

**ARMAGH DIOCESAN  
PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**

*Save the date.*

**Sun 28 May 2017.**

More information to follow.

**Cantabelles, present an evening of  
Sacred Music and Song in  
St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh as  
part of the St Patrick's Festival.**

The evening, which will reflect the life and mission of St Patrick, will be presented in the beautiful transept of St Patrick's Cathedral on **Fri 10 March at 8pm**. Tickets are available from Armagh Parish Office (028 3752 2813) or alternatively online through the Market Place Theatre, Armagh. 028 3752 1821.

**Red Cross Volunteers Needed**

Can you spare one hour a week? Would you like to help the Red Cross care for people in your local community? We are looking for volunteers for our wheelchair service and drivers to help with deliveries and collections. No experience necessary. Full training provided and volunteer expenses reimbursed. Contact Julie White 07803024011.

**AN EVENING WITH THE BELLAS**

Joanne, Lia and Cliodhna O'Neill present to you a night of song featuring popular classics, old favourites and some new material to sing the night away to. Taking place on **Sat 11 Mar** in Ranfurly House, Dungannon. Tickets available from the Box Office 028 8772 8600.

**Coffee Morning in Servite Priory,  
Benburb.**

**Sat 11 March, from 10am - 1p.m.**

All donations will go to the worldwide charity Mary's Meals which aim to provide chronically hungry children with one meal every school day, encouraging education that can lift them out of poverty and help give them a future.

**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.

**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](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

[www.dromantineconference.com](http://www.dromantineconference.com)

**ARAS MHUIRE**

**Religious Goods & Bookshop**

*14 Irish Street, Dungannon*

**Tel: 028 8772 6852**

*Email: arasmhuire@lycos.com*

**Confirmation and First Communion**

**Cards & Gifts**

*Lenten & Easter booklets*

**Open 9.30am – 5.00pm Mon – Sat.**

**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**



**9th Sunday of the Year**

**5 March 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](mailto:info@parishofdungannon.com)

Dear Parishioners,

A few years ago, Steve Mc Queen directed an award-winning film called “12 Years a Slave”- I hasten to add, that with its depiction of the cruelty and hardship of slavery, there is no connection with my twelve years as parish priest of Dungannon!! On the contrary I regard my time in this parish as a tremendous honour and a great privilege and I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your co-operation, fidelity and kindness.

Rather than getting too sentimental, maybe a little levity is called for - so I offer the following reflection:

If the priest preaches more than five minutes, he is too long winded and boring;

If his homily is short, he is too lazy and easy going...

If the parish funds are low, he's a bad business man;

If he mentions money, he's too grasping....

If he visits his parishioners, he's never at home;

If he doesn't, he's snobbish....

If he runs functions, he's bleeding the people;

If he doesn't, the parish is lacking social activities;

If he takes time in the confessional, he's too slow;

If he doesn't, he has no time for people....

If he decorates the church, he's spending too much money;

If he doesn't, he's letting it run down;

If he's young, he has no experience;

If he's old, he should retire;

If he dies, there'll never be another like him!

I am genuinely delighted to welcome Fr Kevin Donaghy as your new parish priest and I offer him my warmest congratulations and best wishes; in some respects, he is 'coming home' because of his previous association with Dungannon as teacher in St Patrick's Academy. I am confident this parish will be in wise and kindly hands and I have no doubt 'the Lord will do great things through him'.

And finally, I make my own the words of St Augustine when he was taking leave of one of his congregations:

“We are going to go away now, each to our own home.

To have been together in the same light has been good,

to have rejoiced together has been good;

but when we part from one another let us not part from God”.

With every blessing,

Colum Curry (Rev)

**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: 7.00am, 7.45am  
10.00am & 7.30pm

Please note no 7.30pm Mass on Wed –

First confessions St Patrick's PS.

