



2nd Sunday of Lent
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St Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland
17th March 2019

A People Fit for Mission

In every generation and country, the Church has had to change in order to preach the Gospel effectively. The Church in Ireland and in the Diocese of Derry faces a new set of challenges if we are to bring the Gospel of mercy and forgiveness to the people of our time. Some 40 years ago, Pope John Paul II said that every generation is like a new continent to be conquered for Christ. We are called to be salt to the earth and light to the world in the circumstances of our time and place. The new continent to be conquered for Christ is at our doorstep.

We can all see that old ways of handing on faith are no longer working the way they did in the past. As faith communities we are failing to communicate the Gospel of Jesus effectively to very many of our contemporaries. That is particularly clear when it comes to making new young disciples of Jesus. In the past, the Irish helped to 'make disciples of all nations' through great and generous missionary work. Today the mission fields lie much nearer to home.

I invite all our parish communities to pray, fast and give alms during Lent 2019. It is only through turning to the Lord that we will hear His voice. Our prayer is not that God will do our will – but that God's will might be done on earth as it is in heaven. We ask only that we might be attuned to God's call. It is only when we allow God to be Lord will the Kingdom of God grow in our midst.

**Excerpt from Bishop Donal McKeown's Pastoral Letter
Ash Wednesday 2019**

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*Fr Hasson, Fr McDermott
& Fr Saniuta wish all
parishioners a Happy St
Patrick's Day*




Feasts of the Week
Week Beginning Sunday 17th March 2019
Sunday 17 – St Patrick, bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland
Monday 18 – St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor of the Church
Tuesday 19 – St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday 21 – St Enda, abbot
Saturday 23 – St Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop

Holy Communion to Sick & Housebound
 The Eucharistic Ministers will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound who have requested it, today (Sunday) after 9 am Mass and 11 am Mass and after 10 am Mass in Drumragh.

Sacred Heart Church
7.30 pm Mass Intentions
Monday John McGuigan – 1st Anniversary
Tuesday Noreen McBride – 1st Anniversary
Thursday Sheila O’Kane – Month’s Mind

St Patrick’s Day Parking Restrictions
 Fermanagh and Omagh District Council are organising the St Patrick's Day Celebrations and parade in Omagh today (Sunday) between 12 noon and 4 pm. Police Cones will be in place for no waiting along John Street, James Street and Church Street from early morning - please disregard for church purposes but all vehicles must be cleared by 1.15 pm to accommodate the parade route.

Recent Deaths
 We pray for the family of the following who died recently:
John Kinnear
 May he rest in peace.


Life in the Holy Spirit Seminars

 Life in the Holy Spirit Seminars will continue in conjunction with 7.30 pm Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, on Thursday evenings. On Thursday 21st March the speaker will be Bishop Donal McKeown and he will talk on ‘Receiving God’s Gift’.

Prayer for Priests
We ask for your prayers for the following priests this week:
Sunday 17th March – Fr Eamon McDevitt
Monday 18th March – Fr John McDevitt
Tuesday 19th March – For All Priests
Wednesday 20th March – Fr Kevin McElhennon
Thursday 21st March – For All Priests
Friday 22nd March – Fr Dermot McGirr
Saturday 23rd March – For All Priests

Lenten Notices

- There is Lenten weekday Mass at 1 pm each weekday in the Sacred Heart Church (with the exception of Friday 22nd March).
- There will be Lenten Devotions each Sunday at 6 pm. (With the exception of today - St Patrick’s Day)
- There is a 7.30 am Mass in St Mary’s Church, Killyclogher each weekday.

Do This In Memory
 The next Mass in the Do This In Memory Programme will be next Saturday (23rd March) at 6 pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh. All Primary 4 children preparing for First Communion and are asked to attend with their parents and families.



Lenten Lunchtime Mass
 Please note that, due to a wedding in the Sacred Heart Church, there will be no 1 pm Mass this Friday (22nd March).

