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Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

I always felt a great warmth for this feast of Our Lady. I had received my First Holy Communion on 15 August, the Lady Altar dressed in flowers, the candles lighted. I placed myself under her protection on that other 15th in 1950, when I sailed out of Liverpool on my first missionary journey. When we were children, with the hay saved and the corn in stacks, as a celebration of thanksgiving and achievement, there was a more joyous than usual family outing.

For Mary it was a day of accomplishment too. Unlike all other humans, after death, incorrupt and untainted, she was taken up, body and soul into heaven: a most fitting reward for her absolute fidelity to the task which she accepted when she gave her “agreement”, becoming such an intimate part of God’s plan of redemption. The virgin from Nazareth, chosen from among her sisters from all time to be the mother of Redeemer, from her conception, immaculate, her life unstained by the curse that plagued human kind.

“The Lord has looked upon his lovely handmaid.... All generations will call me blessed,” she said, but it wouldn’t be all glory. That prophesy of Simeon, “a sword will pierce your own soul too” so amply fulfilled; danger for her infant; exile; the three days searching for her missing son. There were good days in Nazareth, but then his public life, fraught with anxiety; the vigil on Golgotha; the tomb.

But there was the Resurrection too. She remained a mother bequeathed to us: somebody so conscious of us poor humans in this vale of tears. No wonder we come to her in such confidence in our time of need to Lourdes, to Fatima, at home, fingering our Rosary that will entwine our hands when we too are called home.

“A thought for a homily” by Rev. Leo Sheridan, taken from July/August 05 Edition of Intercom

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can only take place every Friday (10.30am to 1pm) if Parishioners are available to be present for prayer. Those wishing to be part of this prayer group should contact any member of the morning Rosary group.

July Draw Winners

- (1) Seamus & Kathleen O’Neill, Ballyshannon.
 - (2) Roisin Chapman, St. Colm’s Tce.
 - (3) Kathleen O’Flaherty, West End.
- Special Prize - Dom Murray, West End.

Next Parish Draw — Friday 27th August. We greatly appreciate the support of those who have entered the Draw.

Parking—The Parish provides 175 car parking spaces. Please use them rather than interfere with the passage of traffic on Church Road.

Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady—Year C 15.08.2010



We welcome all who are visiting the Parish at the moment. We hope they have an enjoyable holiday with us.

Saturday (Vigil)	7:00pm	Marie Daly Phillips, West End. John James & Mary Cassidy, Magheracar. Gary Fitzgerald, Ballina & Bundoran.
Sunday	8:30am	Private Intention.
	11:00am	People of the Parish.
	12.30pm	Joe Roarty, Church Road.
Monday	10.00am	Private Intention.
Tuesday	10:00am	Private Intention.
Wednesday	10:00am	Agnes Gilmartin, The Ross.
Thursday	10:00am	John Francis & Margaret Gallagher, Ardfarna.
Friday	10:00am	Jack & Catherine Loughlin, East End.
Saturday	10:00am	Elizabeth McEniff.
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Sunday	8:30am	Private Intention.
	11:00am	People of the Parish.
	12.30pm	Mary & Patrick Rooney, Single Street.



We remember all those who have died recently especially Jacqueline McSharry, Sea Road and Queenie McManus, Castleblayney and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they Rest in Peace.

CONFESSIONS DAILY AFTER MASS

Weekday Readers

16th to 21st Aug. - Eileen McNally;
23rd to 28th Aug. - Sr. Adrienne.

Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday 10.30am to 1pm.

Second Collection for Church Development Fund will be taken up at all weekend Masses.

ALTAR SERVERS—Team A

Sat., 21st Aug.

Sun. 22nd Aug.

7pm

11am

Megan McGee
Rebecca Duffy
Toni Ann McGowan

Roderick McMorrow
Cian McEniff
Micheal McCaughey
Saul Gavigan

Collection for Sun. 8th August

Envelope	Donation	Total	Dev. Fund
€1,195	€1,658	€2,853	€1,551

Pastoral Centre, Church Rd.

Tues.	7pm—Slimming World
Wed.	10.30am—Weight Watchers
Thurs.	8.30pm—A.A.
Sun.	12noon & 8pm—A.A.

First Friday/Sacramental Calls always take place at the request of those confined to home or their family. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Vincents Thrift Shop, Main St.
Summer Opening times—
Mon. 7 to 9pm;
Tue., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. & Sun. 2 to 5pm.

Anniversary Masses—To avoid confusion in relation to dates, all such Masses should be arranged at the Parish Office or by phone. Funeral Masses will always have precedence on the day.

In September (19th to 25th) the Parish hopes to host a week of prayer. Using both Churches, we ask our communities and visitors to gather in prayer before the Lord. More details will be available at a later date.

Ceili, Old Time & Barn Dance in the Rock Hall, Ballyshannon every Saturday for the summer @ 9.30pm. Music by the Assaroe Ceili Band. Adm. €8 (incl. supper).

Ballyshannon Citizens Information Centre Opening Hours—Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 4pm. Further details from Siobhain @ 071 9851666.

Bundoran Boxing Club is holding its first public meeting on Thursday, 19th August in the Basic Childcare Facility, Bundoran Retail Park. Everyone welcome.

Lough Derg—The 1-day Retreats resume on 18th August. Family Day on Saturday, 28th August; Quiet Day on Wednesday, 1st September. Further information & booking contact Tel/Fax 071 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org
It is essential to book the 1-day Retreats.
www.loughderg.org

GROW meetings take place in the Day Centre, College St., Ballyshannon every Thurs. @ 8pm.

Baptisms take place in Bundoran on 2nd Sat. of month @ 11:30am and in St. Joseph's, Ballyshannon on 4th Sat. of the month also @ 11:30am. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Cemeteries—In these days of great growth, we remind everyone to care for family graves in our cemeteries.

Marriage—Three months' notice and evidence of having followed a Pre-Marriage course are required for all marriages.
Sunday and Holyday weddings are not permitted in the Diocese of Clogher.
Marriage Preparation Courses will be held in various centres over the coming months. More information from the Parish Office.

Notices relating to parish activities for inclusion in the newsletter must come through the Parish Office no later than Thursday evening—
Tel. 0719841290 or
e-mail: ppbundoran@eircom.net

Inclusion presumes space permitting.

Anonymous Notices Not Accepted.