

Clonmany Parish Newsletter

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLONMANY

Saturday—6:30pm Vigil Mass (Rosary 6:10pm)

Sunday—11:30am Mass

Monday—Friday 9:30am Mass (Rosary 9:10am)

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, URRIS

Sunday—10am

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament—Friday 3-6pm
(Rosary at 5.40pm)

ORATORY OF THE ASSUMPTION, BALLYLIFFIN

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament—Tuesday 7.30—8.30pm

ORATORY, ST COLUMBILLE VILLAGE, CLEAGH

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament—Wednesday 3pm-4pm

BLESSING OF GRAVES

The Annual Blessing of Graves will take place on Sunday 18th August in Urris Cemetery after 10am Mass and Clonmany Cemeteries after 11:30am Mass.



VOCATIONS

That those called to become priests of the diocese of Derry will, like the disciples in today's gospel, preach a message of repentance from the God of love and mercy. May they bring the peace and healing power of the Lord to the people they will serve. (Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan email: pgoh2111@gmail.com)

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Derry, on Wednesday 17th July at 8:00pm. All welcome

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday: St Bonaventure.

Tuesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday: St Apollinaris

COLLECTION

Parish collection last weekend amounted to €2,010
Thank you for your continued generosity.

PIONEER PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

will take place on Sunday 21 July. Mass at 3pm, followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Procession to the Shrine. Pioneers along with friends and relations of people who are living "one day at a time" with addiction are welcome.

CLONMANY ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Families experiencing financial difficulties please contact the local SVP Confidential number 086/2388789, Reg Office 074/9173933 or any member of SVP

NOWDOC

6pm Friday—8am Monday, please call NOWDOC 0818400 911



DAY OF PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Today, Sunday 14th July is our day of prayer for Marriage & Family Life.

Theme: Grandparents & Great Grandparents.

We must reawaken the collective sense of gratitude, of appreciation, of hospitality, which makes the elderly feel like a living part of the community. Our elderly are men and women, fathers and mothers, who came before us on our own road, in our own house, in our daily battle for a worthy life. Very often it is grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to their grandchildren, and many people can testify that they owe their initiation to the Christian life to their grandparents. Their words, their affection or simply their presence help children realise that history did not begin with them, that they are now part of an age-old pilgrimage and they need to respect all that came before them. July 26th is the feast of Saints Joachim & Anne, the parents of Mary, and of course the grandparents of Jesus.

INISHOWEN MEDICAL

Inishowen Medical will be hosting a pre-school vaccination clinic in Buncrana on Tuesday 6th August. Measles is currently circulating globally with cases being reported locally, we urge you to ensure your child is fully vaccinated. If your child is due to start school in September and you would like an appointment, please call 9361800/ 9378173 to book.

MEASLES CIRCULATING WIDELY GLOBALLY

The Measles Incident Management Team (IMT) now recommends that all infants aged 6-11 months should receive an MMR vaccine before travelling abroad (ideally at least 2 weeks before travel). As measles is circulating widely globally, this applies to all travel abroad. Note, a dose given at less than 12 months of age does not replace the dose recommended at 12 months of age. Please contact 93 61800 or 93 76173 to make an appointment.

TRAD SESSION IN THE MARKET HOUSE

This Sunday 14th July, 2-4pm, hosted by the Seamus Grant Festival. Come along and enjoy some music, song, and dance and a cup of tea. Everyone welcome.



Our Parish needs cleaners for St Mary's Church and St Michael's so if you have an hour to spare weekly/monthly we would appreciate your help. Please contact the parish office on 0749376114 or email clonmanyparish1@outlook.com

CONTACTLESS PAYMENT OPTION



A pilot scheme for the use of *tap n' go* payments is being rolled out in the Derry diocese. Clonmany parish has been chosen as one (of four) parishes for this, and the only one in Donegal. This is in line with what has happened in other dioceses in Ireland.

The *tap n' go* machine will be placed in Saint Mary's church for a trial period.

