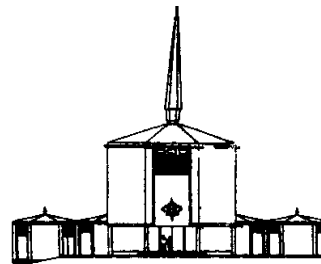


Bulletin



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 3 July 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

Supporting our brothers and sisters Overseas
Dear Parishioners
I want to acknowledge the very generous contributions made by St Paul's Parish to peoples in poor and developing parts of our world in recent months. The *Trocaire Lenten Campaign* was very widely supported and from Trocaire boxes returned and donations received, in the weeks following Easter, the parish was able to forward **£13,215** to Trocaire last month. As the government was committed to matching Trocaire donations in 2016 'pound for pound', our parish contribution will effectively have a value of over £26,000 to Trocaire's various overseas development projects. Trocaire are deeply grateful to the parishioners of St Paul's for your wonderful support of them, once again, this year.

At the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses on 21st/22nd May, we had representatives of the *Missionary Sisters of St Columban* with us and we heard of their current missionary commitments and plans. In response to the Sisters' presence and their appeal that weekend, many envelopes were generously returned and these have continued to come into the parish office and collections baskets over the weeks since then. The Missionary Sisters have, by this week, received a total of **£2064.74** and **€69** from St Paul's Parish. They are greatly indebted to those who have contributed towards this very generous sum and would want parishioners to know of their immense gratitude for your concern and support for their missionary work.

Office Closed
Mon. 11th July - Fri. 15th July

All *July Anniversaries* to be left into the Parish Office by **Monday, 4th July.**

A sincere thanks to all our parishioners for your wonderful response to both of the above appeals, over recent months and weeks. Our parish has, again, been very mindful of those in more deprived and developing parts of our world today.

Fr Andrew McMahon

Youth 2000 Summer Festival
Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

Thursday 7th – Sunday 10th July for young people aged 16 – 35.

An Opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1200 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year.
The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland.

Teach Me
To share the gifts you have given me
To speak out for the victims of injustice who have no voice
To reject the violence which runs through much of our world today.
Holy Spirit of God,
renew my hope for a world free from the cruelty and evil of war so that we may all come to share in God's peace and justice. **Amen.**

Family Care Adoption Society
is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children.
Tel. 02871 368592/02890 691133.

St. Peter & St. Paul's Come & Pray, Prayer Group
is on holiday for July.

Will recommence on, **2 August**, '16.

Divine Mercy Relic available.
Tel: Teresa, 38 327 673.

Lurgan Town Hall
Old Style Step Dance of Ireland

beginning September, 38 345 522.

Clan Eireann Youth Club Summer Scheme 2016
(Strictly over 7 years)
Monday, 4th July – Thursday, 21st July
Monday – Thursday, £1.50 daily, 10 am -12.30 pm & 2 pm – 4 pm
Volunteers, tel: Stephen, 38 323 080.

St. Maria Goretti



Feast Day, 6th July
Patron Saint of Youth, Young Women, Purity and Victims of Rape
Born on 16th October, 1890 in Corinaldo, in the Ancona Province in Italy.

On 5th July, 1902, Maria was sitting outside the steps of her home sewing her brother Alessandro's shirt while he threshed beans in the barnyard. Alessandro surprised her and grabbed her from her steps. When he tried to rape her, Maria cried that it was a mortal sin and warned he would go to hell. When Alessandro persisted, she fought him and screamed, "No! It is a sin! Alessandro began to choke her and she said she would rather die than submit. Alessandro pulled out a knife and stabbed her eleven times. When she attempted to reach the door, he stabbed her three more times then fled.

Unfortunately, her wounds were beyond the surgeon's ability to help. The next day, Maria forgave Alessandro and said she wanted to see him in Heaven with her. She died that day while looking upon an image of the Virgin Mary and holding a cross to her chest. Alessandro was captured, he admitted what he had done and was sentenced to 30 years in prison. He was unrepentant for his actions until he had a dream that he was in a garden, Maria was there and gave him lilies, which immediately burned in his hands. When he woke, he was a changed man. He repented his crime and lived a reformed life. When he was released 27 years later, he went to Maria's mother and begged her forgiveness, which she gave, saying, "If my daughter can forgive him, who am I to withhold forgiveness?"

Maria was beatified by Pope Pius XII on 27th April, 1947, three years later, on 24th June, 1950, Maria was declared a saint and Alessandro was present in the St. Peter's crowd to celebrate her canonization. He later became a lay brother of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, where he lived in a monastery and worked as its receptionist and gardener until his death.

Lough Neagh, Discovery Centre :: Oxford Island, **Yoga For You**
Saturday, 30th July, 10 am - 11.15 am. Tel: 0789 6857768.

School's Out

(for parents as summer begins)



If you can, if you could,
Take them walking in the wood.
Of richest treasure be a giver,
Let them stroll down by the river.

From early morning until dark,
Watch them playing in the park.
See the radiance in their faces,
Shining in the open spaces.

And even more, still more
Near the broad sandy shore.
Be their protector and guide,
By the low lakeside.

Nourish their brains
In shady lanes.
No charge or bills
Through rolling hills.

From hue and cry
To mountains high.
Laughs and squeals
In buttercup fields.

As they please,
Through bushes and trees.
Plucking wild flowers
In grassy bowers.

Making the most
Of a bird on a post.
Looking up higher
For birds on the wire.

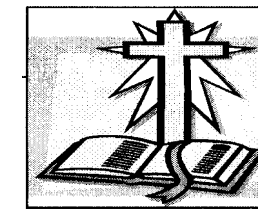
Watching rabbits darting over,
Warren grass and clumps of clover.
Rest in the sun,
Having had so much fun.

*Lord, may we teach our children
how to really enjoy themselves
this summer.*

*For parents, the long summer
holiday
from school means finding ways
to keep children busy and
entertained.*

*No need for children to be bored.
There are so many
simple pleasures to be had.*

Enjoy!



RECENTLY DECEASED
James Connolly, Manor Park,
Carmel Mc Nerney, Aghagallon,
James (Smokey) Mulholland, Hill Court.

ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY 3 JULY

Vigil

Deirdre Cooney, Carrickvale,
Mary O'Neill, Ashwood, M.M.,
Joseph Patrick Blaney, Monbrief Walk,
John Doherty, (Snr) Lurgan,
John Doherty, Craigavon,
Catherine McCloskey, London.

9 am

Eamon Mallon, Richmount Gardens,
Nuala King.

12 noon

Davie McCreanor, Cafolla Gardens.

MONDAY 4 JULY

Jack McLearnon, North Street,
John Jordan, Arthur Street.

TUESDAY 5 JULY

Mickey Kerr, Glenholme Park,
Gabriel Treanor, Downshire Avenue,
Jim Lennon, Killough Gardens, M.M.,
Eamon (Pope) McCann, Rampart Street.

WEDNESDAY 6 JULY

Patsy Magennis, Manor Park,
Colette Elliott, Francis Street,
Sheila Doran, (Snr) Drumnakelly.

THURSDAY 7 JULY

John McMullan, Drumlin Drive.

FRIDAY 8 JULY

Eddie McKerr, Manchester,
Kathleen Towe, Levin Road.

SATURDAY 9 JULY

Jimmy McMahon, North Street,
Michael Brady, Silverwood Drive,
Joe Maxwell, Edward Street,
Marie Magill, Richmount Gardens.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
£2,714, thank you.