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# Parish of Loughgilly

The Mission of Loughgilly Parish Pastoral Council is ...

“To be aware of our Parish needs, bringing together God’s people to enrich and develop our faith, so that we may reflect the image of a true disciple of Christ”.

**CONFESSIONS:** Each Saturday at 6.30pm

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:**

St Malachy’s @ 7.00pm

**SUNDAY MORNING MASS:**

St Brigid’s @ 10am

St Teresa’s @ 11.30am

**ADORATION:**

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm in St Brigid’s Church.

**NORMAL WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

Tuesday: St Brigid’s @ 10.00am

Wednesday: St Teresa’s @ 10.00am

Thursday: St Malachy’s @ 10.00am

First Friday Only: St Brigid’s @ 7.00pm

*(In the event of a Funeral, 10am Mass will be cancelled)*

**BAPTISMS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month in St Malachy’s at 6.00pm. *(Book on Parish Website)*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
10.30am-2.30pm

**SVP Helpline: 07561011117**

Weekly Parish Bulletin – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Eamon Leonard, Clady, V. Rev. Thomas McNulty PE.

**LOUGHGILLY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February – St Malachy’s @ 7.00pm**

**Kathleen Rooney MM**

Philip Hughes

Mary Kennedy

Michael Collins

Patrick John & Mary Brigid McCann

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February – St Brigid’s @ 10.00am**

**Brigid Kells MM**

**Patsy McVerry 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

**Pat Savage 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

Michael & Aileen McVerry

Brigid McParland

Barney Savage

Patricia Toner

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February – St Teresa’s @ 11.30am**

Hugh O’Hanlon

Mary & Joseph Pickering

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February- St Malachy’s @ 7.00pm**

Lucy McParland

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February – St Brigid’s @ 10.00am**

**Eugene (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) & Rita Malone**

Paddy McDonnell

Seamus Bennett

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February - St Teresa’s @ 11.30am**

Maureen & James McQuade & DM

Tony McParland & DM

**MASS CHANGE**

There will be **NO MASS** this coming Tuesday Morning.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

4<sup>th</sup> February – Main Collection 93 Envelopes - £1229.27

Priest Dues Collection – 102 Envelopes - £1264.00

**NEW ENVELOPE BOXES**

In preparation for the new boxes of envelopes which will be out soon we would appreciate if those who have moved house or perhaps do not currently have a box of envelopes would contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

**READERS ROTA**

Available online and from the church sacristies.

**CHURCH CLEANING**

We would be grateful if Parishioners would assist with the cleaning of the inside and outside our Churches. If you can help, please speak to the Church Sacristan or contact the Parish Office.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – ASSISI PASTORAL CENTRE**

The Parish is seeking parishioners who would be interested in managing the Pastoral Centre, this may include planning activities, managing activities, assisting with events or caretaking duties. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the Parish Office.



The Liturgy is greatly enhanced by the presence of appropriate liturgical music, this forms part of our collective celebrations and are a great asset to the

Celebration of the Eucharist. Any Parishioner who would like to join or revive a choir in the Parish are asked to contact the Parish Office.

**PARISH DRAW FEBRUARY WINNERS**

£500	No. 433	Cathal McParland
£200	No. 412	Aislinn Murphy
£100	No. 272	Patricia Mooney

**PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION**

Mass for Temperance Sunday and World Day of Prayer for the Sick will be broadcast this Sunday 11 February 2024 at 11.00 am on RTÉ TV & Radio.

**JOURNEY THROUGH LENT AS A FAMILY**



Will you join us as a family this **ASH WEDNESDAY?** We look forward to welcoming you as we begin our Journey through Lent. Masses for **Ash Wednesday** are at **10.00am in St Teresa’s & 7.00pm in St Brigid’s Church.**

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a period of 40 days symbolising the 40 days which Jesus spent praying and fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry. Perhaps this Lent we can consider how to prepare ourselves to begin our renewed mission, the mission which was given to us at our Baptism and which we renew at Easter, a mission to spread the Good News of the Gospel.

*Parishioners are reminded that this is a day of fasting and abstinence.*

## ASH WEDNESDAY

THE BEGINNING OF LENT

### WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Palm branches blessed on Palm Sunday of the previous year are burned to create ashes which will be imposed on the faithful's foreheads.

### WHY USE ASHES

Since the Old Testament, ashes have been a symbol of repentance. Imposing it upon the faithful's forehead is a reminder and an invitation to repent, and follow God.

### WHAT IS LENT

The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by praying, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.

PRAYING FASTING ABSTINENCE

### WHAT IS FASTING

One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal.

### WHAT IS ABSTINENCE

Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

### DAYS OF FAST

Ash Wednesday Good Friday

### DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday All Fridays of Lent Good Friday

### WHO ARE REQUIRED

Catholics aged 18 to 59

The sick are excused from fasting

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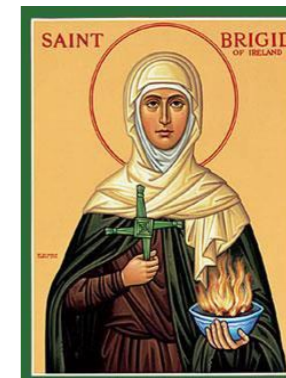
Mandatory for everyone older than 14 years old

Sources: Code of Canon Law, Roman Missal, Pope Benedict XVI (General Audience, 9 March 2011)

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**ARMAGH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

The Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 takes place this year from the 12 to 17 May 2024. All local committees have received their booking packages. The fare is €895 per person sharing (single Room Supplement €190) Travel Insurance of €39 extra. The fare includes: Flights to and from Lourdes, Transfers to and from Airport in Lourdes, Full Board, Full Pilgrimage Programme, All Airport Taxes. For further details please contact your local Committee. NAMES MUST BE IN BY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY!!



**ST BRIGID 1500<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION**

St Brigid’s Day is now over, we had our celebrations, we made our Crosses and perhaps left our clothes out asking St Brigid to leave her Blessing on them. St Brigid is a Saint with much to teach us especially when we get to know her. Over the next year the Parish will seek to provide

opportunities for people to learn more about this great Saint. We will mark the 1500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death and focus on the ministry that she left to the Irish people. Please look out for further information in the weeks ahead. The Parish encourage Parishioners to visit our Church dedicated to St Brigid, one of only 7 Churches in the Archdiocese of Armagh. We have left some prayer cards and some candles priced at £1 which you may like to use when you visit the Church. If you have any ideas on activities that the Parish could do to celebrate this year dedicated to St Brigid, then please contact the Parish, or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

## Divine Mercy Conference

23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

“Jesus I Trust In You”

**Divine Mercy Conference 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February, RDS, Dublin**

Spiritual journey to the Divine Mercy Conference in the RDS in Dublin. We are excited to offer two options of organised transport, a one day trip or full weekend conference. Book Your Seat Now!

To express your interest and secure your spot, please contact: Brenda at 078-569-68091 or Mary at 075-007-06798

Pomeroy Bus: One day conference on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

OR Una at 07743575969, Toome Bus: A weekend conference from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>-Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

Register as soon as possible to guarantee your place on this special trip with amazing talks and healing.

To learn More About the Conference see <https://www.divinemercyconference.com>



**Just to remind Parishioners that Mass Cards for Deceased, Special Intentions, Get Well and Birthdays are available from all Sacristies and**

**from both Whitecross and Belleeks Shops.**