Sat: 7.45am - 10.00am

**St Malachy's:** Fri: 10.00am

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:

Finn Lewis Alexander

Eva Elisabeth Catherine Gillespie

James Declan Kelly

Patrick Edward Russell

Audrey Mary Madigan

**OUR LADY'S GROTTO  
EDENDORK**

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

**PARISH COLLECTION  
26 February**

Envelopes, DDs and Loose Plate  
£4,224-62

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Meeting **Tue 7 March at 8.00 pm** in the  
Convent of Mercy.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Patrick Skelton, Corrainey Gdns  
Peter McCann, Coalisland Rd  
Evelyn McLarnon, Lisnahull Rd  
Patrick McGuigan, Coalisland Rd  
Margaret McNicholl, Redford Pk  
*Please remember them in your prayers.*

**praise God in prayer & song**



**St Patrick's Charismatic Prayer  
Group**

Meet each Wednesday night at 8.00pm  
in the Convent.

We invite you to join with us in Lent  
and bring a friend.

**FEAST DAYS**

March 7 – St Perpetua & St Felicity

March 8 - St John of God & St Senan

March 9 – St Frances of Rome

March 11 – St Aengus

**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](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) and joining  
online or by contacting your local  
Pioneer centre representative, Fr  
Seamus White. 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!

**Dungannon Parish Monthly Day of  
Continuous Prayer for Marriage and  
Family Life - 9th March 2017.** More

information should you would wish to  
participate, and some thoughts on  
Prayer for March, are available on the  
Parish Website:

[www.parihofdungannon.com](http://www.parihofdungannon.com)

**Prayer for Families**

We bless your name, O Lord,  
for sending your own incarnate Son,  
to become part of a family,  
so that, as he lived its life,  
he would experience its worries and its  
joys.

We ask you, Lord,

to protect and watch over this family,

so that in the strength of your grace

its members may enjoy prosperity,

possess the priceless gift of your peace,

and, as the Church alive in the home,

bear witness in this world to your glory.

We ask this though Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**TRAD FOR TRÓCAIRE**

**SUNDAY 19 MARCH AT 8.30 pm**

**In THE GABLES CARLAND**

Great line up of local talent: Malachi &  
Plunkett, Carland Traditional Group,  
The O'Neill Sisters, Carroll School of  
Dancing, John & Claire O'Neill &  
Friends, The McGrath Brothers  
Traditional Group & more.....Tickets  
£10. Children £5. On sale in Begley's  
Shops Irish & William Street, Carmel's,  
Aras Mhuire and The Gables- or pay at  
the door. It promises to be a great night  
for a worthy cause.

**THE JUNIATA COLLEGE CHOIR**

Pennsylvania, USA - as part of their  
European tour, will be coming to Ireland  
and will give a concert on **Thurs 9 Mar  
in St Patrick's Church, Clonoe at  
7.30pm.** They are a world renowned  
choir. Everyone is welcome.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP**

Having had a very positive response to  
The Children's Liturgy Group, we  
intend to deliver a further 8 week  
programme. We invite Primary 3  
children to participate with an aim of  
extending to other age groups in the  
future. The Programme will be  
facilitated in St Patrick's Church,  
Dungannon on the 1st Sunday of each  
month, excluding July & August,  
beginning on

**Sunday 5 March, 10.30am Mass**

The children and guardians/parents  
should be present from the beginning of  
Mass. For your child to participate in  
The Children's Liturgy Group, we  
require the parent or guardian to  
complete a registration and consent  
form. Registration forms will be  
available at the back of the church, in  
the Parish Office and distributed in the  
schools. Your child should hand in the  
completed form on Sun 5 March. It will  
be retained in confidence in the Parish  
Office.

We look forward to welcoming the  
children into the group and ask you to  
pray for the development and success of  
The Children's Liturgy Group.

**BIBLE FOR LENT**

Benburb Priory presents a short course  
on the New Testament commencing on  
**Tue 7 March** for five weeks, from  
8.00pm – 9.30pm. This course is open  
to everyone and would be especially  
suitable for Ministers of the Word and  
anyone interested in Bible Study.

Contact Benburb Priory 028 37 548241  
Course fee £20-00.

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES**

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