Mass & Confession Times

Sunday Mass Times

Sacred Heart Church

Vigil : Saturday @ 6.00 pm

Sunday : 9 am, 11 am & 12.30 pm

St Mary’s Drumragh: Sunday at 10 am

Weekday Mass Times for this Week

Monday - Friday: 10am, 1 pm & 7.30 pm

Saturday: 10 am

Confession Times

Friday: 6.30 - 7.15 pm

Saturday: 10.30 am - 12.30 pm & After

Vigil Mass

Benedictine Monks Retreat

The Benedictine Monks, Rostrevor Co. Down, invite men (18-40) to an Easter Triduum Retreat from Holy Thursday 18th April until Sunday 20th April 2019. Take time to reflect. Examine your life and consider your call. If interested, please contact: Fr Thierry: benedictinemonks@btinternet.com / +44 (0) 28 4173 9979. Facebook: Benedictine Monks Rostrevor / Twitter: @rostrevormonks

St Joseph’s Hall Dance

Friday 22nd March

Music by Larry & Co

Dancing from 9.30 pm

All welcome



‘Sounds of Spring’ Concert

The Christian Brothers’ Grammar School, Omagh brings their ‘Sounds of Spring’ concert to the Strule Arts Centre on Thursday 28th March. This concert will feature a huge number of extremely talented students from every year group in the school. You will witness musical numbers from Vivaldi to George Ezra and from Johnny Cash to Billy Joel. All musical tastes will be satisfied! Tickets are available directly from the Strule Arts Centre.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

“You will eat and have all you want and you will bless Yahweh your God in the fine country which he has given you.”

Deuteronomy 8:10. This year's campaign highlights the different ways land is stolen from vulnerable people in the developing world. To find out more visit www.trocaire.org

Monica Retreat Day

A Day of prayer and support for those wondering about their adult children who seem not to live by faith patterns we hold so dear on Saturday 6th April from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm in St Mary’s PS, Killyclogher. Cost £20 (inclusive of lunch). For booking or enquiries call Cappagh Parish Office on 8224 3375 or email info@cappaghparish.com.

Mass for Those with Special Needs

The Annual Diocesan Mass for those with special needs, and their families and friends, will be in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry on Saturday 13th April at 2 pm. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion at this Mass please contact the Catechetical Centre on 028 7126 4087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service

We are recruiting Counsellors and Facilitators in the Omagh area. If you are interested in joining Accord please come along to our information evening in the Accord Centre, Mount St Columba Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street, Omagh, on Monday 25th March 2019 at 8 pm. Experienced facilitators and counsellors will be available to talk you through everything and answer any questions. Alternatively contact the Omagh centre on 028 8224 2439 or email omagh@accordni.com.

Annual Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick



This pilgrimage takes place on Friday 5th April 2019, for young people aged between 16 and 25. The price of the trip is £30, which includes food and transport. Buses will be leaving from Derry and Strabane. The Registration Form can be found on the Diocesan website, www.derrydiocese.org. Completed Registration Forms should be returned to the Catechetical Centre, 2 Francis Street, Derry, BT48 7DS by Friday 29th March. For more information please email padraig.delargy@derrydiocese.org or call Padraig on 028 7126 4087.



Cookstown Lourdes Pilgrimage

Bookings now being taken for this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes from 11th to 16th July 2019, priced £689 or 9th to 16th July 2019, priced £729, departing Belfast International. Accommodation is in Hotel Solitude on a full board basis. £50 deposit required. Contact Dympna Corey on 028 8676 2696.

Omagh Comhaltas

No classes on Monday 18th March. Classes recommence on 25th March in St Enda's Clubrooms. Monthly session takes place in St Enda's on St Patrick's night. All musicians welcome, refreshments served. Tickets now on sale for traditional band Shaskeen - price £15 - available from committee members, Omagh Locksmiths and online at www.eventbrite.co.uk. Follow Omagh Comhaltas on Facebook for more information.



St Joseph's Hall

Mon	7 pm Adult Irish Dance Class for Retired Dancers.
Tues	9 am/10 am Weightwatchers 2.30 pm Colmcille Club 9 pm Bingo - Jackpot £1000
Wed	5.45 pm - Baxter School of Dancing 8 pm St Joseph's Ladies Club
Thur	7.30 pm Bowls Club
Sat	1.45 pm Groogan O'Doherty School of Dancing

St Eugene's Hall, Clanabogan

- **Baxter Irish Dancing Class** Every Tuesday 6.15 – 7.30 pm. Enquiries to 0780 876 3185
- **Bowls** Every Wednesday @ 8.15 pm
- **Youth Club** Every Friday: Juniors 7 – 8.30 pm & Seniors 8.30 – 10 pm

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