

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Responsorial Psalm – I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 25th On the twofold commandment of love hang the whole of the Jewish Law, and the prophets also – a commandment that Jesus taught not only in his words but by his life and death also.

Tuesday 27th St Otteran (Odhran). A descendant of Conall Gulban, he preceded Colum Cille in Iona, where his grave was greatly revered. Chosen by the Vikings as patron of Waterford in 1096.

Wednesday 28th Sts Simon and Jude, apostles. Nothing is known of Simon except that he was born in Cana and was called the Zealot. Jude, also known as Thaddeus, was the apostle who asked the Lord at the Last Supper why he showed himself only to his disciples and not to the world.

Thursday 29th St Colman, bishop. From Kilmacduagh, Co Clare, he founded two churches in Aran, on Inis Mhór, before returning to Kilmacduagh to make a further foundation there.

Saturday 31st Blessed Dominic Collins (1566-1602) was born in Youghal, Co. Cork. After a military career he joined the Jesuits as a Brother. He was captured in 1602 by the English who tried to make him abjure his faith. He was martyred in Youghal on 31 October 1602.

There are still a number of *Messenger magazines* awaiting collection from the porch of the parochial house.

Hopefully, the next **parish Draw** will take place on Mon 2 November.



A letter to Santa Claus

Moville,
24 October 2020

Dear Santa,

We're all wondering what Christmas will be like this year, but I guess you and everybody up there at the North Pole are working very hard, in the hope that you'll be allowed to travel more than 5km from your house.

All I want for Christmas is to be able to say public Masses for the good people of this parish, then go home to my family for my Christmas dinner and spend some quality time with them, even if it's only for one day.

Can you possibly work some magic on everybody in Ireland and throughout the world, and make sure that we behave properly during this horrible pandemic – wearing our masks, sanitizing our hands and keeping a safe distance away from one another, and not doing anything silly like having house parties at Hallowe'en, or any time at all?

Just in case you have no power over people to make them do the right thing, I'm going to ask Jesus to bless us all and keep us and everyone we know and love safe and well, and help us to realise that if we can all work together over the next six weeks, we might just be able to defeat the Coronavirus, and put this sad and difficult time behind us.

Yours sincerely,

Fr Pat O'Hagan

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Sympathy ~ We offer sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Donncha O'Hare, Carrowtrasna, and Maura Farren, Ballybrack, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Mass this week: every morning (except Saturday) at 10am. Mass may be viewed on the parish webcam, available through the parish website.

Last week's collection for World Missions Sunday amounted to €955, and contributions to the parish amounted to €1700, plus a donation of €20 towards the costs of maintaining our webcam. Thank you.

The annual **Diocesan Mass for deceased children and young people** will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 8 November, at 7pm. You can join the Mass live on the Cathedral webcam. If you'd like to have a child or young person remembered at this Mass, please email the name to lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org or telephone 028 7126 4087.

A prayer for vocations

That men and women will be encouraged to love God and their neighbour with the love of the Heart of Christ and follow him generously when chosen to serve others as a priest, a deacon or in consecrated life.

We pray to the Lord.

Castle Clinic will remain open for essential Podiatry / Chiropody appointments during Level 5 Covid restrictions. For appointments, call 9385758.

The Irish bishops have asked that every parish would celebrate a **Service to dedicate November as a month of Prayer and Remembrance for the dead and the bereaved** on Sunday 1 November 2020, at 3pm. Our parish Service will take place in St. Pius X Church, and will be broadcast live on the parish webcam. As a parish community, we will remember in particular all those who have died in the past twelve months.

Under **Level 5 Covid regulations**, funerals may proceed with up to 25 mourners present in the church. Otherwise, churches will remain open for private prayer only. No organised indoor or outdoor events are permitted. Furthermore, Bishop McKeown has written to the priests of the Inis Eoghain deanery to advise us that, if a wake is open to non-family members, we should not attend the house, but that a member of the family should liaise with us to help organise the funeral Mass or service and burial.

Regular **visitation of the sick and housebound** is currently suspended, but if anyone would like Fr Pat to call at the house to attend to someone who's sick, or for any other pastoral reason, please get in touch. Please God, it may be possible to resume normal visitation in December.

Prayer to St Joseph

God, our heavenly Father, grant us the strength of Christ your Son to face the Covid-19 crisis with trust, patience and compassion.

Give us the grace of the Holy Spirit to free us from fear and help us to look forward together to the future with healing and hope.

Through the intercession of St Joseph, the guardian of Jesus, and Mary his Mother and Mother of the Church, may we be guided through this time of peril.

Preserve us in peace; protect the vulnerable; keep our health care workers safe, and bless all those who serve the sick and society at large, at home and abroad.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.