



Confirmation 2020

“The spirit of the Lord has been given to me for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the Good News to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, and to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour.” Isaiah 61: 1-2.



On three evening this past week, I had the responsibility and the privilege of conferring the sacrament of Confirmation on **136** of our parishioners. These young men and women were originally scheduled to receive this sacrament on 28th March 2020 but the lockdown associated with the covid19 (coronavirus) pandemic put paid to those plans and we had to postpone the ceremonies until this past week. In March these young people were pupils at our parish primary schools, but next week they will be moving on to their second level education so strengthened by the Holy Spirit we pray they will fulfil their greatest potential in every aspect of their lives – socially, spiritually, academically as they grow physically. I felt a particularly strong bond with the class of 2020 because I had also celebrated with many of them when they made their first Penance and First Holy Communion shortly after I returned to the parish in 2017. I pray that they may feel that same bond with me as we journey into the future. I congratulate and I pray also for their parents, guardians, sponsors and families. This was also the first time in my now forty years of priestly ministry that I have taken the place of the bishop the usual minister of this sacrament. I sincerely thank everyone involved in any way with our ceremonies in 2020

Congratulations and blessings to:

Sophie Bann, Eva Cox, Rihanna Devlin, Brajanas Dobrovolskis, Keenan Donnelly, Beth Gallogly, Bradan Gheel, Adam Gray, Aoife Harper, Molly-May Kelland, Annija Kirilova, Jessica Lynch, Ana Mackey, Chloe Maughan, Claire McArdle, Ann-Marie McCann, Ben McCullagh, Orlaith McDaid, Bella McDermott, Eoin McGaughey, Jack Meehan, Fodhla Moloney, Franek Wiecek, Ronan Baxter, Ryan Baxter, Eoin Breslin, Matthew Bryan, Ellie Caldwell, Jack Campbell, Tiernan Campbell, Callum Coyle, Jazmin Csimszi, Riona Devine, Aaron Duncan, Imogen Fiddis, Caoimhe Fox, Ella Harte, Roman Ivanovs, Bethany Kelly, Ernest Manak, Nora McCloskey, Aoife McGarvey, Gareth McMenamin, Ciara Motherwell, Shea Mullin, Roisin Nic An Easpaig, Kelvin Sloan and Grace Turbitt

who were confirmed on Tuesday 25th August in the Sacred Heart Church

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Feasts of the Week
Weeks Beginning Sunday 30th August 2020
Monday 31 – St Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary
Thursday 3 September – St Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church
Friday 4 – St Mac Nissi, bishop

Sacred Heart Church
7.30 pm Mass Intentions
Monday Danny Mathers – 1st Anniversary
Tuesday Jim Garrity – Month’s Mind
Wednesday Rory McGlinchey – 1st Anniversary
Thursday Mass for the Deceased Members of the DDS
Friday Eugene Mullin – 1st Anniversary

Baptisms
 We welcome into our Christian community:
Charlie Oliver
McKernaghan
Conan Desmond
Treanor



Recent Deaths
 We pray for the families of the following who died recently:
Tommy Bradley
Mary Morrison
 May they rest in peace.

Anam Cara
 Anam Cara Donegal, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Thursday 10th September at 7.20 pm in the Raddison Blu, Letterkenny. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. *Subject to change in accordance with government guidelines*.

Parish Draw
 The committee plan to hold the next draw in early September covering the months of August and September. Promoters are asked to forward their returns to Mary and Carmel before 31st August please.

Parish Office
 The Parish Office will not be open to the public for the present but you can make contact by telephoning 028 8224 2092 between 9.00 am and 12.30 pm Monday to Friday. *Office closed on Monday 31st August for Bank Holiday*

St Joseph’s Hall
 St Joseph’s Hall plans to begin the process of reopening in September. However, the capacity of the Hall will be greatly reduced due to social distancing measures. If you wish to book the hall and plan to have less than 80 people at your event, please call 028 8224 2092 to enquire or download a booking form from our website, drumraghparish.com. There should also now be availability for refreshments in the hall following Anniversary and Month’s Mind Masses. Call the above number to book.
Please be aware that the St Joseph’s Hall Committee reviews all bookings and reserves the right to refuse any bookings it feels would not adhere strictly to the Covid 19 regulations.



Mass Intentions
 Anyone wishing to book an Anniversary or Month’s Mind Mass should contact the Parish Office on 028 8224 2092 (weekdays from 9 am to 12.30 pm). All Masses must be booked in this way and NOT in the Church Sacristy.



