Solemnity of Christ the King (Year B)

Errigal Parish News - 24th November 2024

Weekday Masses - St. Mary's Church: Monday and Tuesday at 10am.
St. Joseph's Church: Wednesday at 10am.

(Weekday Masses as previously indicated in the coming weeks are subject to change at short notice).

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St. Mary's Church - (Vigil): Anniversary Mass - For Tony Deighan on Saturday 30th November at 6pm.
Anniversary Mass - For Bridie Mullan on Sunday 1st December at 10am.
St. Joseph's Church - (Vigil): Anniversary Mass -
Month's Mind Mass - For Sarah Mullan on Sunday 1st December at 11.30am.

Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm - St. Mary's Church in November.
Eucharistic Adoration: - Adoration on Monday after Mass until 2.30pm.

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First Sunday of Advent - Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: First Sunday of Advent (1st December): We begin the new church year on the First Sunday of Advent at dusk on Saturday 30th November. (Year C), the period prior to Christmas. After the morning Mass in both churches on the Sunday - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for the duration of the day and conclude with Benediction. (7pm - St. Mary's Church and 8pm St. Joseph's Church). It is a time of special prayer and blessing for our parish. An 'Adoration Sheet' periods of offering thirty minutes for adorers to sign up will be available at the back of each church from this weekend. It is important that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended.

St. Joseph's Church - A new YouTube camera link is now available for services from St. Joseph's Church, Glenullin.
The link can be accessed - **https://youtube.com**@parishoferrigalderry.

St. Joseph's Church - Thanks: To all who prepared, participated and in any way were associated with the Rededication of St. Joseph's Church last weekend. It was a memorable occasion that for many years Glenullin parishioners lived in hope would be achieved after a

long wait to be accomplished. We hope that the renovated church will bring enrichment and fulfilment to those who gather in the church for the celebration of Sacramental life from Baptism to life's conclusion.

November List of the Dead: November is traditionally the month when we remember and celebrate: 'the lives of those for whom life has changed and the door of death has closed behind them.' In each of our churches in the parish during November there will be a basket placed in the sanctuary for parishioners to place sealed envelopes of the names of the dead of their loved ones/family circle/relatives/friends. During November we are invited to remember in a special way, our departed loved ones. This echoes the prayer of St. Monica, 'don't trouble yourselves about my body. I simply ask you to remember me at the Lord's altar wherever you may be.' It is for this reason we offer Mass for our dearly departed, usually on or around the anniversary of their death. If money is added to the Mass intention envelope it will be forwarded to charity at the end of November.

Advent (free) Retreat for parishioners. The speaker is Fr Stephen Cummins OP. The title of the retreat is: 'Keeping Vigil for the Vulnerable God'. This notice is offered for your consideration, for inclusion in parish newsletters, as well as parish websites and social media platforms. The link for parishioners to sign up for the Retreat is:
https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2024-online-advent-retreat

Advent Retreat: ***Emmanuel - 'He meets you where you are'*** This Advent season, step away from the busyness of life and enter a sacred space of quiet reflection and prayer. Join the Columba Community for their retreat on Sunday 8th December at 11am in St Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot, Co Donegal, Eircode: F93NF76. Find stillness, experience guided prayer, with Adoration and Eucharist. Deepen your spiritual journey during this holy season as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. Booking is essential tel: (00353)0749384866. A Light lunch is provided, suggested donation £20.

Baptism Dates: The next Baptism dates are Saturday 7th December in St. Mary's Church at 4.30pm and St. Joseph's Church on Sunday 15th December at 12.30pm. The Baptismal Programme for parents/guardians will take place in the Parochial House on Wednesday 4th December at 7pm. Please register to attend the Baptismal Programme by Wednesday 27th November using the parish email address, this will indicate to the team the numbers who will attend the Baptismal Programme.

Errigal Hall - Christmas Bingo Sunday 15th December at 8pm. Raffle/Spot Prizes. All proceeds in aid of Errigal Hall Development.

