

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm
Weekdays 10.00am, 7.15pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
every Tuesday 10.30am-7.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 10.30am, and before evening Mass
Eve of Holydays & eve of First Fridays: 10.30am. and before evening Mass

BAPTISM COURSES

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 8pm

BAPTISMS: One month's notice
Every Saturday at 7.00pm

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PARISH GROUPS

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice
Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group
New members welcome!

KINDNESS

Many years ago I started a special award for the pupils of St. Cecilia's School. called the 'Kindness Award' While other pupils get prizes for having brains, this was for a girl with a good heart. The pupils themselves nominated the winner. A £100 cheque also went with it.

One of the original winners was Clare Crockett whose funeral takes place on Monday in the Long Tower. The trophy got lost when I went to Moville and so the award died. I hope to revive this award this year and now call it 'The Clare Crockett Kindness Award.

FOYLE EPILEPSY ACTION Coffee an Chat group meet Tuesday 3rd May at 11:00am in Coffee shop in Central Library Foyle Street. Everyone welcome.

VOLUNTEER AT WHITE OAKS ACORN ORGANIC FARM: If you have an interest in organic growing and have a few hours to spare, why not spend them with us? Phone (00353) (0) 74 9384866 or call with us to find out more about our volunteering opportunities.

ACTION ON HEARING LOSS CLINIC Inchview (Habinteg Community Room) on Wednesday 4th May from 10.30am-12 noon no appointment is needed



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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A king had two artists in his court who were bitter rivals. In order to decide which was the better artist he asked them both to paint a theme of peace.

The first presented his painting showing a dreamy landscape with rolling hills and a still lake. The whole scene spoke of contentment, peace, stillness. The king could barely suppress a yawn. He said to the artist 'Your picture is pretty but it puts me to sleep'.

The second artist's work showed a thundering waterfall so realistic that one could almost hear the roar of the water as it crashed onto rocks hundreds of feet below 'But this is not a scene of peace as I ordered' said the king angrily. The artist motioned him to continue looking. The King spotted a detail that had hitherto escaped him: among the rocks at the base of the waterfall a small tree was growing with a bird's nest in its branches. He noticed a sparrow sitting on her eggs, eyes half closed, waiting for her chicks to be born, a perfect picture of peace.

The king was delighted. He exclaimed 'I like your painting very much. You have conveyed a very important thing about peace, namely that it is possible to be at peace even in the midst of turmoil.

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Kitty Ryan Harty Court. who died during the week. May she rest in peace.



BAPTISMS Our parish family welcomes: Harry James Cooke-Wallace 35 Milltown View



FIRST FRIDAY Friday is the first Friday of May Confession will be at the usual time on Thursday. There will be a Holy Hour on Thursday from 7.45-8.45pm The sick in Fr O'Kane's care will be visited next week.

ANNIVERSARIES

Damian O'Donnell, Eileen Starrett, Hugh McNulty, Colin Doherty, Derek Harkin, David Brinkley,

SUNDAY COLLECTION 24th April amounted to £2298.94 and €175.66. Thank you.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

600pm Shay Murphy & family

12.30pm Grace Doherty & family

MARIAN DEVOTIONS will take place in Termonbacca on Tuesday 3rd May, beginning at 7.30 p.m.

Healing Mass, Fr Neal Carlin and the Columba Community will celebrate a healing Mass followed by individual prayer for healing on Thursday 5th May in St Columba's Long Tower at 7.30pm.

All welcome.

THE LITTLE WAY NOVENA IN ST EUGENE'S CATHEDRAL – 7th May to 15th May:

The theme is 'How happy am I to see myself as imperfect and to be in need of God's Mercy'. The Novena will begin at the 7.30 pm Mass on Saturday, 7th May with the Sacrament of the Sick. Devotions and talk on Sunday, 8th May at 6.00 pm. Monday to Friday (9th to 13th May) Novena Masses at 6.30 am and 10.00 am each morning and an evening service with a guest speaker at 7.30 pm. Saturday, 14th May 10.00 am Mass for those who have died. The Novena will close on Sunday, 15th May at 3.00 pm. All welcome

ST COLUMBA'S FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY

Thanks to those who bought books or donated at Northside on 16th. £1770 was given to Fr Peter McVerry for the homeless .

CURSILLO

WEEKEND RESIDENTIAL RETREATS will be held from 12th -15th May (men's) and from 19th-22nd May (women's) in Termonbacca, If you are Interested in attending, contact 07708066939

WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE'S DRINKING?

Al-Anon family Groups invite you to a Public Information Meeting on Saturday 21

May from 5.30 – 7.00pm in Studio 5, The Waterfoot Hotel, Waterside, **JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE** As part of a *Jubilee Pilgrimage* with the *Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help* to the Cathedrals of Ireland, the Icon will visit St Eugene's Cathedral, from Mon 2 May to Tue 3 May Opening Liturgy and Veneration of the Icon at 4.30pm on Mon 2nd. Concelebrated Mass 7.30pm, Holy Hour 9.00pm. Tue 3rd: Morning Prayer 7.45am, Mass 8.00am, Concelebrated Mass 10.00am, closing with Veneration until 11.00am.

PILGRIMAGE celebrating the Year of Mercy Sunday 8th May 2016: Gathering at Sacred Heart Church, Carndonagh, at 2.00pm. Opportunity for Confessions. Procession to the Donagh Cross leaves at 2.40pm, led by Altar Servers, Choir, two representatives from each parish, general congregation, followed by clergy and Bishop McKeown. Hymns and Rosary along the way. Pilgrims will carry a Year of Mercy candle during the procession. *Tree of Mercy* ceremony and Mass at the Donagh Cross at 3.00pm. Everyone welcome.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL urgently requires good quality clothes and household furniture, especially bedroom furniture. Please contact 71265489 or

PARISH PILGRIMAGES HOLY LAND (half board)

From 9th-17th October 2016.

Cost: £1275.€1495. Deposit £150.

3 nights Galilee, 4 nights Jerusalem Flying directly from Dublin

LOURDES (full board)

16th –21st July £605

Tel Margaret 07732468511

Savings scheme now started in the Parochial House each Thursday evening from 8-9pm.

71268325 for collection.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK with Knights of St Columbanus Sunday 29th May Cost £15.00 For Bus Only. everyone welcome For Details and Booking Contact 07511769723

Interested in Adoption? Family Care Society specialises in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. – Tel: Julie or Brian at our Derry office –Tel: 028 71368592___Email: email@familycaresociety.org