



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 – 24th March 2024

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Deighan, John McParland, Kathleen Lennon

LOUGHGILLY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday 24th March – St Brigid’s @ 10.00am

PALM SUNDAY

Felix Deighan & DM

Michael McCann

Teresa Kelly

Madge, Brian, Canon Sean, Fr Tom, Bernard & Bridget Bennett

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

Alice O’Hare

Vincent, Kitty, Michael & Anna Tamney

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

Susan Bennett

Lucy McDonnell

James Arthur Murphy & DM

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

Peter James McParland

PARISH COLLECTIONS

17th March – Main Collection 113 Envelopes - £1565.33

Priest Easter Dues also taken up Next 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 as this will be lodged by us and then sent as one payment to Trocaire.

NEW ENVELOPE BOXES – PLEASE COLLECT!!

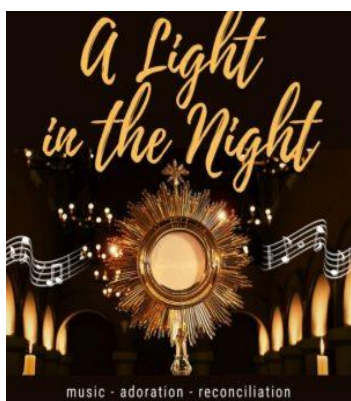
Boxes of envelopes can now be collected from the three Churches.

Easter Mass Bouquet

EASTER MASS CARDS as well as **Mass Cards for Deceased, Intentions, Get Well and Birthdays** are available from all **Sacristies** and from both **Whitecross** and **Belleeks Shops**.

LIGHT IN THE NIGHT!

Light in the Night takes place in St Teresa’s Church at 7.00pm this Sunday evening. Adoration with Reflections and Music. A Visiting Priest will also be available to hear Confessions.



Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lords Supper

St Malachy’s Ballymoyer @ 7.00pm

(All Pastoral Council Members, Ministers of the Word & Eucharistic are asked to attend for Commissioning Ceremony.)

Good Friday – Passion of the Lord

St Brigid’s Carrickannaney @ 3.00pm

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross

St Brigid’s Carrickannaney @ 7.00pm

Easter Vigil – Mass of the Lord Resurrection

St Teresa’s Tullyherron @ 7.00pm

Parishioner are invited to gather around the Easter Fire outside the Church which is where the Vigil begins.

Easter Sunday Mass

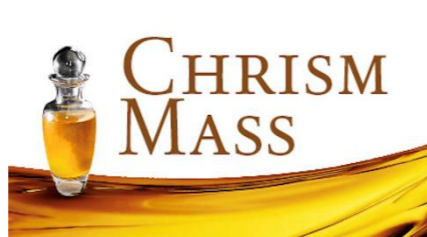
St Brigid’s Church @ 10.00am

Easter Sunday Mass

St Malachy’s Church @ 11.30am



In preparation for Easter, I will visit those on my sick call list this coming Tuesday and Wednesday. Parish Bouquets Intentions will be remembered on Tuesday and Parish Dead List on Wednesday at 10am Masses.



Archbishop Eamon, along with the clergy of the diocese, will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Wednesday, 27 March at 7.00pm in St Patrick’s Cathedral, Armagh. All are welcome. An invitation to attend is particularly extended to families with children who made their Confirmation this year.



1000 HOURS FOR VOCATIONS THANK YOU!

I wish to thank all those who organised or attended the 12 Hours of Adoration for Vocations. It was a very prayerful time and I have no doubt we will see the fruits of these prayers over the coming years.

I remind Parishioners that Adoration takes place each Tuesday in St Brigid’s Church 7pm-9pm.



MENS SHED – Following an initial meeting of those interested in forming a Men’s Shed, the group now invite Men to meet in the Assist Centre this coming **Wednesday Evening at 7.30pm for a mug of Tea** and a discussion on what the group would like to get involved in. **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 bit of craic with each other, create things and keep busy.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP – Begins on Wednesday 10th 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. 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.



March Parish Draw takes place this coming week (Early due to Easter) Sellers please have returns in by Wednesday.



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.