Any use of it is of course voluntary, and will not overlap in any way with the normal practice of collections in our parish. It may be of use to some parishioners and visitors, or not at all.

URRIS GAA CLUB

Results 7th July - Senior Ladies Urris 2-10 Carn 1-02

Club Lotto 4th July—Numbers drawn 2,3,5,24. No jackpot winners
€20 winners: Kevin Donaghey, Magheramore. Bernard Doherty (Tim), Tullagh. Erin & Iona Harkin, Clonmany. Cathal Toland, Gaddyduff
Declan Mc Donald (Tam), Clonmany

Well done to club members Tadhg McDaid & Danny Óg Cooney who are attending the Ulster U-15 Regional Player Football Academy Camps 2024. Our U16 boys were invited to the Brian & Sean Mullins tournament in St. Vincents GAA Club Marino last weekend. A great experience for everyone. Honk your Horn Bingo on Thursday at 8pm in the Clonmany Carpark. Keep up to date with underage fixtures and results on our social media.

CLONMANY SHAMROCKS NOTES

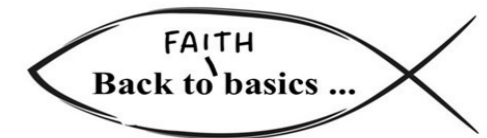
Lotto Numbers on 08/07/24 were 10,15,17,24. No Jackpot winner—€2,350. Our next draw will be on 15/07/24 and next week's Jackpot will be €2,375. €20 Prizes went to: Paul C. Kelly, Gaddyduff; Neil Joe McGonigle, Gaddyduff; Sheila Gill, "St. Damian's", Gortaran.
https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Clonmany_Shamrocks_FC/lotto

DRUMFRIES WALKING GROUP

Will meet on Fri 19th July in Clonmany car park at 10am. All welcome. We have an all-terrain wheelchair (Hippocampe) here at the centre. This wheelchair is a free service for use by the general public, this chair would be ideal for family/friends visiting over the Summer, to access local beaches, scenic walks & festivals, for further information or to book this service please contact the centre on 0749361742.

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Of the Opening of Buncrana Community Hospital will take place on 4th Aug at 7pm in The Lake of Shadows Hotel. Adm €40 incl meal and dancing Current and past staff members, volunteers and members of the public are welcome but numbers are limited. Tickets available in Buncrana Community Hospital, Macs Bookshop, Lake of Shadows and Centra, Clonmany Contact 086 3068662/0749361500 for details



MASS IS BORING. OR...

MAYBE WE'RE JUST NOT READY!

We were wondering last week: "Why should I go to Mass, It's boring" We looked at a few things, including seeing Mass as a thing to do (religion) instead of a life to live (faith).

Mass in Clonmany is exactly the same as it was at the first Mass, the Last Supper. It is still the Lord Jesus, giving himself for us, so that we may be loved eternally. But, if we're not ready for that, Mass will never make sense. Why?

Please leave now

This is Celbridge Parish church. We see it is based on a traditional design — with one main centre aisle and the two smaller side aisles. This design reflects a belief that was in our Christian faith centuries ago. And this belief had to do with who was ready to be present at the celebration of Mass.



At that time, "catechumens", meaning people who had not yet arrived at a mature faith, would sit only in the outside aisles, and they would stay only for the early parts of the Mass (the Readings).

After that they would leave in order to do more preparation on what it means to be part of a Christian Community.

In the meantime the doors were locked and those who remained, celebrated together that they were in *communion* with each other, in the Lord. In other words, that part of the Mass from the offertory onwards was reserved for committed believers. Everyone understood that this is a "high" and solemn prayer of the Church and it is not easy to feel part of it without some formation and some growth in faith.

So here's the thing: "Getting nothing out of it" (Mass) can sometimes be due to a lack at this level. We're just not ready!

Fr Kevin

FACTS
DON'T CARE
ABOUT OUR
FEELINGS
Our TRUTH as
Catholic Christians
is not an opinion ...
it is TRUTH