

The Empty Chair

A woman's daughter asked the priest to come & pray with her ailing mother. On arrival he found the woman in bed with an empty chair at her bedside. "I guess you were expecting me" he said. "Oh you mean the chair" said the woman "would you mind closing the door?" Puzzled, the priest shut the door. "All my life" said the woman "I have never known how to pray. I abandoned any attempt at prayer until one day my best friend said to me, prayer is simply having a conversation with Jesus. Remember He promised *"I will be with you always"* Now every day I sit down with an empty chair in front of me; I see Jesus on the chair & we simply have a conversation. The priest was moved by her story, he encourage the woman to continue on the journey & anointed her with oil. Two nights later the daughter called the priest to say her mother had died. "Did she die in peace?" he asked. "Yes, before I left the house, she told me she loved me & kissed me on the cheek. When I returned an hour later, I found her. But there was something strange about her death.

Apparently before mum passed away, she leaned over and rested her head on the chair beside her bed. What do you make of that Father?"

The priest wiped a tear from his eye and said "I wish we could all go like that."



Parish Notices

►Recent Baptism

We welcome through the grace of Baptism:

Scarlett Louise Margaret McGinty

Caolan Connor Corrigan

Kajetan Bryk-Szostak

Luke Eoin Brogan

Lara Kate Brogan

►Recent Deaths

We extend our sympathy to the families of:

Frank McSorley, Richmond Park

Fiona Kelly-Deacon, Strule Pk

May they rest in peace

►Blessing of the Graves-Mountfield

Sunday 6th Nov after 10am Mass.

►Greenhill Remembrance Service

Sun 6th Nov in Christ the King Church at 7pm. All Welcome.

►Annual Remembrance Mass

for those who died in the Parish in the past year will be held on 8th Nov in St Mary's Church, Killyclogher at 7.30pm.

►Dance in the Parish Centre

Fri 11th Nov at 9.30pm. Music by Sprig of Heather. Supper Served!

►MF Chapel Meeting 9th Nov/7.30pm

To discuss Christmas Masses, rota & other business. If you can help in the chapel in any capacity it will be much appreciated. Come to the meeting, contact Anne Fury or the parish office.

►Weekly Bingo

Every Mon at 9pm in Killyclogher Hall.

Thank you for your donation

Wkly:£3875 Reno:£1806

Month of the Holy Souls

During the month of November we especially remember those who have passed before us and whose memory we hold dear in our hearts. Learning to live without them in our daily lives brings with it a vast range of emotions. While we may feel overwhelmed by our sadness we also trust that we can hand over our dear ones to our eternal Father, where they will live forever.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Thornhill Convent, Culmore Rd, Derry.

Tel: 028 7135 1233

Living With Grief / 14th & 21st Nov / 7.30pm

A two-part seminar to explore the spiral of grief. £10 donation per evening.

"Come & Sing"! / 12th Nov / 10am-12.30pm

A sing though old & new material to help resource those involved in parish music.

Pre-register by 9th Nov. Suggested donation £10

The Art of Dying Well

Aside from birth, dying is the only other experience we will all share. Why is it so hard to talk about? Why is it so important that we should? And, what does it mean when we talk about "dying well?" For us, in dying, we close our eyes for the last time here, in order to be able to really see for the first time. If you are faced with the prospect of death and dying, the Church is always here to help. The website www.artofdyingwell.org also provides information for the final journey, & help for those caring for the dying or dealing with grief.

**Christian unity is a priority,
because we realize that much
more unites us than separates us.**

Pope Francis

NOVENA OF MERCY

To celebrate the closing of the Year of Mercy, a week long Novena reflecting on the Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy will be held in our Parish.

Opening with Bishop McKeown on Sat 12th Nov at 6.30pm Mass in Christ the King Church, Strathroy.

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group

Day of Renewal

13th Nov / Silver Birch Hotel

Registration: 9am. Holy Mass: 3.30pm
£25 includes lunch & tea/coffee
Tel: 028 8224 2092 (office hrs)/028 8224 3973 or 07876411435 to book

Choral Singing Workshop

Sat 19th Nov/Drumalis Retreat Centre, Lame. 9.30am-4.30pm. This workshop is particularly useful for church/school choirs & individuals looking for material for Christmas & Advent Seasons. £35 per person. Tel: 02828272196/28276455 to book.

