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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 @ 10.00am

*(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 – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**LOUGHGILLY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February – St Brigid’s @ 10.00am**

James & Vera Crilly & DM

Kieran McCann

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February – St Teresa’s @ 11.30am**

John & Kathleen McGuigan

Gerry Reynolds & DM

Bernard & Alice Connolly

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March- St Malachy’s @ 7.00pm**

John, Margaret & Patrick Cowan

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – St Brigid’s @ 10.00am**

Benny & Sarah McNamee

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - St Teresa’s @ 11.30am**

Tommy Reidy

Mary Toner

John Donaghy & DM

Paddy & Annie Rafferty

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

18<sup>th</sup> February – Main Collection 122 Envelopes - £1518.46

Priest Dues Collection – 14 Envelopes - £94.00



**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.

**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.



**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.**



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.



Stations of the Cross takes place each Sunday evening during Lent at 7pm. This week stations will take place in St Malachy’s Church, Ballymoyer.

**CHURCH REPAIRS**

We are very grateful for the donations for both the above projects. In order to continue the work on both Churches, we need the support of **EVERYONE** who has any attachment to any of our Churches. We would be grateful if you could speak to family and friends about the Church projects and invite them to visit our website, which gives information on how they can assist this fundraising campaign. Parishioners may also wish to visit the website which includes some images of the poor state of the roof in St Laurence O’Toole’s Church and the Windows in St Malachy’s Church. For further information please visit [www.parishofloughgilly.com/fundraising](http://www.parishofloughgilly.com/fundraising)



**RECENT MEETING SYNOPSIS**

At a recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council the following items were discussed.

Thanks was given to Elaine Cunningham and the Parish Choir in Ballymoyer and to all others who assisted in the beautiful Carol Service.

Danny McSherry was thanked for his work selling Trocaire gifts, thanks was also expressed to all those who supported the work of Trocaire.

Clare Donnelly was elected as the Chairperson of the PPC, the PPC wished her well in the role.

The Diocesan Pastoral worker spoke to the PPC about the ongoing Church Synod and congratulated the Parish on already moving forward with a two year plan based on the outcomes of the synod (Plan can be viewed online at

<https://parishofloughgilly.com/parish-life/parish-groups/pastoral-parish-council/> )

The PPC were given an overview of the ongoing works in St Laurence O’Toole’s Church. Essentially there is major structural issues with the roof structure due to ingress of many years of water.

Assisi Centre was discussed with members asked to encourage new activities in the centre. Some activities discussed were Mother and Toddlers morning, tea mornings, men’s shed, knitting groups, prayer group and youth activities. *(Parishioners are welcome to suggest other activities and to volunteer to assist with these in the centre)*

The Parish has submitted a request for a permanent relic of St Brigid to be retained in St Brigid’s Church. The PPC also discussed events for this year dedicated to St Brigid. Members were advised that a prayer card had been commissioned by the Parish and was available in St Brigid’s, dedicated candles are also available.

Liturgies for Lent were discussed with Stations of the Cross planned for each Sunday evening at 7pm, in various Churches led by various groups. A Light in the Night which includes Adoration by Candlelight with Music, Reflections and Confessions will take place on Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Vocations were discussed and as part of the Churches year of Prayer for vocations there will be 12 hours of Adoration on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March in St Malachy’s Church.

The proposal to have a defibrillator installed at St Brigid’s Church was discussed, and funding will be sought for this.