

ARMAGH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 7th -12th May 2020. Applications are now invited for anyone wishing to travel both as pilgrim or as an assisted pilgrim. Fare €740 and a deposit of €200 should be left with all bookings. Applications can be made by telephone to 07936566983 or at the Lourdes Office, Convent of Mercy (rear entrance) Dungannon which is open on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 7-9pm.

All applications must be returned by Monday 24th February 2020.

CONTACT NUMBERS FOR CLERGY

Unfortunately, due to other commitments, it is not always possible for a priest to be in the Parish at all times. In case of an emergency, Clergy can be contacted at any of the numbers below.

Fr O'Neill – Brackville – 02887740221

Fr Seery - Stewartstown - 02887739133

Canon Fee - Clonoe - 02887749184

Fr McCallion – Brocagh - 02887738381

Fr McGuigan – Moortown - 02886737236

Dean Donaghy – Dungannon - 02887722775

INTERNET BROADCASTING: Mass and other services will be broadcast each day over the internet. The operator of the system is Fr. Eugene O'Neill PP, Parochial House, Coalisland, Tel 8774 0221, to whom queries should be referred.

THE PARISH OFFICE is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am - 4.30pm

NOTICES FOR BULLETIN: please forward to the Parish office by Wednesday morning for inclusion, subject to availability of space.

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Over the next few weeks we'll hear a whole series of stories of Christ calling his disciples, who if truth be told, weren't really that wonderful a bunch. You had a dodgy tax man, a thief, a few fishermen and some we know nothing about. If you wanted to set up a new movement they wouldn't exactly be the first choice, but yet they were the ones Christ called – the weak, the ordinary, the humans, and out of them came everything we have today in terms of our faith. Christ recognised them for what they were – men with potential, with a good heart and despite the appearances they were the ones he wanted. Today and the next few Sundays is really about people recognising Christ in the world and Christ recognising the good in all His people. It's said that we only recognise in people what we see in ourselves. That we see people not as they are but as we are. There's a story told about a King who called one of his servants to him. The servant was known to be a cruel, mean man, who had no friends. The King said to him, 'I want you to go and travel the length and breadth of my kingdom and find for me a truly good person.' The man went, and as he travelled around, he met an awful lot of people. But after a long time he came back to the King and said, 'I have searched the whole kingdom as you asked me to, but I couldn't find even one truly good person. Every one of them is either mean, cruel, deceitful or evil. The good person you're looking for just isn't to be found.' So the

King called another servant. This one was known for his generosity and kindness, and was loved by everyone. The King said to him, 'Go and travel the length and breadth of my kingdom, and find for me a truly wicked person.' The man went and travelled far and wide. But after a long time, he returned to the King saying, 'I have failed in the task you gave me to do. I found people who are misguided, people who are misled, and people who act rashly, on the spur of the moment without thinking, but no-one who is a truly evil person. All of them are good at heart, despite all the bad things they may have done.' We see in others what is in ourselves. Sometimes it's easy to get carried away thinking we live in an awful world, filled with the bad, the careless, the brutes, but when you stop and think there's really an awful lot of good there too - an awful lot of decent, kind, helpful people. And in every one of them is the little bit of God that was first spotted in today's Gospel, and that Christ saw in the first 12. And when we encourage the good and look for it, suddenly God is everywhere in the world. John saw the God in Christ and look what happened, Christ saw the good in the disciples and look what happened with a little encouragement. Look for the good around you and in you too, and with a pat on the back, a gentle prod you never what it can do.

With best wishes for the week,

Fr O'Neill

ROSARY at Our Lady's Grotto Sunday at 7 pm and Monday to Friday at 8 pm.

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET every Wednesday @ 7.00pm in Holy Family Church.

BAPTISMS are held in the Holy Family Church on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at **1 pm** and in St Mary's Church, Stewartstown on the third Sunday of each month **immediately after Mass**. Please give **one month's notice**. Baptisms are to be booked through the parish office, 8774 0221, or email coalislandparish@yahoo.co.uk. **A meeting for parents and godparents** will take place on the **Wednesday evening before** Baptisms in the O'Brien Room, 7.30 pm to help parents and godparents prepare for the Sacrament and to complete all necessary paperwork.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday - Friday @10.00am

CONFESSIONS: Wednesday at 6.00pm **every week**, including First Friday week.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Saturday 18th January - 6.00pm - Larry Quinn

