dromantineconference.com

www.dromantineconference.com

Pope Francis invites us to celebrate St. Valentine's Day!

In his document on The Joy of Love (*Amoris Laetitia*), Pope Francis refers directly to Saint Valentine's Day as an opportunity to make the most of traditional religious practices, and invites couples to grow in love and help their children to prepare for their future married life. This is why, as part of the preparations for World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August 2018, we invite you to mark this St. Valentine's Day in a special way.

The World Meeting of Families Office has prepared flyers with ideas on how to mark this special day and gift tokens that you can give to your loved ones this 14 February. These are available in each Cathedral across Ireland, Veritas Shops and Accord centres and can also be downloaded from the WMOF2018 website: www.worldmeeting2018.ie

SPECIAL CELEBRATION

A special celebration for all who are living out a commitment in love will take place in **St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Mon 13 Feb at 7.30pm**. All married couples and especially couples who have celebrated their marriage over the past year are invited. We also encourage couples who are engaged and who are currently preparing for marriage and all who are living out a commitment in love to attend. As we gather on the eve of St Valentine, we will pray in thanksgiving for the gift of love and we will pray that we may continue to grow more and more in the love of God. All are invited to join for what promises to be a special celebration.