



PARISH PRIEST

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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 @ 10.00am

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:

1st 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 – Easter Sunday 2024

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Deighan, John McParland, Kathleen Lennon

LOUGHGILLY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:

Easter Vigil Sat 30th March - St Teresa’s @ 7.00pm

EASTER MASS BOUQUET INTENTIONS

Alice O’Hare

Vincent, Kitty, Michael & Anna Tamney

Easter Sunday 31st March – St Brigid’s @ 10.00am

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Susan Bennett

Lucy McDonnell

James Arthur Murphy & DM

Easter Sunday 31st March - St Malachy’s @ 11.30am

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Peter James McParland

Saturday 6th April – St Malachy’s @ 7.00pm

Thomas McVerry

Richard, Elizabeth, Hugh & John Bradley

May, John & Eilish Gibney

Benny & Susie Feehan

Frank & Mary Kennon

Maureen & John McParland

Peter, Tommy, Kevin & Francie McCann

Sunday 7th April – St Brigid’s @ 10.00am

Frances McGivern

MASS CHANGES

There will be NO Morning Mass in the Parish during this coming Easter week.

ADORATION- There will be No Adoration this Tuesday.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

24th March – Main Collection 122 Envelopes - £1372.90

Priest Easter Dues also taken up this Weekend.

TROCAIRE DONATIONS

Donations for Trocaire can be placed in an Envelope marked TROCAIRE and put in the collection basket on the weekend of **Sunday 7th April**. Please make all cheques payable to Loughgilly Parish.

NEW ENVELOPE BOXES – PLEASE COLLECT!!

Boxes of envelopes can now be collected from the three Churches. If you have not got a box of envelopes please contact the Parish and the situation can be corrected. Anyone who wishes to sign up to Gift Aid can contact the Parish Office – this is a simply process which allows the Parish to claim government funding on every donation you make but at no cost to you.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed this coming week.



MENS SHED – Gathering of Mens Shed continues this coming **Thursday in the Assisi Centre at 7.30pm** for a mug of Tea and a bit of Craic. **All Welcome**

No commitment expected, just come along for an hour and enjoy the craic! Men’s Shed is an informal group of men who meet up for a chat with each other, create things and keep busy.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP – Begins on

Wednesday 10th April 10am-11.30am This is open to everyone, with children getting some toast and juice and parents having the opportunity for a chat over a tea/coffee. We would be grateful of any donations of toys indoor or outdoor which are in good condition. **Donations can be brought to the Parish Office by arrangement.**

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP – Group will commence on Thursday 11th April at 7.00pm. Lectio is a meditative way of reading the Bible in which we let go of our own agendas and open ourselves to what God is trying to say to us.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Saturday 25th May 2024 – St Malachy’s Church @ 7.00pm

Sunday 26th May 2024 – St Laurence O’Toole’s @10.00am

Sunday 26th May 2024 – St Teresa’s Church @ 11.30am

PARISH DRAW WINNERS - MARCH

£500 NO. 183 Margaret McSherry

£200 NO. 412 Aislinn Murphy

£100 NO. 290 Shauna Hughes

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone who supports our Parish Draw.

EMERGENCY SICK CALLS

In the event of an emergency sick call for those living at home, Parishioners should contact the Parochial House. For those who are in hospital, you should ask the Ward Sister to contact the Chaplain. Pastoral Area contact number in case of being unable to contact me are:

Cullyhanna – Canon Toner – 02830861235

Crossmaglen – Fr Maloney – 02830861208

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Chaplet will be recited each day in St Teresa’s at 3pm.



Dear Parishioners,

Greetings of Easter Peace and Joy in the risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

Easter, the day that marks the resurrection of Christ, is the feast of all feasts. This Feast invites us to look beyond our failures. It is a forward looking feast.

It instils in us such a sense of hope that says to us, **“Never Say Die!”**. *Joy and hope* are the key words of Easter. This feast has life as the ultimate reality.

Therefore, with St. Augustine, we should say today ... **“We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song”**.

May all of us be rooted in this Easter faith. I wish to thank all our parishioners for your continued support and constant prayers. I thank our Sacristans, Choirs and Musicians, Church decorators, cleaners, Ministers of the Eucharistic and the Word, church collectors, parish draw collectors, altar servers, parish pastoral council, finance committee, and you the good people of God for your dedicated and loving service and generosity to our parish during this holy season and throughout the year.

May the risen Christ’s love and peace fill your hearts and homes this Easter Day and always. Amen.

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We ask Parishioner to keep the inner Church doors closed to keep heat in our Churches and reduce heating costs.

We also ask that people please enter and leave through the side door in both St Teresa’s and St

Brigid’s Churches, the double doors should only be open in the event of a Funeral or due to an emergency. It cost the Parish over £7000.00 to heat the Churches last year, to date this year we have already spent £11000.00 so please help us reduce costs by not opening the double doors.

Thank You.

UPDATE ON CHURCH REPAIRS

ST MALACHY’S - A further Window will be removed from St Malachy’s Church after Easter as we received donations to cover this. We will then pause the restoration until further funds are available.

ST BRIGID’S – Some planned maintenance work was carried out in the Church recently and has now been completed.

ST LAURENCE O’TOOLE’S – As parishioners will be aware the parish begun to replace the roof on the Church which was essential – a damp specialist surveyed the building and informed us of woodworm, however we have now discovered water damage to various beams within the Church. We are awaiting reports from specialist and from structural engineers before we can make a decision on the next steps. What is clear however is that extensive funds will be required to repair the damage and ensure the church is left structurally safe.



We have a number of ways in which people can support the Parish to repair and maintain our four churches such as:

- Contribute weekly to the Parish weekly collection and if you pay tax by signing up to the Gift Aid scheme. Therefore allowing the Parish to claim an extra 25p on every £1 you donate at no cost to yourself. As you are aware from the bulletin only about 113 envelopes are returned each weekend, we would therefore encourage anyone without an envelope to contact the parish – and then to use it weekly.
- Donate to the **“Donate a Slate”** or **“Darkness into Light”** campaign online at www.parishofloughgilly.com/fundraising/ or pick up a donation envelope from any of our Churches.
- Parishioners can make a donation by visiting the Parish Office during opening hours.