



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 & 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 – 23rd June 2024

RECENTLY DECEASED: Thomas Toner

LOUGHGILLY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 22nd June - St Malachy’s @ 7.00pm

James McParland 1st Anniversary

Patrick & Margaret Reavey

Edith & Paul McCann

Noleen Lamph

Jim & Sheila Cullen & DM

Sunday 22nd June – St Teresa’s @ 11.30am

Rosemary Ferris

Joseph Canning

Sunday 30th June – St Brigid’s @ 10.00am

Elizabeth Murphy

Sunday 30th June – St Teresa’s @ 11.30am

Bridget & Tommy Boyle

Thomas & Josephine Rafferty & DM

PARISH COLLECTIONS

16th June – Main Collection 103 Envelopes - £1132.93

Peters Pence Collection will be taken up as a second collection after Holy Communion Next Weekend.

With your gift, regardless of its size, you express your love and trust in the Holy Father. We help Pope Francis in his mission, which extends throughout the world: from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of human development, education, peace and humanitarian interventions in the most diverse situations of need, thanks also to the daily service of the Holy See.

Thanks to the donations to Peter’s Pence, the Holy See have supported the Pope in his mission by financing 192 projects in 72 countries*. * 40.1% Africa, 22.4% Europe (Ukraine), America 19.8%, 16.1% Asia (source: last annual report published in June 2023)

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 the wish of no more than £2 for these.

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



All School Pupils in our Parish, and across our Diocese, this week received a small **Camino of St Brigid’s** Booklet. This booklet details various locations of Holy Shrines and Churches associated with St Brigid. The Diocese are encouraging families to visit these Churches and Shrines during family days out this summer.

Children will be able to stamp their books in each Church or Shrine that they visit. They may like to begin in our own St Brigid’s Church, Carrickananny.

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.



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.

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



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.



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!**

Parish Fun Day – Sunday 11th August

As the Parish prepares for our fun day we will need a significant number of volunteers needed to assist with this. If you can assist with any aspect of the day you are asked to please contact the Parish Office.

Currently we would like to hear from the following people:

Stewards – this will involve a minimum of one hour supervising an activity.

Catering Support – We hope to have a BBQ and also some traybakes and tea//coffee.

Musicians/Dancers – If you can assist in the entertainment area either by playing, singing or dancing please get in touch.

First Aiders – While we hope you are not busy we would like people on standby.

Lorry and Stage – if you have access to a curtain lorry or low stage for dancing we would love to hear from you.

Car Parking attendants – Cars will park in fields around the grounds but will need direction.



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. You can donate to our fundraisers here... www.parishofloughgilly.com/fundraising

I would encourage a Fundraising Committee to be formed to help support the above needed renovations. Please contact me for any advice or assistance at the Parochial House.

PARISH HISTORY GROUP

A meeting will take place in the Assisi Centre Belleeks, this coming Wednesday at 7.00pm. Everyone Welcome. The reason for this group is to work together to produce a book detailing the History of the Parish with particular emphasis on the Churches and Schools.