6 Week Yoga Course

*Starts 10th Nov / 7.30-9pm / £30
St Brigid's PS, Mountfield
Tel Omagh : 07517977930*

Anam Cara Parent Evening

10th Nov/7.30-9pm / Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny

The organisation offers support to all bereaved parents.

Thought for the week....

**No footprint is too small
to leave a mark on the
world or our hearts**

Safeguarding Children Contact Details for Relevant Agencies and Services


PSNI 0845 600 8000 | Gateway Services 028 8283 5043

Alternatively, if you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of church personnel and wishes to report it to church authorities please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will, in turn, report this concern to the relevant statutory authorities.

Noel O'Donnell 0759 650 0793 | Mary McCafferty 075 1426 5252

Our parish week at a glance...

Psalter Week 4
32nd Week in Ordinary Time
07 Nov ~ 13 Nov 2016

Monday	07 Nov 2016 <i>Pray for Fr John Gilmore</i> <i>At Willibrord, bishop & missionary</i>	10 Nov 2016 <i>Pray for All Priests</i> <i>St Leo the Great, pope & doctor of the Church</i>
	➤ 9.10am Rosary St Mary's (KC) ➤ 10am Mass St Mary's (KC) ➤ 10am Mass St Mary's (KM) ➤ 7.30pm Mass Christ the King	➤ 9.10am Rosary St Mary's (KC) ➤ 9.30am Mass Christ the King ➤ 10am Mass St Mary's (KC) ➤ 7-8.30pm Eucharistic Adoration & St Thérèse Reflection CTK
Tuesday	08 Nov 2016 <i>Pray for Fr Joseph Gormley</i> <i>32nd Week in Ordinary Time</i>	11 Nov 2016 <i>Pray for Fr Karl Hann</i> <i>St Martin of Tours, bishop</i>
	➤ 9.10am Rosary St Mary's (KC) ➤ 10am Mass St Mary's (KC) ■ Anniv: <i>Margaret & Dan McBride, Hospital Rd</i> ➤ 7.30pm Mass St Mary's (KC) ■ Mass of Remembrance for those who died in the Parish in the past year	➤ 9.10am Rosary St Mary's (KC) ➤ 10am Mass St Mary's (KC) ➤ 3-7.20pm Eucharistic Adoration St Mary's (KC) ➤ 7.30pm Mass St Mary's (KC)
Wednesday	09 Nov 2016 <i>Pray for Fr Eamon Graham</i> <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	12 Nov 2016 <i>Pray for Fr Eugene Hasson</i> <i>St Josaphat, bishop & martyr</i>
	➤ 9.10am Rosary St Mary's (KC) ➤ 10am Mass St Mary's (KC) ➤ 10am Mass St Mary's (KM) ➤ 6.45pm Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet CTK ➤ 7.30pm Mass Christ the King	➤ 9.10am Rosary St Mary's (KC) ➤ 10am Mass St Mary's (KC) <i>Followed by Confession</i> ➤ 5.45-6.20pm Confessions Christ the King ➤ 6.30pm Vigil Mass Christ the King ■ Novena of Mercy ➤ 6.45-7.20pm Confessions St Mary's (KC) ➤ 7.30pm Vigil Mass St Mary's (KC) ■ Anniv: <i>Eddie Maynes, Tirquin Rd</i>
Sunday	13 Nov 2016 <i>Pray for Bishop Seamus Hegarty</i> <i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	"Teacher, when will these things happen?"
	➤ 9am Mass St Mary's (KC) ➤ 10am Mass Corpus Christi Church (MF) ■ Anniv: <i>Francie Donaghy, Greencastle Rd</i> ➤ 10am Mass St Mary's (KM) <i>(Children's Liturgy)</i> ➤ 11am Mass St Mary's (KC) <i>(Children's Liturgy)</i> ■ Anniv: <i>William & Nancy Mullan, Co.Down</i> ➤ 12noon Mass Christ the King <i>(Children's Liturgy)</i> ➤ 3.30-6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration Christ the King	
		Today's Readings First Mal 3:19-20 Psalm 95:5-9 R/ cf. v 9 Second 2 Th 3:7-12 Gospel Lk 21:5-19

To book month's minds, anniversaries, weddings, baptisms etc. please contact the parish office.
Please remember month's minds and first anniversaries take precedence over other anniversaries and your booking is subject to change.
 Notices for CPN in writing by **12noon** on Wed. **Parish office opening times** Mon ~ Fri:

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