

St Mary's Bellaghy/St Joseph's Ballyscullion.

21st March 2021.

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

Mass Times For the week ahead All masses via webcam.

St Mary's

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday @ 9.30 am.

Wednesday Mass @ 7.00 pm

Sunday masses

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm Sunday : 10.00am

Please note change on Sunday mornings

Times of the services for which people can make a reservation during Holy Week

Palm Sunday Masses : Vigil @ 6.30pm Sunday 8.30 & 11.00 am

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's supper @ 7.00pm

Good Friday : Solemn Liturgy @ 3.00pm ; Stations of the Cross @ 9.00pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil @ 9.00pm

Easter Sunday Masses @ 8.30 & 11.00 am

Reservations to a maximum of 50 people at each mass/service.

We ask people to make reservation for only one of these as we wish to offer a chance to as many as possible in present circumstances. We are grateful to have a representation of parishioners on each occasion. Maximum of two people per booking permitted.

Booking system mass-time.com goes live at 12.00 noon Thursday 25th

A Remembrance In Prayer by Bishop McKeown

of all those who have died in our diocese since the start of the pandemic, I intend to lead an all-night Vigil in St Eugene's Cathedral on the night of Friday 26 March, as we prepare for Holy Week.

1. The Vigil will be built round the Stations of the Cross and the names will be read out of those who have died since 14 March 2020 – the date of the first lockdown in the Republic.

2. As the names from each parish are read out, a rose plant will be brought forward to the sanctuary in the name of each parish. These roses will, at a later stage, be planted in a planned Garden of Remembrance at the Cathedral.

The vigil will start at 9pm and conclude with Mass on Saturday morning at 4.30am.

Deaths: Maureen Dixon (Rogers) died recently in England

ANNIVERSARIES

Sat/Sun 20th/21st: Alice McElwee (Month Mind @ 6.30 Sat) Sean McElhone, Lizzie Downey, Philomena Murphy, Maura Wade, Willie Cassidy Month Mind @ 10.00 am Sun))

Mon 22nd Annie/Dan McErlean,

Tues 23rd Josephine Scullion, Gerry Diamond

Wed 24th: Thurs 25th: Fri 26th:

Sat/Sun 27th/28th Dan/Margaret Laverty (1st Anniversary Mass @6.30 Sat)

*Martina McLernon (Anniversary Mass @10.00 Sun) Tommy McPeake Maisie Ferris, Mary Donnelly John Brown, **May they rest in peace.***

STATEMENT BY THE NORTHERN BISHOPS ANNOUNCING THAT PUBLIC WORSHIP MAY RESUME IN NORTHERN IRELAND FROM FRIDAY 26th MARCH

Bishops in the North announce a cautious return to public worship for the faithful from Friday 26th March, in time for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

- *Bishops emphasise the need for continued caution and a rigorous application of all mitigations and safeguards required to ensure the safest possible return to public worship in our Churches.*
- *Every person should consider carefully if returning to collective worship is the safe and appropriate step for them, at this time. Families are encouraged to join those celebrating the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus in Churches, from the 'domestic church' of their own living rooms, via live-streaming.*
- *Bishops, together with other Church leaders, encourage all on Easter Sunday to pray and reflect in a spirit of remembering, solidarity and hope in the context of the current pandemic.*

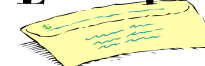
The Bishops emphasise the need for continued caution and a rigorous application of all mitigations and safeguards required to ensure the safest possible return to public worship in our Churches. They also stress that public worship should only begin again after a thorough risk assessment, in consultation with those Covid-19 Support Teams in our Parishes. This means that some Parishes may decide that, in their particular circumstances, it is not possible to return to public worship until a later date.

The Offertory Collection for the past week amounted to

£1,800.00

Thank You. Envelopes can be dropped into letterbox at Parish Office. All contributions are much appreciated.

Offering Envelopes



Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter: A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 27-28 March 2021. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512

The February edition of **The Net**, the monthly publication sharing the fruits of faith in the Derry Diocese, is now available on the Diocesan website and Facebook Page - <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-february-2021>

DEPT OF HEALTH COVID-19 PANDEMIC Re: FUNERALS

You cannot place in a funeral notice:
Details of the funeral service (where/when)
Details of any committal (where/when)
Anything encouraging mourners to line the route
Anything encouraging mourners to visit the family home.
Both regulations and guidance currently state that under the general "stay at home" lockdown rules "you are not permitted leave the place where you are living unless you have a reasonable excuse to do so."

St. Malachy's GAC Castledawson - Lotto numbers drawn on Monday 15th March were 3, 7, 8 & 11. Jackpot not won - £25 Lucky dips to Anne O'Kane and Sebastian Layden ; Jackpot next week £1200. Thanks to all who support this club fundraiser. Anybody not currently playing and who would like to, please contact Brendan Keenan (M: 07810871370).

Michael Kelly: Defending the faith without raising your voice

CK19, The Knights of St Columbanus at Queen's University Belfast, is delighted to facilitate an online talk delivered by Michael Kelly, Editor of The Irish Catholic newspaper.

Michael will be speaking to us on the subject of 'Defending the faith without raising your voice'. This was the subject of a book which was co-authored by Michael in 2012 and should give us an insight into how we can respond to Catholic hot-button issues when they arise in our lives.

The talk will take place on Tuesday 23rd of March at 6.30 pm. For details, please email council19.qub@gmail.com or message us on social media (@KSCQueens).

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Diocese of Derry Prayer for Lent 2021

Each day of Lent everyone is encouraged to pray the Diocese Lenten Prayer.

Loving Father, To prepare for His mission of proclaiming Your kingdom to the world

Your Son Jesus was guided by Your Holy Spirit to the quiet of the desert.

In these Lenten days, I pray that I will be guided by

that same Spirit, to a place of renewal in my heart and mind, so that I will seek opportunities for daily personal prayer, personal sacrifices and acts of kindness.

With Your help, may I too be truly prepared to share in the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Just a short note to draw your attention to some prayer resources for Ash Wednesday and Lent on the diocesan website that can be used to support families at home.

The resources can be found at this link: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/ash-wednesday-17-february-2021>

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: **A Spiritual Communion** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy
: Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
: Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually
: into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly
: to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
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