St. Mary's Church - December Altar Society: Louise Mullan, Lee-Ann McKay, Jemma Faulkner and Bernie McGilligan.
December Collectors - Brain Mullan and John McLaughlin.

Quiz Evening: Come along to try your hand at our challenging questions from Quizmaster Aodhán Convery, in Friel's on Friday 27th November at 8.30pm. All funds going to St. John's PS, Funds.

Derry Diocesan Youth: The youth department of the Catechetical Centre, in conjunction with Youth Link NI, will be delivering a four-week course for *Advent* in two venues - Derry City and Maghera, for young people, including those doing the JPII Award this year. I would

be grateful if you could bring this to the attention of young people, including the JPII students of your parish(es) and, if they would like to come, they can sign up, using the forms below. Alternatively, you can email their names to lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org.

Maghera Pastoral Centre - Thursday 28th November, Thursday 5th,12th & 19th December, 6.00pm-7:30pm
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=47jA8LqhK0yfu99gAi-GPoLejlPo8zFHo0nmSk9xwL5UMU1EMTNHMEZZNlRHWVdTV1dHSUdMSUNJQi4u

Causeway Hospital: There is currently a campaign going on to try to prevent closure of vital services at Causeway Hospital, there is imminent talk of closing down surgical beds and closure of one theatre, leaving Causeway Coast and Glens and surrounding areas with no access to emergency services in Causeway hospital.
If this allowed to go ahead all emergencies will have to travel to Altnagelvin, Antrim, or RVH Belfast, pending on available ambulance/air ambulance which as we know is already an over stretched resource. We would like to get as many feet on the ground as possible to campaign against more closures as this will affect every man woman and child in the area. A petition for signing is available in the church porch.

Drumsurn GAC Christmas Craft Fair: Saturday 7th December 2pm to 5pm. Free entry to the public. Variety of stalls including Homemade bakes, jams and chutneys. Handmade local crafts to include Macrame, Decoupage, Floral arrangement, Crochet blankets etc. Cinema experience for children, face painting, arts and crafts table and lots more.

Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards: Are available in the porches of our churches during November and December. The Christmas Cards are in packs of ten and the suggested donation is £2.50/pack. This can be left in the box beside the cards. All donations will go towards helping local families/individuals who may be struggling this winter and over Christmas.

SYCAMORE - Faith Discovery Programme: Sycamore is an informal course about our Catholic faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. In preparation for the Jubilee year 2025 the focus will be on the gift of prayer. Each Sycamore session involves a short film and plenty of time for quiet reflection and discussion. The course will be run by Fr Peter O'Kane, Derry Diocesan Adult Faith Formator, on the following dates:
Monday: 4, 11, 18, 25 Nov & 1 Dec. Venue: Muff, Co Donegal.
Tuesday: 5, 12, 19, 26 Nov & 2 Dec. Venue: Dungiven, Co Derry. Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm.
To help facilitate venue please, please register at derrydiocese.org/sycamore Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

Trócaire: Is looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict in Sudan and Gaza. You can act and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Change - training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, then please email Mark McMahon at infoni@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

Trócaire: Trócaire School Volunteers: Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable? Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our 2025 Lent Appeal in the Derry Diocese. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will be available to help during school hours over Lent, then we would love to hear from you. Full training and ongoing support will be provided. For more information, please call Naomi Purnell on 028 9080 8033 or email naomi.purnell@trocaire.org.

Providing compassionate care at the end of life - To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes. You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video Through the Valley, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message of both letter and video asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life. To read Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes and to watch Through the Valley, visit the following link: https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life-care freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/

Feasts during the Week: Monday - St. Colman: Was born around 530, probably in West Cork. A bard by profession, he is reputed to have been influenced by St. Brendan to become a priest. His apostolate was to east Cork and his main foundation was at Cloyne. **St. Catherine of Alexandria:** Was martyred in 310 at Alexandria. Her body is venerated at the monastery on Mount Sinai. **St Fergal:** He lived first in France and then in Bavaria, where he founded the monastery of Chiemsee. He was appointed Bishop of Salzburg around 754, leaving a reputation for learning and holiness. **Wednesday - St. Fergal:** He lived first in France and then in Bavaria, where he founded the monastery of Chiemsee. He was appointed Bishop of Salzburg around 754, leaving a reputation for learning and holiness. **Saturday - St. Andrew:** Andrew was from Bethsaida was a disciple of John the Baptist when he was called by Jesus. He in turn brought his brother Peter to Jesus. He is said to have suffered martyrdom by crucifixion on this date, but the tradition of an X-shaped cross comes much later. Patron of Scotland, Russia and fishermen.

