

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 9.30am 11.00am, 12.30pm

Weekdays Mon. Wed. Friday **10.00am**,

Tuesday & Thursday **7.15pm**

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

every Tuesday 10.30am-7.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday: 10.30am

Saturday :5.30pm-6.00pm

Tuesday and Thursday :before or
after evening Mass

BAPTISM COURSES

1st & 3rd Thurs of the month 8pm

BAPTISMS: 1st and 3rd Saturday
of the month at 7.00pm

MARRIAGES Three months notice

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PARISH GROUPS

11am Choir practices Tuesday at
7.45 . New members welcome

Scripture Group Thurs 7.45pm
New members always welcome!

A.A .Fridays and Sundays at 8.00pm
in Upper Room.

What We fail to Do

It isn't the things we do,
It's the things we left
undone

Which gives us so much
heartache

At the setting of the sun.

The gentle word forgotten;
That letter we didn't write;
The flowers we might have
sent,

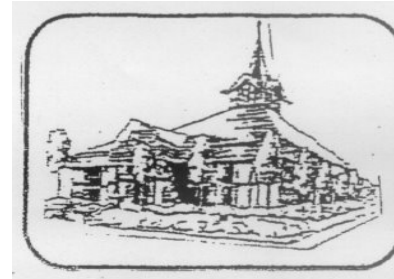
Are our haunting ghosts at
night.

The stone we might have
lifted

Out of our brother's way;
The little heart-felt counsel
We were hurried too much
to say

The tender touch of the
hand,
the gentle and kindly tone;
Which we have no time or
thought for

With troubles of our own.
[anonymous, adapted]



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Sun 31st Mar 2019 Vol. 37 No 13

THE ELDER SON

Sometimes we can be so familiar with a Gospel passage we tend to switch off after the first few sentences. That would be a shame, especially when the Gospel is one of the great blockbuster parables. The real challenge in today's Gospel is what happens after the lost son returns. The elder brother has 'worked like a slave' all those years and is understandably upset. The Father's welcome of the younger son would have been considered extremely foolish by those listening to this story. However the Father makes it clear that his outreach to the younger brother will not change his love the older brother. It will cost the elder brother nothing to reach out. We have nothing to lose in welcoming home the lost.

Today we can try to place ourselves somewhere in this narrative; where do you stand? This Gospel shows us that God returns the lost to the community, regardless of the boundaries that we might put in place. Jesus teaches us a lesson in radical hospitality. No matter how far we wander from home, God is still a loving God. The elder brother has a choice; to come to the party or to sulk in the corner. Luke, excellent story-teller that he is, leaves it to us to decide the outcome.

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family of Seosanh Deehan 8 Gweebarra Park who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

FIRST FRIDAY Friday is the first Friday of April. The sick will be attended. They will be contacted by phone during the week.

ANNIVERSARIES

James McDaid, Bridie Friel, Kitty Fox Joseph and Mary Lynch, Patrick Arnett Colum Curran, Phil Friel

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

6.00pm Kate McLoone

12.30pm Luke Doherty

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

6.00pm Abbie Barr & family

12.30pm Aimee Saunders & family

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR APRIL

Vigil Mass Betty McCallion
Danny Kivelehan Monica Barr
Gemma Meenan Sean Martin

9.30 am Mass Brian Doherty
Brendan Brady Una Morrison
Eugene Mellon

11.00am Mass Jacqueline McCarron
Lynn Kelly, Ebhlin Rafferty

12.30 pm Shannon McDermott
Michelle McGrone, John Gilfeather,
Majella Heaney, Christine Bonner

READERS FOR APRIL

6.00 Vigil Katie Devlin
Oran Gartland

9.30am Brenda Coyle

11.00am Maggie McCartney

12.30pm Marcella Patterson

SUNDAY COLLECTION 24th
March £1999.81 and €66.46. Standing
Orders £332. Thank You.

THE HOLY FAMILY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday night 2nd April, starting with Mass at 7.15pm, There will be a 1st class relic at the meeting, All welcome.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Fr Francis Bradley will lead a Holy Hour to pray for vocations to the Priesthood in St Eugene's Cathedral on Thursday 4th April at 8:00pm.
PASTORAL PLAN Meditation, discussion, crack, a light supper and even the odd bit of music Absolutely everybody welcome! . We will discuss our faith, including the new Pastoral Plan: 'God is Love' every Thursday at 7.45pm

Palm Sunday Retreat at St Anthony's Retreat Centre. "By His wounds we are healed" Isaiah 53:5 Sunday 14th of April, 11am-4pm. Prayer Ministry, story Meditation and Mass. lunch included. suggested Donation €20. Places are limited, please call to book- 00 353 749384866.

ANNUAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH PATRICK takes place on Friday 5th April for young people aged between 16 and 25. Cost £30, which includes food and transport. Buses will be leaving from Derry. For more info tel Pdraig 7126 4087 or email

padraig.delargy@derrydiocese.org

ARAS COLMCILLE-The St. Columba Heritage Centre are looking for volunteers to help out with the day to day running of the museum. Can you spare 3 hours per week and become a part of a small friendly dedicated group. If you can help call Eugene at 07779748142 or call into museum between 11am and 3pm.

SHOWBANDS OF THENORTHWEST EXIBITION' Will take place in Aras Colmcille Heritage Centre From 1st April - 27th April 10am--4pm Mon-Friday Entry is free. Donations gratefully received,

Valued Voices/Towards Understanding and Healing' event will feature scenes from 'The was is now', which explores complexities around forgiveness. On 2 April at 10am in The Junction Room of the Holywell Building, tel 71261941

Sean Davis "3 day Indoor Easter Fun Soccer Academy" Templemore Sports Complex on Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th April. For further details Tel. Sean Davis 71263044

HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGES 2019
MEDJUGORE 2nd –9th June
Deposit £100
LOURDES
11-16 July .
Savings and Deposits Thursday
8-9pm in Parochial House
Tel 07732468511 for details

PLANNED GIVING BOXES

The new boxes are ready for distribution this week. If you would be willing to help distribute them please call at the Sacristy after Mass. If you live outside the parish and normally get a box please call at the sacristy to collect it. We appeal to those who pay tax to use an envelope or sign a Standing Order form and join our Gift Aid Scheme. It is strictly confidential and does not effect your tax situation in any way.

TROCAIRE BOXES

have not been delivered in the following areas. Inchview, Sherriff's Rd. Rosskeen Park. Goldsmith Court, Harty Court, Johnfield Place, Stephen's Court, Joyce Court and Bantry Road. They can be collected at the main door of the church. We need volunteers to deliver these as soon as possible. In so doing you are helping those in need .