Confirmation 2020 (contd.)

Congratulations and blessings to:

Fionnuala Barrett, Aaron Corey, Grace Corrigan, Callum Devlin, Jack Fenton, Michael Harbinson, Mary-Kate Harper, Ciarrai Hurley, Niamh Hurley, Martyna Izdebska, Niamh Kelly, Alice-Rose Maguire, Caoimhe McAteer, Jack McCauley, Egan McFarland, Eva McGale, Jake McGaughey, Ciara McGirr, Ruairi McGuigan, Cobhlaith Murphy, Sean O'Donnell, Cahir O'Neill, Oliver O'Neill, Sophia O'Reilly, Lucy Sheridan, Ryan Stockton, Bernadette Vanzodyte, Airidas Zakas, Victoria Zlerarczyk, Jake Ardolino, Oran Bowes, Eva-Marie Chism, Vanessa Chojak, Domhnall Clarke, Lily Connolly, Dana Coyle, Donal Franey, James Fyffe, Neamh Given, Caitlin Gray, Alfie Kelly, Niamh Kelly, Olivia Kelly, Connor Keys, Ethan-Shay Lunney, Ben McCullagh, Molly McClean, Eimear McGinn, Myah McGovern, Rebecca McPhillips, Nathan O'Hagan, Fynn O'Hara, Oran Quinn, Tom Sheridan, Connor Sweeney and Adam Thompson

who were confirmed on Wednesday 26th August in the Sacred Heart Church

Congratulations and blessings to:

Matthew Barrett, Sean Boyle, Amy Campbell, Anna Clarke, Brenna Coleman, Sara-Jo Colgan, Cora Graham, Emma Green, Michael Green, Orla Green, Sean McCusker, Aidan Nestor, Sheá O'Donnell, Pearse O'Kane, Natasha Armstrong, Finbar Darcy, Lily Rose Darcy, Orlaith Donnell, Brandon Downey, Rosemary Gormley, Leah Harkin, Patrick Harley, Meehal McGrath, Jack Starrs, Shane Duke, Hayden Gordon, Iona Gordon, Jake Hamilton, Courtney Harcourt, Oskar Kalinowski, Alan Milewski and Carmen Siwinska.

who were confirmed on Thursday 27th August in the Sacred Heart Church

Face Coverings Advice

At this time, both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland, the governments have not made mandatory the wearing of face coverings at services of worship. However, following recent consultations with public health authorities, the leaders of the four main churches in Ireland decided to recommend and encourage the use of face coverings at Masses and other liturgical celebrations, from Sunday 30th August 2020. Bishop McKeown is keen to make you aware of this call. While many individuals may decide to wear face coverings in church, it is important to remember that some people are exempted from the wearing of face coverings, even in situations which would otherwise be mandatory, as outlined in the two jurisdictions: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-face-coverings> and <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/aac74c-guidance-on-safe-use-of-face-coverings>.



Sacred Heart Church - Sunday Mass Times

Vigil : Saturday 6.00 pm

Sunday : 9.00 am, 11 am & 1.00 pm

Mass in the Polish Language at 5.00 pm.

St Mary's Drumragh

Closed due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Confession Times - Sacred Heart Church

Thursday: After 10 am Mass & 6.30 - 7.15 pm

Saturday: 10.30 am to 11.30am and after the Vigil Mass.

(We will use the Confessional to celebrate the sacrament - please line up along the centre aisle while observing social distancing)

Help is available for the unemployed.

Have you recently been made redundant or are unemployed? If so, SUSE+ can help you, we are currently offering help and support with Job Searches, CV Building, Interview Preparation. Mentors work 1:1 with participants to help secure a job in the local area. An online courses are available in money management, holistic therapies, self-care, employability, confidence and motivation, job club and much more. For more information contact Tracy - tracy.sharkey@swc.ac.uk - 0743 653 3475.

Gift Aid & Standing Order

The standing order contributions make an important difference to our parish collections at this time – if you can find that you can donate in this way – please do so. Simply download the forms at drumraghparish.com, fill them out and leave them into your bank. A word of thanks to all who are already doing so. Your contribution will be increased by 25% if you are a tax-payer and sign a new gift aid form (available on the parish website) and return it to the Parish Office 48, Brook Street. Omagh BT78 5HD.