

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Responsorial Psalm – The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 13th The Christian community must be seen to be one of forgiveness and mercy. If the Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy, who are we to be otherwise? We need to be conscious of our own weaknesses and failures so that we may not judge others. We cannot pray the Lord's Prayer with unforgiving hearts.

Monday 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast celebrates the Cross both as the instrument of Christ's victory over sin in his passing to the Father's glory and as the means of our salvation.

Tuesday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows. Mary stood by the Cross in solidarity with her Son in his passion, uniting her sufferings with his and sharing in his offering to the Father.

Wednesday 16th St Cornelius and St Cyprian. Cornelius became Pope in 251 and died in exile as a martyr in 253. Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, a very influential and revered figure in North Africa, died as a martyr in 258.

Thursday 17th St Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621) Jesuit, Cardinal Bishop of Capua, involved in theological controversies of the time. Patron of catechists.

Saturday 19th St Januarius, bishop, martyred with six companions in Naples in 305.

First Holy Communion in St. Pius X Church, at 11am and 2pm.

Please note: these Masses are private ceremonies for the children and their parents only.

Sunday 20th There will be an extra Mass, at 11.30am, in St. Pius X Church, to mark the Month's Mind of John, Tomás and Amelia Mullan.

Moville Parish

St. Pius X, Moville

St. Mary's, Ballybrack

St. Columba's, Ballinacrae

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Given the small number of volunteers to act as stewards at our weekend Masses, it probably won't be possible to have a second Sunday morning Mass regularly, but in exceptional circumstances only.

Beginning on the first full week of October, it may be necessary to issue tickets for our 10am Sunday Mass. If so, admission will be by ticket only from 11 October onwards. Arrangements for booking / collecting tickets will be announced over the next few weeks.

This is a regrettable development, but we may have no other choice, since the maximum number of people allowed in the church at any time is 100.

Beginning this weekend, people attending Mass will be asked to maintain a strict distance of one to two metres between themselves and people from other households. Ideally, there should be no more than three people in a seat, although a family group may sit together.

Sympathy ~ We offer sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Ross MacBride, Dublin, who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Mass this week: every morning (except Thursday and Saturday) at 10am.

Eucharistic Adoration, Monday and Wednesday, 10.30am - 9pm.

Service of Holy Communion for those who cannot yet come / return to Mass, in St. Pius X Church, Merville, on Tuesday, from 2 – 3pm.

Rosary, Tuesday, 7.30pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet, Monday and Wednesday, 3pm.

Congratulations to the boys and girls who were confirmed here on Saturday 29 August. Sincere thanks to the sponsors who presented them for the Sacrament, and to their parents and teachers who prepared them. We wish them all well now that they have begun their secondary education.

Congratulations also to the boys and girls who celebrated their First Confession on Thursday evening. We keep them in our prayers as they prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion next Saturday.

Greencastle Community Centre: 9381054/info@greencastlecentre.ie

- Office is open from 9am to 9pm.
- For details on the Wise Project (helping local women with employability and training) please call Penny on 0861452252.
- QQI Level 1 Computers starting soon. Contact ETB on 9362466 to register or for details.
- Jiu Jitsu beginning shortly. Call 07548293258 for details.
- To enrol for Irish dancing, call Janet on 0868059955.
- Suggestions are welcome for future courses and activities.
- Parent & Toddler Group - autumn registration now taking place.

The National Grandparents' Pilgrimage at Knock will be broadcast live at 3pm, today, Sunday 13 September. To view, go to www.knockshrine.ie

The September edition of **The Net** is available at:
<https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-september-2020>

Sincere thanks for your financial contribution to the parish over the past two weeks. The collections amounted to €2,048 and €2,137 respectively.

A meeting will be held at Main St on Tuesday 15 September at 7.30pm to find out if there is enough interest in **Irish classes** this autumn. Social distancing would mean a maximum of 6 in any group, beginners or more advanced students. The focus is mainly on short Irish conversation. Contact Gerry Sona on 9381047 or leave a message.

During the past week some parishioners very kindly removed a considerable amount of refuse from the cemetery at Ballybrack. Despite repeated requests, and notices very clearly displayed in the cemetery, some people still leave old wreaths and other rubbish, including recyclable plastics, behind them. Many thanks to the FÁS workers who keep the grass cut.

Let's all please keep Ballybrack tidy!

The Committee of **St Joseph's Young Priests' Society** wishes to advise members and parishioners of their decision not to recommence meetings this Autumn, in view of COVID-19. A review will take place after Christmas. Our primary focus nevertheless continues - prayer for and encouragement of vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life.

Despite a number of people who deny the existence and / or the danger of the **Coronavirus**, the best scientific and medical advice is telling us that it is a reality, and very dangerous. At this point, we should all know that we need to be careful in the way we engage with people from outside our own household – there should be no handshaking or hugging, or other physical expressions of affection. It should be enough to offer an “elbow bump” or a greeting which will express our affection or friendship.

We're advised to exercise proper coughing or sneezing etiquette, to wash our hands regularly, and to use hand sanitizer when it's provided for us.

From now on, adults attending any liturgical function in a church should wear a mask or other form of face covering / shielding.

We should avoid congregating at the doors of the church or in the church grounds.

We need to look out for, and take care of, ourselves and one another.