



PARISH PRIEST

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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

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)

ADORATION:

Tuesday 7pm – 9pm & 1st Friday 6-7pm

in St Brigid's Church.

BAPTISMS:

1st Saturday of the Month in St Malachy's at 6.00pm. (Book on Parish Website)

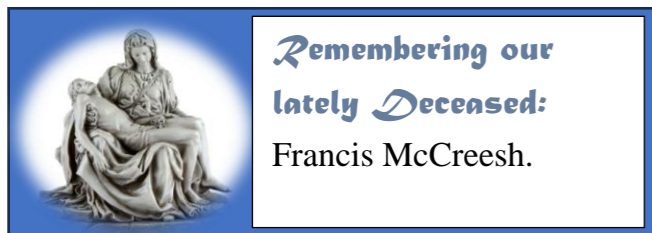
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

10.30am-2.30pm

SVP Helpline: 0756101117

Weekly Parish Bulletin – 25th August 2024



LOUGHGILLY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday 24th August – St Malachy's @ 7.00pm

Eddie Cooney 1st Anniversary

Sunday 25th August - St Brigid's @ 10.00am

Pat Connolly 1st Anniversary

Sean McDonnell

Frank Kenny & DM

Sunday 25th August – St Teresa's @ 11.30am

Edward (Eddie) & Elizabeth (Lily) Garvey

Saturday 31st August – St Malachy's Church @ 7.00pm

John Morgan

Sunday 1st September – St Teresa's Church @ 11.30am

Nellie Lonergan & DM

Edward & Margaret Rice & DM

PARISH COLLECTIONS

18th August - Main Collection £1245.81 - 112 Envelopes

Thank you for your continued contributions.

Standing Orders – If you would like to set up a direct payment to the Parish our bank details are “Loughgilly Parish Trust” Account No. 14410270 Sort Code: 981140
GIFT AID – If you pay tax you can sign up by contacting the Parish Office this means the Parish can claim an additional 25p on every £1 you donate at no cost to you!

UPCOMING MASS CHANGE

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO TUESDAY MORNING MASS THIS COMING WEEK!

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”.

Canon M Toner (Cullyhanna) 02830861235
Fr D Maloney (Crossmaglen) 02830861208



And so our 2024 Loughgilly Parish Fun Day has come and gone.....but....Our time for thanks is now!

Thanks you to everyone who attended and made the day such a happy, joy filled family celebration where we were able to celebrate our Family, our community, our Faith and our Patron Saint, Brigid and her 1500th Anniversary of her Life and Ministry.

I had the opportunity to speak to many of you throughout the day, and since, and received many words of thanks for organising this event.

As your Parish Priest I was delighted to be able to host such a wonderful occasion, but it could not have happened without the huge amount of time and effort of our Parish Pastoral Council, and so many volunteers who came together to make the day such a success.

So to those who were involved in the organising from the beginning, to our Stewards who kept everyone safe during the day, to those who assisted with the parking, to our BBQ team and those who made cakes and traybakes, to our wonderful team of people who served tea throughout the day, to the musicians and Irish Dancers who kept us entertained, to our Photographers at Nicki Kennedy Photography, Pak Aerial Media,

Declan Garvey and Cassie Woods for ensuring the joy of the day was captured for posterity. I want to sincerely thank Hughes Shop, Whitecross for providing us with the rolls for the BBQ and finally to those in our farming community who put up bunting, cut fields and hedges, brought litres of water for our pool. To each and everyone of you a sincere thanks, I will keep you all especially in my Mass this weekend.

P.S Please do send us all your fun day pictures for a video we are hoping to produce.

Every Blessing, Fr Malachy



ONE DAY RETREAT

Saturday 31st August 2024

Leaves Belleeks Country House at 7.15am

Cost £60 which includes transport, Morning Scones and Light Lunch.

To book call 07354593255

Retreat day includes Guided retreat, Contemplative Prayer and Holy Mass. Time is also available to explore the Island and visit the gift shop. Payment must be made in advance and can be arranged when booking.

St Laurence O'Toole's Church Belleeks

I am aware that works in Belleeks Church has been stalled for a period of time and so I wish to give you some update on where we currently are. When the work was agreed for Belleeks Church the desired outcome was to replace the Asbestos Tiles with new Natural Slates, this progressed as planned until the contractor noticed what he perceived to be a potential issue with the roof timbers. The timbers had been viewed by a Damp Proof Timber specialist originally, and they highlighted only woodworm as the issue. As per a request by the contractor there was a new survey done which highlighted that there was indeed significant issues with more than half the beams in the Church.

Originally this was not noticed, as it had been cosmetically covered up which hid the issues. The timber specialist and subsequent reports from structural engineers believe that these significant issues were noticeable when the Church was previously repaired, but obviously a decision had been made to cover up the issues rather than address them. Therefore, this has now created serious structural issues with the building. Unfortunately, the roof has now to be propped up from inside to allow more than half of the beams to be replaced. This is not a choice, but a necessity, as the current beams would not support the weight of natural slate.

I can assure you that it is my wish to open St Laurence O'Toole's Church as soon as possible, however I will only do this when the building is safe.

Separately, given the extent of works that now needs to be carried out, it is my view that we should totally refurbish the Church (finance dependant), so that no further significant work will need to take place for many decades.

We are now working with a quantity surveyor to establish the cost of roofing, plastering, upgrading heating, electrical and mechanical services, as well as carrying out restoration of Stained Glass windows and then redecorating the Church.

I appreciate that Parishioners would like to see work being started, however we must ensure that we have the costs and finance in place before we return to the works.

I am working constantly in the background to ensure that we can move forward, however I also need your continued support in ensuring we have the finance in place to carry out this work. Please continue to share the links to our website which has details of our fundraising campaigns. Parishioners are also welcome and encouraged to organise fundraising activities themselves in order to raise much needed funds. I will update you again in the coming weeks in relation to cost update and progress.



Scan QR Code to link to our Fundraising Page!!