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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 @ 10.00am

St Teresa’s @ 11.30am

**ADORATION:**

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm & 1st Friday 6-7pm 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:**

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 – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**LOUGHGILLY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June – St Malachy’s @7.00pm**

John Kennon

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June – St Brigid’s @10.00am**

**Brigid Hayes MM**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June – St Teresa’s @11.30am**

Patrick McManus

Minnie McDonnell

Edward Toner & DM

William, Mary & Liam McGrath

Rory, Patricia & Ray O’Connor

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - St Malachy’s @7.00pm**

**James McParland 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

Patrick & Margaret Reavey

Edith & Paul McCann

Noleen Lamph

Jim & Sheila Cullen & DM

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – St Teresa’s @11.30am**

Rosemary Ferris

Joseph Canning

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

9<sup>th</sup> June – Main Collection 112 Envelopes - £1418.80

**ST PHILOMENA’S OIL**

It has come to our attention that St Philomena Oil is being sold on local Facebook groups. To be clear Holy Oils should not be sold. We have now obtained St Philomena’s Oil and Cord which is available in the Church Sacristies. Donations if you wish of no more than £2 for these.

**PARISH OFFICE**

Parish office will be **closed this coming Tuesday.**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD ROTA**

Rota is available on the Parish Website and from Church Sacristies. If you are not available to read on your assigned date, **please get cover.** Thank you to all our Readers.

**PARISH DRAW WINNERS – Congratulations!!**

**£500** NO.124 – Matthew, Laura & Rebecca Mitchell

**£200** NO.191 - Colin Ferris

**£100** NO.372 – Shane & Brigid Nogher

**EMERGENCY SICK CALLS** - In the event of an emergency sick call for those at home, contact the Parochial House. For those who are in hospital, 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**



**Family Participation at Mass**

The Parish is trialling a process where families would be more involved, if they wish, in the weekend Masses. In future, after booking an anniversary Mass please email or call the Parish (during office hours) if members of your family would like to carry forward gifts, or lead the

Prayers of the faithful at the Anniversary Mass.

Prayers will be sent to you in advance of the Mass.



**Our First Family Mass takes place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July in St Malachy’s Church at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome.**

While Families are welcome and encouraged to attend Mass each weekend in the Parish, we have decided to dedicate the First Saturday of a Month as a Family Mass. At the Mass the readings, Hymns and Prayers will all be child friendly. Young people will also be asked to get involved with the Mass.



**The Parish is seeking volunteers to assist with our Baptism Preparation Course. This would involve 2 hours per month where you would assist with guiding families through preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism. Full training will be given, if interested please speak to Fr Murphy.**

**ANAM CARA PARENT EVENING 26 JUNE 2024**

Anam Cara Armagh, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 26th June at 7:15pm in The Armagh City Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online support service. Contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 028 95213120.

**GLM HALL**

Vintage, Collectable & Craft Fair takes place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 10am-4pm. Any Queries contact 0035387 6790691.



**‘Day for Life’: a dedicated day celebrating the beauty and dignity of all human life**

Day for Life Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. On Sunday 16 June, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: *The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.*

This year’s message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love. This message also includes a brief human-interest story about a young man named Matt, and the experience of a priest who ministered to Matt and his loved ones in his final months and days. This grace-filled time proved to be a period of intense compassion and profound dignity, as well as faith enriching experience of love and generosity for all concerned. The Day for Life message is available on <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024/>

**ASSISI PASTORAL CENTRE**

- Volunteers for a Management Committee are needed – if you can assist, please contact the Parish Office.
- PARENT AND TODDLERS GROUP  
Final week of our Parent and Toddlers group takes place this Wednesday 11am-12.30 in Assisi Centre. Party food this week for all the children. Parent and Toddlers will resume in early September.
- **Have you any ideas or activities that you would like to see happen in the Assisi Centre?** – if so, please contact the Parish Office.



Dear God, as the School year comes to an end, and our Children prepare for the summer holidays, we pray for your protection and guidance on them. We ask You to keep them safe from harm, both physically and emotionally. Help them to enjoy their summer break safely. Give them wisdom as they face challenging situations and help them to remember that You are always with them, no matter what. **Amen!**



**St Laurence O’Toole’s Church**

Parishioners are aware that we carried out some structural examination of the Church last year after discovering some issues of concern.

Following extensive engineer reports, we are now aware that over half of the roof joists and purlins need replacing. This will require supporting the interior ceiling while this work takes place. Currently a Structural Engineer is reviewing the various reports and will instruct us on what is the best way to move forward.

It is clear however, that significant work will need to be carried out, not just on the roof, but also on the walls of the Church. The cost involved is expected to be well in excess of what the Parish can afford without significant donations.

The Parish launched the **Donate a Slate** Campaign to cover some of the costs of work. This was initially quite successful, however, has become stagnant recently and so we ask again that people would share details of this campaign and highlight to others, the need for financial contributions if we are to restore St Laurence O’Toole’s Church to its former glory and a worthy building for Worshipping God.

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