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# BULLETIN

14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021- FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8am, 10am, (po polsku) & 12.00 noon  
  
Monday Wednesday & Thursday 8am  
Tuesday & Friday 8am & 7pm  
  
**ST PAUL'S CHURCH**  
Sunday: 9am & 10.30am,  
Monday-Friday: 10am  
Saturday: 10.30 am & 7pm (Vigil)

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**7<sup>th</sup> March - £3410.70**  
**Donations -£70 loose**  
*Thank you for your continued support and generosity*

**Lenten Services at St Paul's - Virtual**

- Divine Mercy will be said on Tuesday and Friday morning at 9.45am
- Holy Hour each Wednesday from 7pm to 8pm during Lent
- Stations of the Cross will be said immediately after the 10am Mass each Friday during Lent.

  
*We welcome the following children into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism*  
  
Sadie McAtamney,  
Deerings Glen  
  
Daithí Shane Mackle,  
Fox's Hill  
  
**Our prayers and good wishes are extended to their families**  
  
All parents wishing to have a child baptised in St Peter's Parish, must notify the Parish Office in person. One month's notice is required.  
*Baptisms take place on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month @ 1.30pm*

**ST PATRICK'S DAY**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Mass Times - St Peter's**  
7.00pm Tuesday 16 March (Vigil)  
8.00am Wednesday 17 March  
12 Noon Aifreann i nGaeilge  
  
**Mass Times - St Paul's**  
6.00pm Tuesday 16 March (Vigil)  
10.00am Wednesday 17 March  
  
*The Book of Armagh* tells us that St Patrick wished the Irish to have two phrases in their lips, *Kyrie Eleison* and *Deo Gratias*; Lord have mercy and Thanks be to God. It is between these two prayers that we will find the fullness of life – trusting in the forgiveness of the One who loves us and eternally grateful for everything.  
*Early Irish Saints - John J. O'Riordain CSsR*

**DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021: @7:30pm**  
The Society will host an online lecture by **Michael McKernan** entitled "Where did St Patrick come from?"  
Access to the event will be available from 7:20pm with a start at 7:30pm. A link to the talk can be obtained by e-mailing the Hon Secretary [goss.jjm@gmail.com](mailto:goss.jjm@gmail.com) and will be forwarded on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March

**The 2021 Census**  
The 2021 Census takes place on 21 March 2021 and is coordinated by the NI Statistics & Research Agency (NISRA). The census happens only once every ten years and provides a picture of all the people and households in Northern Ireland. Next week all households in Northern Ireland will receive a census pack with details on how to complete.  
  
The pack will contain an access code for completing online or details on how to request a paper form. Your answers are important and completely confidential. Your personal data will never be shared. As soon as you receive your pack you can complete your census.  
  
If you don't receive a pack, have lost your access code or have any questions call the contact centre for free on **0800 328 2021** or visit the website at [www.census.gov.uk/ni](http://www.census.gov.uk/ni). Here you can find out about the support available to help you complete including guidance in Braille, Easy Read, British and Irish Sign Language and large print questionnaires.

**LENT AS A TIME TO PAUSE**  
*Pause* for a little while, refrain from the urge to want to control everything, know everything, destroy everything; this comes from overlooking gratitude for the gift of life and all the good we receive.  
*Pause* for a little while, refrain from the attitude which promotes sterile and unproductive thoughts that arise from isolation and self-pity, and that cause us to forget going out to encounter others to share their burdens and suffering.  
*Pause* for a little while, refrain from the emptiness of everything that is instantaneous, momentary, and fleeting, that deprives us of our roots, our ties, of the value of continuity and the awareness of our on-going journey.  
*Pause* in order to look and contemplate.  
**Pope Francis**

Tired of being at home? Like a nice break away? Then join us for **'THE WEST'S AWAKE TOUR'** Staying at the beautiful 4\* Falls Hotel in Ennistymon, Co Clare 12 - 17 September for a great fun-filled week (limited places) or **'A CHRISTMAS CRACKER WEEK'** At the Gleneagles Hotel. Killarney 15 - 19 November (Another great week of fun & music) To book ring Noel 079 5547 5650 or Gerard 075 1501 7316

**Week of prayer leading to the Feast of St Joseph on 19<sup>th</sup> March and the Amoris Laetitia Family Year**  
  
Archbishop Eamon Martin invites us to join in a week of prayer which will be taking place all around the country from 13 to 19 March leading to the Feast of St Joseph and the opening of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year.  
  
Pope Francis has been encouraging us to remember the role and witness of St Joseph during this year. On 19 March 2021, Pope Francis will launch a year dedicated to the family which will conclude on 26 June 2022 on the occasion of the Tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome. This date also marks five years since the publication of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)* on the beauty and joy of love in the family.  
  
Each day has a theme reflecting on family life through the lens of Saint Joseph. The resource has at its centre the prayer from Pope Francis which he wrote for the 'Year of Saint Joseph' and some inspiring reflections from *The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)*.  
  
