

### MASSES

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

### CONFESSIONS

**Saturday** 10.30am, and before evening Mass

Eve of Holydays & eve of First Fridays:

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### BAPTISMS DATES:

Every Saturday at 7.00pm

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### PARISH GROUPS

Tues: 8pm Choir Practice

Wed 8.00pm Adult Education

Thurs 7.45pm Scripture Group

New members welcome!

## A HARVEST PRAYER

On the day of the harvest the straw is set aside, the chaff is blown away by the wind, and the weeds are consigned to the flames.

But the wheat like sacks of gold, is gathered into the barn.

*Lord, On the day of death,  
the harvest of my life will  
be poured out before you,  
wheat, chaff, and weeds  
together.*

*Let your wise hand sift  
through it; then keep what  
is worth keeping, and with  
the breath of your kindness  
blow the rest away.*



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### THE MUSTARD SEED REVOLUTION

The mustard seed parable is often explained away by stating how God takes a tiny seed and makes a big tree out of it. There is, as usual a lot more going on here. Matthew strategically places the mustard seed parable in the middle of a story about gardening. Jesus surprises his listeners by telling them not to cut the weeds out of the



wheat. The mustard seed's growth could also be compared to wild weeds that grow through cracks in footpaths or a vine that vigorously takes over an area. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub takes over, like how yeast works its way through dough! It is wild, out of control and attracts unwanted birds. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack cement buildings.

People in Jesus's time may have preferred the image of the lofty 'cedars of Lebanon' to explain God's Kingdom where the nations could build nests like the eagles do. Now that image may have gotten a few cheers from the crowd! Mustard plants however, only stand a few feet tall. Jesus is turning the ideals of power and triumph on their head again. The image we have here is of the unwanted, detestable birds who find a home in this little shrub which cannot be curtailed. It will grow even where it is not wanted.

**BAPTISMS** Our parish family welcomes:  
Damilola Elizabeth Titilayo Adeogun  
7 Magill Court  
Daibhin McGonagle  
86 Ederowen Park

**Anniversaries** We pray for Michael & Mark McCann, Dermot Ryder  
Sr. Kathleen McKeown, Jackie Dunn  
Gerladine Taylor, Joseph Doyle

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** 13th July amounted to £1473.16 and €169.72

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Three weeks ago members of our Pastoral Council together with those involved in various ministries spoke at Masses telling people here what is happening and requesting volunteers to help in various ways. Fr. Joe and Fr Paddy are grateful not just to those who spoke but also to the 42 people who said yes when asked to help in our great parish. It is great because you the people have made it great. Remember it is never too late to volunteer.

**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL** Cistercian College Roscrea Co. Tipperary 14-17th August. 16-635 year olds welcome. See [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or phone 07598876399. Donation only Free buses from available.

**CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** on Sunday 27th July - cost including meals €36stg / €46 further details and bookings, tel 71262512.

**BALLYMAGROARTY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** Summer Scheme beginning 21st July. Mon-Thurs 10am-1pm Ballymagroarty Community Centre 50p per child Bring a small lunch. All children must be accompanied with an adult on first day for registration

**PIONEERS' AND FRIENDS' PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** in honour of Venerable Matt Talbot will take place on Sunday 20th July Main celebrant: Most Rev Charles Brown, Papal Nuncio. Bus leaves from Steelstown Church car park at 8 am. Cost €10. Snack and four course evening meal an additional €25. Tel 71352285 or 71291231 to book.

**AL-ANON** Is someone in your family addicted to alcohol? If so, there is help for you at Al-Anon family groups. These currently run on Thursday evenings at 8.30pm and Sunday evenings at 8.00pm, in Melrose Day Centre, Glendermott Road, Waterside, Derry or White Oaks Centre, Derryvane, Muff. on Tuesday evenings at 8.00pm. Contact Al-Anon family groups on 90682368 for further details.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** available in the local area 7 nights a week. Contact AA at 90434848

**HEAR TO HELP** clinics will be taking place on the first Wednesday of each month, commencing on 6 August at Habintegø Inch View common room.

**SUMMER SERENITY** at the IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden, Derryvane, Muff, on Wednesdays 30th July / 13th August / 27th August. Hot lunch at 12:30pm followed by a tour of the Celtic Garden and a short healing service and blessing. Music and storytelling until 4pm. Cost €10 / £8 per person. Individuals and groups welcome. Booking Essential (00353) 74 93 84866.

**CAR BOOT SALE** in Muff Community Park, Ardmore, Muff. 2-5pm Sunday 27th July. €10 per car, limited tables available. Call +353(0) 749384572 to book

**UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER** welcome applications for our part-time Irish language courses, Diploma at Magee and Degree in Letterkenny. Please call 71675277 or email [nm.mccaul@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:nm.mccaul@ulster.ac.uk) for further information.

**CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE THE NORTH WEST 200 MILE CYCLE CHALLENGE**, 12<sup>TH</sup> 14<sup>TH</sup> Sept. TEL 71269898 Email [events@childrenincrossfire.org](mailto:events@childrenincrossfire.org)

**PILGRIMAGE TO San Giovanni/Sorento** 7th Oct 7 nights. Padre Pio Weekend at Knock 20th Sept. For details call Sean Mulrine 71265926

**The Cairn Theatre Group presents "Moville, The Bishop and The Big House"** in The Cairn every Tuesday July to end Sept. This story takes place 100 years ago when we meet Bishop and Lady Montgomery in Newpark house and relive stories of World War One, The 1916 Rising, Emigration, Stilling plus much more Humour, Drama and song combine to make a story to remember Show starts 8pm Enquiries Tel 00353 074 9381104

**FOYLE HOSPICE ANNUAL SUMMER CAR DRAW** please return all tickets before Friday 25th July to Foyle Hospice Shops or Foyle Hospice Fundraising Centre. Draw will take place at Foyleside Shopping Centre on Saturday 26th July at 4pm. Everyone welcome.

**LONDON TO PARIS BIKE RIDE - SEPTEMBER 2015** ONLY 20 places further information contact Michelle McGinn on 71359888 or email [michellemcginn@foylehospice.com](mailto:michellemcginn@foylehospice.com)