The Catholic Communications Office of the Irish Bishops Conference: Produces a five-story weekly ezine Sharing Good News that reports on stories associated with the Bishops' Conference, activities in parishes and dioceses, and that celebrates Church life generally. If you do not currently subscribe to receiving it and you wish to subscribe to receive Sharing Good News, please register your email address on https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East: God of mercy and compassion of grace and reconciliation, pour your presence upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims, Christians, Palestinians, and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation. That violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice maybe experienced by all. Amen.

Vocations: That those called by the Lord to be priests of the diocese of Derry will "bear witness to the truth" as they help God's people to listen to the voice of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, whose Kingdom "will never pass away."
Anyone interested should please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan by email: pgoh2111@gmail.com

Parish Collections - Thank you. 197 boxes of envelopes in circulation.
Standing Order figures in brackets for October)
Thank you. Returns - (Pink/Yellow 93 White/71)
St. Mary's - Parish: £380 Renovation: £180
St. Joseph's - Parish: £525 Renovation: £995

Ballerin GAA Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot the numbers are 3, 9, 13, and 22. Next Jackpot is £4,255. £50 winner - Colm NcNicholl.
Glenullin GAA Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot the numbers are 9, 15, 20, and 28. Next Lotto jackpot £10,000. £25 winners Donna Bradley, Martin McKeown, Michael O'Hagan, and Eunan Boylan.

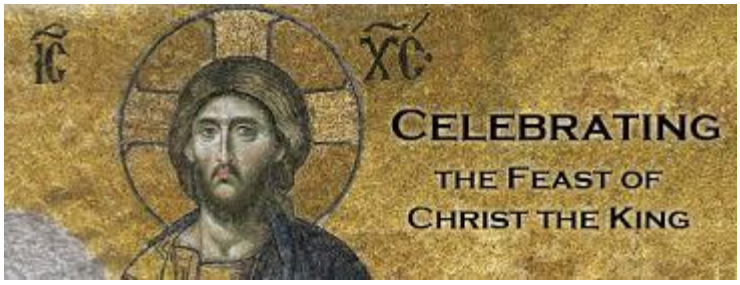


St. Joseph's Church: We present a dual gauge to initiative funds in our parish for the on-going costs associated with the renovation of St. Joseph's Church. The gauge on the left indicates the funds we require to complete the refurbishment. The gauge on the right reflects the loans we have received from other parishes. (Gauge also available on website and Facebook page). **Thanks** - Donations £10,000, £6,000, £5,000, £3,000, £1000, £500, £500, £500, £500, £500, £300, £300, £200. Current figure £196.850.00.



St. Mary's Church - Church Readers - 30th November/1st December
Vigil 6pm - Anna Doherty.
Sunday 10am - Carol Ann McLaughlin.
If anyone is interested in becoming a Reader in St. Mary's Church, please gave your name to Fr. Crowley training will be provided.
Eucharistic Ministers - 30th November/1st December
Vigil 6pm - Siobhan McIntyre & Orla Doherty.
Sunday 10am - Martina Bradley & Gillian O'Neill.

St. Joseph's Church - Church Readers - 30th November/1st December
6th/17th November
Vigil 6pm -
Sunday 11.30am - Eimear O'Kane.
If anyone is interested in becoming a Reader in St. Joseph's Church, please gave your name to Fr. Crowley or Mairead Mc Nicholl (Lector Co-Ordinator), training will be provided.
Eucharistic Ministers - 30th November/1st December
Vigil 6pm -
Sunday 11.30am - Tracy Mullan & Clare Mullan.



