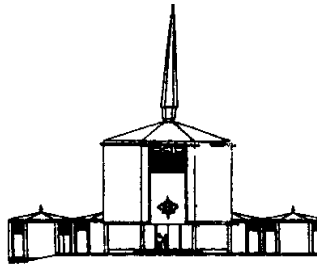


Bulletin



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 28 August 2016 ~ Jubilee Year of Mercy

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 7 pm

Sunday:
9 am 10.30 am 12 noon

Monday - Saturday: 10 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday:
9.30 am - 9.50 am
& 6.30 pm - 6.50 pm

Eves of First Friday:
6.30 pm - 7.00 pm

Lough Derg

Monday, 29th August

May everyone have a safe journey tomorrow at Lough Derg.

Mount Zion House

Senior Luncheon Club in Sept' 16
Lunch provided, (small cost) with bingo and prizes.
Free Transport,
38 324 680/38 325 764.

Registration for Irish

language classes will take place in the Gaelic League, North Street on **Monday, 5th September, 7 pm – 8.30 pm.** *Everyone welcome.*

Ozanam Centre Senior Citizen Group

will commence on Thursday, **1st September, 11 am– 12.45 pm**
Classes will run each Thursday with a variety of programmes on offer.
Adm. £3 per week.

Offertory Collection
£2,051, thank you.

Young Person's Prayer After Examinations



Lord God, as I reflect on my examination results and plan for the future, guide me to make good choices.

Make me a better person:
more considerate toward others, more honest with myself, more faithful to you.

Help me to find my true vocation in life and grant that through it I may find happiness in myself and bring happiness to others.

Grant, Lord, that those whom you call to enter priesthood or religious life may have the generosity to answer your call, so that those who need your help may always find it.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Congratulations

to all students who worked so hard to achieve their school results.

To the parents/teachers and all who helped in any way.

St. Paul's Youth Choir

(Children's Liturgy)

Sunday, 11th Sept., 10.30 am Mass

Led by Ms P McAlinden, the choir is aimed at children/young people up to Key stage 3. No experience required.

Practice for everyone,
Wednesday, 31st August, 3 pm
in Pat's studio in CIDO.
Tel: 077 485 82415.

The Sisters of Mercy

150 Years in Lurgan



The Mercy Sisters
were founded by Dublin woman, Catherine McAuley
(1778-1841)

Catherine used a legacy she had received to build a 'House of Mercy', in her native city in 1827, to provide education and an early form of social services for impoverished women and children. Her initiative attracted the involvement of other women who effectively became the first Sisters of Mercy, officially recognised by the Church as a religious congregation in 1835. Catherine pioneered a 'non cloistered' form of religious life. Her Sisters would serve primarily in the community and, because of their presence in public, often in pairs, they became known as the 'walking nuns' in towns where they later settled. A Dublin priest, Fr. Michael Blake, knew Catherine McAuley well and had supported her in establishing her House of Mercy. He was appointed Bishop of Dromore in 1833 and encouraged the Mercy Sisters to come to Newry, which eventually happened in 1855. A decade later, the Parish Priest of Shankill began to discuss, with the Newry Sisters, the possibility of a similar community being established in Lurgan. This happened, a year later, when the first Sisters came from Newry to Lurgan on 20th August 1866.

Catherine designed a distinctive 'Mercy Cross' for her Sisters. It was a white cross set against a black background. Catherine wanted it to remind the Sisters of the centrality of the crucified Christ in their spiritual lives. Interestingly, however, it has no figure of Christ on the cross. Catherine believed that the religious Sister should strive to be that presence of Christ to the people she lived and moved amongst. This echoed the thinking of the 16th century Carmelite reformer, St. Teresa of Avila, who had famously written 'Christ has no body now on earth, but yours'.

Catherine McAuley died at her Dublin House of Mercy, in November 1841, having contracted tuberculosis. There were around 100 Mercy Sisters by the time of her death. Catherine was declared 'Venerable' by Pope John Paul II in April 1990.



We welcome in to our
Christian Community

Fionn James Lavery
Bowens Mews,
Callum Stephen Thornbury
Riverglade Manor,

Taylor Andrew Loughran
Downshire Avenue,
Rose Colette Bailey
Kiln Lodge,

Pearse Declan McCorry
Downshire Avenue,
Darragh Alex Murphy
Bleary,

Keila Aileen Marshall McGeown
James Street.