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**BISHOPS ENCOURAGE SUPPORT OF VACCINE PROGRAMME AGAINST COVID19**  
  
Last December the Irish Catholic Bishops in a statement said that "safe and effective vaccination is an essential aspect of the prevention of disease". They encouraged Catholics to support the programme of vaccination "not only for their own good, but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable and for the common good of humanity". The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith made a similar call to all Catholics in its Note on the morality of Covid-19 vaccines (21 December 2020). The Council for Healthcare of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference wishes to reiterate that message and urges everyone to support the vaccination programmes currently in place in the Republic of Ireland and in Northern Ireland.  
  
The development and provision of the vaccines is already providing reassurance for those who are most vulnerable to the virus and will help us to return to normality in terms of work, education, religious practice, and sporting and leisure activities as soon as possible.  
  
We note that many people both North and South have already received the vaccine and we particularly welcome the fact that all residents and staff of nursing care facilities have been vaccinated at this stage. At present the group prioritised in the Republic of Ireland to receive the vaccine in the coming weeks are those over 70 years of age while in Northern Ireland it is those over 65 years of age along with others who are clinically vulnerable. We encourage all parishes and Church personnel to promote this programme and to encourage elderly parishioners, relatives and neighbours to avail of the opportunity to protect their health and the health of the whole community.  
  
In Northern Ireland the main carers in the home for those who are elderly or disabled can now book a vaccination online at one of the 7 trust centres. An appointment can be made at <https://covid-19.hscni.net/get-vaccinated> or, if you cannot access the internet, by telephone at 0300 200 7813. The phone line is open Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm.  
  
Trustworthy and updated information on vaccines is available on <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/covid-19-coronavirus/northern-ireland-covid-19-vaccination-programme> in Northern Ireland

Requests for Anniversaries and Month's Mind notices should be left into the Parish Office on or before 12 noon on the Wednesday of the week before if they are to be included in the Bulletin.  
The minimum diocesan stipend is £10.  
As we have a booking system, anniversaries can be booked in advance.  
  
**Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church**

  
**RECENTLY DECEASED**  
Ursula McCord, Mount Zion House  
Anna McAlinden, Downshire Avenue  
Mickey Matchett, Sloan Street  
Maureen McNally, Collingwood Avenue  
Mona Heaney, Oakleigh Fold  
  
**MONTH'S MIND**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
Lily Sharkey, Manor Park  
Sarah Walsh, Beech Court  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
Kenny Haddock, Edward Street

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March**  
Mary McConville, Mary Street  
Leonita O'Connor, Lurgantarry  
Gertrude McAvoy, Shore Road  
Geraldine Fearon, Deramore Drive  
Mike McAleese, Gosselin Park  
James Devlin, Garland Heights  
Kathleen Topping, Manor Park  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
Bridget Rice, Victoria Street  
Peggy Harte, Grattan Street  
Teresa McAreevey, Victoria Street Place  
Mary Nugent, Wellington Street  
Rosemary Nelson, Ashford Grange  
Dolores Doyle, Kilwilke  
Gerald & Annie Magill, Cornakinnegar  
Margaret & Jack Carson, Belfast  
John Magill, South Africa  
Owen Doyle, Castleview, Gilford  
George Kearney, Lisnaskea, Kilwarlin  
Sean Culbert, Meadowbrook

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
Jeanette Magill, Gilford/ Antrim Road  
Patrick Lewsley, Shore Road  
Henry Lavery, Gawley's Gate  
Hugh Nelis, Scotland  
Teresa Creaney, North Street  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
Patsy O'Hagan, USA/Mary Street  
Elizabeth Bradford, Kilmaine Street  
Ellie McCaughley, Manor Park  
James & Annie McGeown, Mary Street  
Jim McIlwaine, Kilwilke Road  
Gerry McCann, The Grange  
Patrick Lavery, Mary Street  
Jim McCusker, Grattan Street  
Maria Gaskin, Church Walk

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
James Coleman, Waring Street  
Redmond Derby, Brownlow Terrace  
Mick Casey, Brownlow Terrace  
Marion Fitzpatrick, Tarry Drive  
Joseph Creaney, Tannaghmore North  
Felix Murray, Annesborough Park  
Gillian Maher, Ashgrove Avenue  
James Smyth Snr, Waring Street  
Mary O'Hagan, North Circular Road  
Mary Haughian, Wellington Street  
Jim Shanks, Kilwilke Road  
Larry Smyth, Ashgrove Avenue  
John Joseph Mahaffy, Castle Lane  
Arthur Heaney, Filbin Crescent  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
John McGrann, Lower North Street  
John Lavery, George Street  
Rose Culbert, Allenhill Park  
Tessie Laverty, Brownlow Terrace  
Michael Doyle, Kilwilke Road