Errigal Hall Volunteers: For this hospitality to continue in the community, we need new volunteers to come forward and help in this voluntary service to the parish. If you are interested, please contact Melinda Robinson. If enough volunteers come forward a rota can be put in place via a WhatsApp group, so that the same people are not required at each function.

Errigal Hall: Parishioners who borrow items from the hall need to sign for their removal from the hall and when they are returned. The signing book is in the kitchen of the hall.

St. Joseph's Church: Choir Practice will take place each Tuesday at 7pm in the small hall in the Community Centre. New members from Primary 4 up are very welcome. Any queries contact Roisin McIlvar 07841407154
St. Mary's Church Choir: If you are interested in joining the choir, you are welcome to attend the practice in the church on a Wednesday evening at 7pm. Or contact any choir member.

Anniversaries: It is advisable where possible to book well in advance in the case of anniversaries. These are arranged with a sacristan as the anniversary book is kept in the sacristy. Also, please indicate in the Anniversary book that the Mass is booked for the stated intention - we would appreciate an acknowledgment of the booking by email if possible. **In the case of a booked Anniversary Mass please inquire of the sacristan before the Mass begins that the Mass is offered for the intention you request.** Names to be added to the weekend anniversary list need to be added to the anniversary book by informing the sacristan - this can be done in advance of the date requested.

Derry Diocesan Society (DDS): In each of the parishes of the diocese Mass is offered alternating in each parish (list at the back of each church) for deceased and living members who are registered in the society. The deceased members registered are remembered in the anniversary list for three consecutive weekends each quarter (three months). Registration is £20 and can be given to a sacristan or Fr. Crowley - please ensure name and address of the person to be enrolled is included and whether it is for a living or deceased member.

Parish Readers/Eucharistic Ministers: If you are unable to attend the schedule allocated to you, it would be much appreciated if you can get a replacement to step in for you. (It may be possible to exchange a rotation with another group member - there is also the opportunity to seek cover via the Whatsapp messaging facility if available to your group). I also ask Readers please to conclude the readings with - **'The Word of the Lord'** as directed in the Missalette, and not 'This is the Word of the Lord' as stated in the Lectionary. We have previously discussed this at our reader meetings.

Maternity Blessing: Expectant mothers are welcome to receive a blessing in any of the sacristies following Mass - and a prayer card for their pregnancy.

Stamps: For the missions can be left at the back of each church.

The Net: As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting and inspiring interviews, articles, and photos from parishes across the diocese. You can read the Diocesan newspaper on-line at: www.derrydiocese.org/news/categories/the-net. or a paper copy is available at the back of the church. Donations welcome.

Synodal Pathway: Find attached the final versions of the National Synthesis for the Church in Ireland, which is the fruit of the recent process of listening and consultation; it is based on the syntheses produced by the 26 dioceses in Ireland, as well as those submitted by religious congregations and other interested groups. Also attach appendix document from survivors of abuse and the Irish Bishops' Conference Cover Letter, which have all been forwarded to the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops. Press Release also attached. We are requested to bring the Report to the attention of your parishioners and to share it on your social media

outlets. It will be a useful tool as parishes move forward on the synodal journey in the autumn. **The Report is now available on the website of the Synodal Pathway of the Church in Ireland website: www.synod.ie**

Parish Envelopes: Following previous discussion with the Parish Finance Committee we encourage consideration for those who use envelopes infrequently to consider the use of a standing order, (through this medium you have full control), of the donation at your disposal. **Further information is available from the parish website.**
If you advance the standing order, (it can be processed on-line with your bank), or alternatively bring the completed mandate to your bank. We request that when you are issuing your instruction to the bank, that you do so with your personal name, in doing so we can therefore identify from whom the standing order has been authorised. It is with your authorisation that the standing order is either processed weekly or monthly. Also, you can withdraw the mandate at your own discretion. We would appreciate an acknowledgement of this transaction (via the parish email) when it is activated, so that we can have a copy for the parish records. In the information forwarded we will require your address and telephone number.
Several parishioners recently have set up a standing order, however we do not know who these parishioners are because they have not provided an address. We ask please that you follow the instructions above and email the parish to inform us who has authorised the standing order.
We request now that the boxes are delivered, if you have not previously returned or updated a parish Census card, please complete the card in the back of the box and return in the collection envelope. Also, the Gift Aid card needs to be signed and returned if you are a taxpayer.
Those who avail of Standing Orders are also asked to complete a Census card and Gift Aid card. These can be collected in each sacristy and returned at your convenience.