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, STEWARTSTOWN

PERPETUAL NOVENA & MASS on Tuesday evening at 7 pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Wednesday & Friday @10am

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 26TH JANUARY: Una Scullion, PJ Campbell, Malachy Cullen- also Minister to the Sick

FLOWERS SUNDAY 19TH & 26TH JANUARY: H Lee & E Kelly

ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

NOVENA & MASS: Every Monday evening at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Friday 7.30pm MM and 1st Anniversaries by arrangement.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Monday 20th January - 7.30pm - Sean O'Neill

MONTH'S MIND: Friday 24th January - 7.30pm - Fergus O'Farrell

COLLECTION: Sunday 12th January: Envelopes: £1668.42 Offertory: £1394.02

Many thanks for your generosity. If anyone would like to make a donation by cheque please make cheques payable to "Coalisland Catholic Church".

If anyone would like to arrange donations to the Parish by Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office for any necessary details. Thank you to those who already contribute in this way.

LATELY DECEASED: Please pray for Fergus O'Farrell; Reda Lauciute; Eileen Donnelly; Sr Anthony Devlin; Eileen Savage (London); Annie Devlin; Patricia McClenaghan (Motherwell); Maggie Coyle; Sarah O'Neill

FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM FOR HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - over the past few years Mrs Ethna McCrory has served as florist in the Holy Family Church and we are indebted to her. However, for personal reasons she is now stepping back somewhat from the role, and we are keen to establish a small team of volunteers to arrange floral displays for the Church. Hopefully with sufficient members the burden will be light and a rota can be drawn up that is both fair and balanced. If anyone would like to be involved in this task please leave your name in the sacristy over the coming week. Many thanks as always for your keen involvement in the life of the Church.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, STEWARTSTOWN - are now inviting applications for all those who wish to enroll their child for September 2020. The deadline for applications is 30 January 2020. Please contact the School for further information on 02887738388.

PRIMATE DIXON PS - Applications are now being received for children starting Nursery (children 4 years old on or before 1 July 2021) or Primary 1 (children be 5 years old on or before 1 July 2021). Paper copies of applications forms and other information available from the school. Online application process begins at https://pupilservices.eani.org.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/. **Applications for both Nursery and P1 close at noon on Thursday 30 January 2020.** If anyone needs any advice or help with this process please contact us at 028 8774 6044

ARMAGH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 7 - 14 JULY 2020: The second Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima, led by Archbishop Eamon Martin, will take place from 7th July 2020 - 14th July 2020. Cost £719. For further details contact Maureen or Joe McLaughlin 028 9070 1606, 07745 093530 or 07711 808207

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, DUNGANNON OPEN NIGHT - Thursday 23rd January at 6.30pm. All P7 Pupils and their parents are invited to come along. For further details contact 02887722205.

HOLY TRINITY COLLEGE invite Primary 7 (and Primary 6) pupils and parents to the College Open Evening on Thursday 23rd January 2020 commencing at 7.00pm sharp. Pupils and parents to be seated by 6.45pm. Meet pupils and staff, and sample a variety of Year 8 activities on offer.

ST BRIGID'S CROSS WORKSHOP - Hill of The O'Neill and Ranfurly House will host a St Brigid's Cross workshop, delivered by Paul Carville & Norah McCorry covering the history and customs of the ancient Celtic festival of Imbolc / St Brigid's Day. Participants will have the opportunity to make a variety of different types of St Brigid's crosses. Learn of the custom of passing through the Crios Bride (St Brigid's girdle) to obtain protection of the Saint and freedom from illness, especially 'pains in the bones' during the coming year, the custom of the 'Brigid's Supper' the Biddy Boys and the Babog. Sat 25 Jan 2pm - 4pm, £5. Book at www.dungannon.info or call Box Office on 028 87728600

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, HOLY FAMILY CONFERENCE: would like to thank all individuals and groups who surpassed all previous generosity in the annual Christmas collection which amounted to £4924. Further donations were received during December which brought the total to £7343. A total of £8336 was spent on food, heat and gifts for those less fortunate than ourselves. Christmas dinner was also provided for 58 senior citizens in Gervin's restaurant. The Giving tree was once again an outstanding success providing in excess of 500 gifts. Your generosity to the appeal went far beyond our expectations, enabling us to provide gifts for 58 families, 95 young adults and 89 children. Without your outstanding generosity this would not have been possible. You, through your caring and thoughtful nature have once again put Christ into Christmas for so many in our community. May God reward you. Thank you.