Our prayers and good wishes
is extended to their family
and friends.

In The Beginning

Was The Word (John 1:1)

Would you like help in understanding the Word (Bible)?

Our Alpha Community Group meets in Mount Zion House every fortnight, starting **Friday, 2nd Sept., at 7.45 pm for 8 pm start.**
Everyone welcome, tea/coffee provided.

St. Ronan's College, Lurgan

Return dates for students

Thursday, 1st Sept. – Year 8
Two induction sessions for Year 8 pupils and parents in full school uniform.

Session 1 - 9.30 am – 11.30 am
(8FN, 8CC, 8PT, 8JS, 8BG)

Session 2 - 1pm – 3 pm
(8RT, 8CT, 8GM, 8JN, 8EZ)

Thursday, 1st Sept. – Year 11 & Year 13
Friday, 2nd Sept. – ALL Year Groups.

Lismore Return to School Dates

Year 8 – Thursday, 1st & 2nd September
ALL Year Groups – Monday, 5th September

Best wishes to all of our students
for the new school year ahead.

Zion's Den :: Childcare Centre

is offering Daycare/Afterschool/Holiday Care. New from **14th September**, drop off at schools, tel: Grainne Thornton, 3834 2648.



Few months remain of this **Jubilee Year of Mercy** and one of Ireland's oldest places of pilgrimage, **Lough Derg**, offers

One Day Retreats on
4th/6th/7th/10th/12th/17th/18th
and 24th September.

Places are still available on two alternative Special Retreat Days ***A Day of Friendship & Prayer*** on **Wednesday, 14th September.**

Living with Suicide
on
Wednesday, 21st September.

Everyone welcome.

Tel: Maureen, 071 986 1518
info@loughderg.org
www.loughderg.org

Due To The High Demand For The Year Of Mercy Special Pilgrimage

To Poland
an extra date has been included.

Sunday, 23rd – Thursday,
27th October, '16
plus Sunday, 6th – Thursday,
10th November '16

Visits include:
The Divine Mercy Sanctuary of St. Faustina,
The birthplace of St. John Paul II in Wadowice
The Shrine to Our Lady Queen of Poland in Czestochowa
The St. John Paul Centre, "Do Not Be Afraid",
and many other places near and around Krakow – optional visits to Auschwitz and Wieliczka Salt Mines UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Hotel Matejko (4 star B & B) in heart of Krakow.

Tel: 028 4175 3777 or jerome@seafields.co.uk on 07836 734040 or Fr. Mario jachym34@gmail.com on 07710 233350.

Early booking advisable to avail of cheaper flights.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Nora Magee, Australia.

ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST

Vigil

Kathleen Haughey, Francis Street,
Anne Toner, Francis Street,
Una Wilson, Portadown.

9 am

Annette Williamson, Church Walk,
Jean Creaney, Oakridge,
Finbarr Dummigan, Albert Street.

10.30 am

Mena Leatham, Rectory Park.

12 noon

Raymond McCrory, Beech Court,
Peter McCrory, Victoria Street,
Catherine McCrory, Victoria Street,
Margaret Johnston, Victoria Street,
Danny Harte, Woodville Elms,
Mary Devlin, Ann Street.

MONDAY 29 AUGUST

Rose McCann, Silverwood Drive,
Sean McCann, Craigavon,
Nuala Farren, Beech Court,
Fr. Jim Kerr, North Street.

TUESDAY 30 AUGUST

Patricia Byrne, West Meath.

WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST

Tommy & Mary French, Edward Street,
Patrick Molloy, Manor Park.

THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Marie Green, Hawthorne Avenue,
Joe Gaskin, Wesley Place.

FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

Geraldine McKenna, Knockramer Meadows,
Paddy Thornbury, Rampart Street,
Maureen Derby, Brown Street.

SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

John Henry Conway, Drumlin Drive,
Eileen Morgan, Silverwood Drive,
Lily Thornbury, Shankill Street.

Lurgan Library,

Tuesday 6th September.

Local History Talk

Not Forgotten – Lurgan
& The Great War
by Richard Edgar

Tuesday, 6th September,

"Headstart"

is the British Heart Foundation's 2 hour
Emergency Life Support Skills programme.
FREE. Booking essential.

Tel: 3832 3912.

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