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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 – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Eamon Leonard, Clady, V. Rev. Thomas McNulty PE, Kathleen Rooney, Brigid Kells (*nee McParland*), Peter Hayes (*Derbyshire*), Helen McParland, Michael Quinn, Maureen McArdle.

**LOUGHGILLY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February- St Malachy’s @ 7.00pm**

Brenda & Joseph McCann

Maureen White

Fiona Kennon

Patrick (Poppy) Cooney

Mary Cooney

Ambrose McParland

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February – St Brigid’s @ 10.00am**

**Mona Smith 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

Kathleen & John Tully

Sean Boyle

Patrick Finnegan

Patsy Finnegan

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February - St Teresa’s @ 11.30am**

Jody Rafferty

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – St Teresa’s @ 10.00am**

**Parish Mass Card Intentions**

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

**Kathleen Rooney MM**

Philip Hughes

Mary Kennedy

Michael Collins

**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

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

28<sup>th</sup> January – Main Collection 104 Envelopes - £1084.11

**PRIEST DUES TAKEN UP THIS WEEKEND.**

**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 are seeking parishioner 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 form a choir in the Parish are asked to contact the Parish Office.

**PARISH DRAW**

February Draw takes place on Thursday. Sellers please have returns in by Wednesday. Thank you.

**PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION**

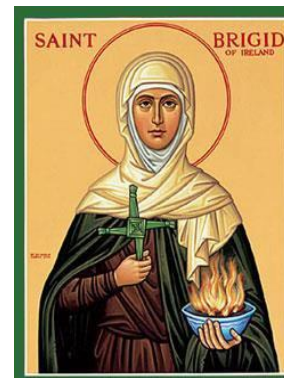
Mass for Temperance Sunday and World Day of Prayer for the Sick will be broadcast next Sunday 11 February 2024 at 11.00 am on RTÉ TV & Radio.

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK – 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**For this celebration, Anointing of the sick** will take place in St Teresa’s Church next Sunday at 11.30am Mass. We ask that parishioners offer to bring neighbours and relatives who are sick to this Mass. *Parishioners are reminded that this is a Sacrament and therefore should not be received lightly, this is for those who are medically or mentally ill.*

**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.



**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.

**ALPHA COURSE**

Alpha Course Starts Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Pastoral Hall, Jonesborough, facilitated by Deacon George Kingsnorth. Curious about faith? Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session, you’ll be hosted in a small group and watch an episode on a different question of faith – then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all. Everyone’s welcome. You’re invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It’s free and there’s no pressure to come back. For further information contact Deacon George at [george.kingsnorth@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:george.kingsnorth@yahoo.co.uk).

**Dominican Contemplative Sisters, Drogheda Vocation Discernment Weekend**

Vocation discernment weekend in the Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92KR84, from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. For young, single women between the ages of 18-35 years old. Please contact: Sr. Mairead O.P. at : [sienavoc@gmail.com](mailto:sienavoc@gmail.com).

## 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>

**Marriage enrichment Weekend**

Marriage Enrichment is a Weekend experience is for married couples who want something more in their marriage ~ more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion, joy. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 28<sup>h</sup> April 2024. Venue: Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Online booking only: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie).

**BELLEKS AND BALLYMOYER CHURCH REPAIRS**

We are very grateful for the donations for both the above projects, however over the last number of weeks donations have reduced significantly. 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 site 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.

Please visit [www.parishofloughgilly.com/fundraising](http://www.parishofloughgilly.com/fundraising) to further information.