

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Responsorial Psalm – The Lord is close to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 20th The Gospel of St Matthew, directed to Jewish Christians, stresses that the pagans have also come to God's mercy and are to be accepted. As Christ came to call all sinners, so the Church must accept them. God's thoughts of justice are beyond ours, his mercy cannot be measured. No one can be content with his or her state of sanctity and despise and judge others. God's judgement may be quite different.

Monday 21st St Matthew. A tax collector for the Roman government, called by Jesus to be an apostle. Traditionally regarded as the author of the first Gospel.

Wednesday 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio). A Capuchin friar, stigmatist, confessor and friend of all who suffer. He died on 23rd September 1968.

St Eunan (Adomnan). Born in Donegal about 624, he became a monk in Iona and in 679 he was chosen as abbot there. One of his writings is a life of St. Colum Cille. Died in 704.

Friday 25th St Finbarr came to Gougane Barra and lived there, probably as a hermit. When disciples gathered around him, he moved to Cork at the mouth of the Lee, where his monastery became a famous centre of learning.

Saturday 26th St Cosmas and St Damian. Early martyrs in Syria. Legend declares them twin brothers and doctors.

Beginning on the first weekend of October, **weekend Masses** will be at 7pm on Saturday, and 9.30am and 11am on Sunday, all being celebrated in St. Pius X Church, Moville.

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Mass this week: every morning (except Friday 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, Moville, on Tuesday, from 3 – 4pm.

Rosary, Tuesday, 7.30pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet, Monday and Wednesday, 3pm.

Sympathy ~ We offer sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Paddy Doherty who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Baptism ~ We welcome into God's family, **Brian Denis Cavanagh**, Lough Castle View, **Mabel Annette McMonagle**, Drumaweir and **Finn Anthony Cavanagh**, Carrowhugh

The parish will take part in the **Coastal Rosary for Life & Faith** which takes place on Sunday 11 October. Anyone who wishes to participate is invited to come to St Pius X Church, Moville, at 2.30pm.

The September edition of *The Net* is now available online, on www.derrydiocese.org As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese. This month there are articles entitled: **“Remembering Bishop Lagan and: “Remembering John Hume.”**

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University, Belfast reopens on Monday 21 September. The liturgies, faith events and social gatherings there have proven popular with students and alumni. It offers a number of groups and societies with activities that appeal to a wide range of interests. The Chapel, Food Bar and study space are open throughout the academic year. The Chaplaincy is there for anyone and everyone, no matter where they may be on their faith journey. For more information, visit www.qubcatholic.org or drop by for a coffee and a chat at 28, Elmwood Avenue, Belfast.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society invites you to participate in their Branch annual **Novena with St Thérèse** - for vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life - beginning on Tuesday, 22 September, for nine days. Many have their SJYPS Novena booklet from previous years. A few copies will be available for newcomers from Tuesday, in St Thérèse's niche in St Pius X Church. The Novena's reflections, whilst strictly private prayer this year, unite those taking part in purpose and hopefulness.

Chiropodist, Deirdre Britton, will be in Serenity House on Friday 25 September. To make an appointment, call 0860666538 or 0749360363.

A sum of money was found on the shore path in Greencastle village the other evening. Enquiries to the parochial house, please.

Anyone interested in **Basic Irish Conversation** classes can call or leave a message on 9381047. Classes could be on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 7.30 till 9.00 pm beginning last week of September with social distancing in effect, if numbers permit.

Greencastle Community Centre: 9381054/info@greencastlecentre.ie

- Yoga – new 5 week term starting Monday 21 September at 11am and 7pm. To book, call 0868114088.
- QQI Level 1 Beginners Computers starting soon To register, call 9362466.
- Jiu Jitsu Tuesdays & Fridays. Call John 00447548293258 for details
- Irish Dancing – Contact Janet on 0868059955
- Grounded Energy & Well-being on Tuesdays at the Centre. Contact Chantel 0863137817

In the past few days **Donegal** has been mentioned as one of the counties where there has been a **significant increase in the incidence of Coronavirus cases**. We all need to work together to ensure that this is reversed as quickly as possible. The ball is in our court, and the solution is in our own hands – literally and metaphorically.

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. This applies also, of course, to our own homes, and the homes of neighbours and friends.

We need to take care of ourselves and one another. Please!