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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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

**LOUGHGILLY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:**

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

John, Margaret & Patrick Cowan

Jim Lavelle

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

Benny & Sarah McNamee

Michael & Margaret McParland

John & Teresa McParland

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

Tommy Reidy

Mary Toner

John Donaghy & DM

Paddy & Annie Rafferty

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March – St Malachy’s @ 7.00pm**

Caroline Feehan

Frank Simpson

Paddy Cannon

Christy Cannon

Kathleen Kennon

Peter & Teresa Finnegan

Michael John McElroy

Mick & Teresa McElroy

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March – St Brigid’s @ 10.00am**

**Mary & Sr Carmel Loye 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversaries**

James & Josephine Smyth

James Savage

Hugh & Annie Savage

Sean Murphy

Bronagh McDonnell

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

25<sup>th</sup> February – Main Collection 128 Envelopes - £1548.35

**NEW ENVELOPE BOXES**

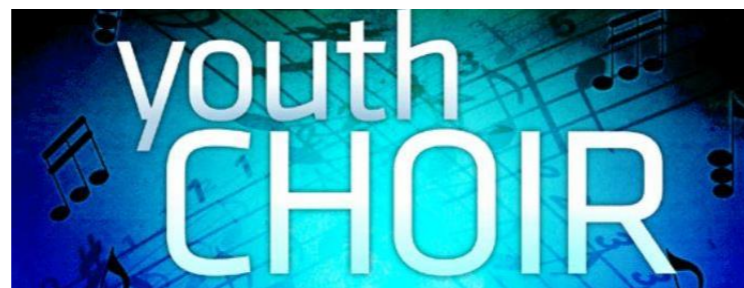
In preparation for the new boxes of envelopes which will be out soon, we would appreciate if those who have moved house or perhaps do

not currently have a box of envelopes would contact the Parish Office. Thank you.



Please keep in your prayers the 43 Children who will receive their First Penance after weekday Masses this coming week.

We invite Parents to attend the children’s First Penance as they continue to support their Children towards First Holy communion.



Prior to the Covid 19 pandemic the Parish had a large Youth Choir led by Elaine Cunningham which had a number of young people from across the Parish. This Choir sang at various occasions across the four Churches and enhanced each Liturgy they participated in. We are very keen to re-establish this Choir which will largely join with our Ballymoyer Choir on Saturday evenings but will also on occasions sing in other Churches particularly when Youth or Family Masses take place. We know there are excellent young singers in our local schools and therefore encourage them to join our Youth Choir.

**The first practice will take place in St Malachy’s Church Ballymoyer on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 6.00pm -6.45pm.**



Stations of the Cross takes place each Sunday evening during Lent at 7pm. This week stations will take place in St Brigid’s Church, this will be led by members of the Lourdes groups and those who are ill in the Parish will be especially remembered.



**St Malachy’s Window Repairs**

To date three windows have been repaired at St Malachy’s Church as well as the timbers in the back windows being repaired. We have funds to complete one further window at the front of the Church after which works will stop until funds become available.

**St Laurence O’Toole’s Church**

Having further examined the roof and supporting beams within them there are 5 out of the 12 beams found to have deteriorated extensively and will need to be repaired or replaced. We have also been advised that part of the exterior plaster will have to be removed and subsequently plastered. This work is significantly more than originally planned and naturally will cost more than we had originally budgeted for. Currently we are awaiting report from our structural engineers before we can continue.

**Finances**

Work on St Malachy’s will stop when the next window is completed until further funds are available. Work on St Laurence O’Toole’s begun as we had received a good initial response from our “Donate a Slate” campaign, this allowed us to begin the work with an expectation that further donations would be made when the work begun. What was a steady flow of donations is now a trickle and while we would like to complete the works in St Laurence O’Toole’s we can only do this with everyone’s support. Every donated slate helps us with the repair of the Church.

We appeal once again for every Parishioner to support this project by purchasing at least one slate and also asking family members to do the same.

If you can donate to either Church repair project please use the Envelopes in the Churches or visit the parish online at [www.parishofloughgilly.com/fundraising/](http://www.parishofloughgilly.com/fundraising/)



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.



A group of Parishioners will be starting a Parent and Toddler group each Wednesday Morning in the Assisi Centre beginning on the 10<sup>th</sup> April. This is open to everyone, with children getting some toast and juice and parents having the opportunity for a chat over a tea/coffee. Further details will be given in the coming weeks. Those involved in establishing this group would be grateful of any donations of toys indoor or outdoor which are in good condition. We will give details next week of where and when these can be donated, and we thank you in anticipation of your support.



Zoom Webinar NATIONAL VOCATIONS OFFICE IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

## THE LAST PRIEST IN IRELAND? IT DEPENDS ON YOU!

Are you concerned about the decline in Vocations?  
What can I do to promote Vocations?  
What else can be done?

The National Vocations Office in collaboration with The Hook of Faith are running an online (Zoom) Webinar

**Tuesday 5th March 8 pm to 9 pm**

Keynote Speaker – Breda O’Brien

To register for this webinar simply email: [thehookoffaith@gmail.com](mailto:thehookoffaith@gmail.com)

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All Are Welcome

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