Details of Parish Accounts for Standing Orders:
(Errigal Ballerin: Sort Code - 950346 - Account No. 40067059 is the No 1 a/c) Errigal Development: Sort Code - 950346 - (Account No. 90042358 is the Renovation a/c). (Errigal Glenullin: Sort Code - 950346 Account No. 90062596 is the No 1 a/c) (Errigal Parish: Sort Code 950689 - Account No. 90083712 is the Renovation a/c).
Parish Finance: If you wish to contribute to the parish by standing order - forms can be forwarded upon request by sending an email to - errigalparish@gmail.com or they are available on the parish website. At the end of each month, we shall include in the collection figures the amounts relating to the increase in standing orders, these figures are stated in brackets.

Parish Census: In the recent distribution of collection envelopes, we request that at your earliest convenience you might return the census card with your family details for parish registration. Also, the Gift Aid card needs to be updated and signed so that the parish can claim Gift Aid if you are a taxpayer, this does not affect your personal details or taxation. If your tax circumstances change, please inform us, if you are no longer a taxpayer.
Census cards are available in each sacristy, once completed they can be returned in a sealed envelope via the collection box at the back of each church. If you have previously registered, you do not have to do so again, unless your household occupation has changed.

Vocational Interest? "It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a diocesan priest? If you are considering such a vocation, contact your local priest or the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP Bellaghy, at pgoh2111@gmail.com or email the National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie
Diocesan Prayer for Vocations: God our Father, you call us by name and ask us to follow you. Help us to grow in the love and service of your Church today. Grant us the courage to embrace Christ's mission of love and justice. Bless the Church here in the diocese of Derry by raising up generous and dedicated leaders from among our families and friends, who will serve your people as Priests, Sisters, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Bless those who have already answered your call and who are now preparing for service in your Church. Inspire us to know you better and open our hearts and minds to the guidance of your Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer Garden: A prayer garden behind the Grotto in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry has now been completed. The Prayer Garden names all the parishes of the Derry Diocese and includes prayers for those who died during the pandemic. A rose plant has been planted to remember those who died from each parish in the diocese since March 2020 when there were restrictions on wakes and funerals. The Garden will not be officially dedicated until a later date; however, everyone is welcome to come and pray or reflect.

Church Cleaners: Cleaners are required to join the existing monthly groups who clean each church. The more that participate the less occasions that individuals will be required to cover. If interested, please leave your name/contact phone number in each sacristy, or alternatively give details to a sacristan.

Mass Cards/Mass Bouquets: Are available for sale at the back of each church please put the money in the candle box.

ACCORD - Counselling: If you need to speak, to an experienced couples and relationships counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life, please contact 95680151. This is a free helpline service available from 9am - 8pm. Monday to Friday. All calls charged at local rate.

ACCORD DERRY: Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (limited to 15 couples per course). Booking now online at www.accordni.com

Radio Maria Ireland: https://www.radiomaria.ie/radio-maria-ireland/ is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies.

Church Safeguarding: If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact: Mrs Marie Gormley (Designated Liaison Person), Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. Tel: 02871 - 362475/07596500793. Email: marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org - or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services Tel: 02871-314090.
Parish Representatives - May Bradley, Roisin O'Kane, and Marie Mullan.
Errigal Privacy Notice: The Diocese of Derry complies with GDPR regulations. A privacy notice will shortly be available on the Parish Website or alternatively it is available from the Parish Office.
Live stream of Mass and Services in St. Mary's Church are available online. Parishioners should note that the first three rows of seats are visible in St. Mary's Church.