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St. Joseph's Church, Ballyshannon

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Day/Date	Mass Times	Intentions
Saturday (29 th July)	8.00pm	
Sunday	10.00am	Canice & May McCreery, Carrickboy Barney & Annie McCauley, Laughill James & Mary Gethins, Finner & Baby James Cassidy
Monday	10.00am	
Tuesday (Rock Nursing Unit)	10.00am	
Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat	10.00am	
Saturday (Vigil)	8.00pm	
Sunday (8 th August)	11.00am	Blessing of Graves Pat & Bridie Cleary, Portnason
Confessions: Priest Available for Confessions after weekday masses.		
Masses in Bundoran: Sunday: @ Saturday Vigil @ 7.00pm. Sunday @ 8.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm Weekday: Monday- Saturday @ 10.00am		

Ordination of Bishop Liam McDaid as Bishop of Clogher

Last Sunday's Ordination of our New Bishop was a wonderful occasion and all involved in the organization, the liturgy and the reception deserve the congratulations and thanks of the whole Diocese. There were many memorable aspects to the occasion, one of which was our new Bishop's address which contain words of profound meaning and encouragement. The following is an extract from his address which is well worth reading and reflecting on.

Society has forced us in the Irish Church to look into the mirror and what we saw were weakness and failure, victims and abuse. The surgeon's knife has been painful but necessary. A lot of evil and poison has been excised. There comes a time when the surgeon's knife has done what it can, is put away and a regime of rehabilitation for the patient is put in place.

We have been brought to our knees but maybe that is no bad thing. It can bring us closer to the core of the mystery. Jesus was on his knees when he washed the feet of the disciples. This was the last and definitive gesture he left us before he celebrated the meal which was to become our Eucharist. There was no room for privilege, for earthly pomp or power or for lording it over anyone. In the strength of the Eucharist and led by the Spirit of God we were to walk humbly before God and serve one another unselfishly and without discrimination. This was to be the well where we were to be nourished spiritually in a way that would lead us to eternal life.

So while society keeps the mirror in front of us and rightly checks that we are sincere in our intentions and efforts towards rehabilitation, can I invite you, priests and people of the diocese of Clogher, to join me in a repentant return to the well of salvation. The journey will include for many facing the enormous challenge of forgiveness. Despite his intense suffering, Jesus forgave those who mocked, spat at, scourged and abused him. One of the co-crucified could not bring himself beyond abuse and excluded himself; the other rose to embracing forgiveness and was welcomed into the kingdom. There are many painful experiences in life where only forgiveness can bring closure.

We keep Bishop McDaid in our prayers as he begins his ministry as the 53rd Bishop of our Diocese.

Blessing of Graves

Next Sunday, 8th August, the annual Blessing of Graves in St Joseph's at morning mass which will at the **special time of 11.00am**. This ceremony is one which is very special to families who will make special efforts to attend the mass, many of whom will travel long distances to be there. One aspect that people continually speak of is being able to be at the graveside during the ceremony. **Every effort will be made to have the mass celebrated in the Cemetery but as everyone knows that this is subject to the weather.** The decision can only be made on Sunday morning and if it is raining the mass will be held inside the Church with the mass being relayed into the Rock Hall which will open to cater for an overflow of people.

It is important to have the cemetery neat and tidy and families are asked to attend to their plots during the week. The PDR Group are organising a clean-up of the cemetery on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7.00pm and if anyone can give a hand they will be most welcome. We also ask people that if they have anything such as used wreaths to dump, to please use the skip that will be provided at the entrance at the back of the cemetery, just beside Munday's Field.

1. Liturgy Teams for the Month of August

If family members wish to bring the gifts to the Altar or present the readings on the occasion of an Anniversary Mass, they should give a few days advance notice to the Priest or Sacristan. If a minister is unavailable could they organise a replacement, if they can't please contact the relevant contact person.

	Vigil Mass	10.00am
Readers	Lauren Kelly	
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Finan Marie Gavigan	Joe Drummond Bernie Boyle
Collectors (front)	Anthony Reynolds	Thomas O'Brien
Collectors (back)	Pat Mellaniff	Paul Gallagher

2. **Altar Society for August:** Brid Loughlin & Rita McNally.

3. **Mass Servers:** Sunday 1st Aug - Saturday 7th Aug: St Patrick's Sun 8th August – Sat 14th August: St Brigid's

4. **Deceased:** Peter O'Keefe, Bundoran (former teacher in St Joseph's Boys NS) Patricia Gavigan, Dublin & Main Street, Maureen Synott, (nee McGettigan), Dublin. May they rest in peace.

5. **First Friday:** Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound on Thursday 5th August because there is a wedding taking place on Friday 6th August in St Joseph's.

6. **Holy Family National School:** The Minister for Education and Science, An Taniste Mary Coughlin TD has visited Holy Family National School to announced that she is sanctioning the School the to go the next stage of its development project. This means that the Design Team will now be applying for Planning Permission of Donegal County Council, for the various Safety Certificates that are entailed and drawing up detail tenders for the project. This process will take at least six months to be completed. We thank the Taniste for the visit and the announcement. Also a word of thanks to members of the Board of Management, the parents and children who turned out at short notice to welcome the Taniste.

7. **Baptisms in Parish of Magh Ene:** Take place for Bundoran on the **second Saturday** of each month and in St. Joseph's on the **fourth Saturday** of each month – both at 11.30am. Parents may choose either Church. We ask parents to consult with the Priest and make their family arrangements to suit these times as facilitating families with individual dates in both Churches is presently very difficult. When funerals/weddings occur on that day, the Baptisms will move to a slightly different time on the same date.

8. **Marriages:** Couples wishing to get married please contact Fr McManus at the above telephone number to make arrangements. It is important to remember that a minimum of three months notice must be given to both the Church and the Civil Registrar for marriages. It is also obligatory to attend a pre-marriage course. Information on 2009 pre-Marriage courses being offered by the Enniskillen branch of ACCORD is now on the notice board at the back of the Church. Couples are asked to complete their pre-marriage course at least 4 months before their wedding. Counselling information is also available, **Tel. 048 66325696**.

9. **Mass Cards:** Sympathy and Mass Bouquet Cards are available in the Sacristy and the Priest's. In all cases when a priest signs a card he is accepting the responsibility that the mass will be said for the intention stated. If for any reason he cannot fulfil the obligation himself he can give the intention and the stipend to another priest to say the mass.

10. **Ceile;** Tonight, Saturday (31st July) at 9.30pm. in the Rock Hall. Admission €8.00. Supper served.

11. **Lough Derg:** The traditional three day Pilgrimage continues until the 15th August. For bookings please Tel. 9861518 or Email info@loughderg.org

12. Collections 24th/25th July

Offertory Env.	Returned 66	Development Env.	Returned 64
Contents	€530.98	Contents	€303.69
Donations	€265.49	Donations	€151.84
Total	€796.47	Total	€455.53

Expected Contribution: Dues: 3% of weekly income; Offertory: 1% of weekly income

13. **Saimer Community Childcare** is currently seeking individuals for Kitchen Cover Relief Panel. If you have knowledge of H A C C P, Food Hygiene & Safety and have no objections to being Garda vetted, please call in to the office or alternatively send your CV to Saimer Community Childcare, The Rock, Ballyshannon.

Summer Concerts in Rosary Chapel, Bundoran

The Chamber Orchestra Cologne will perform music of a sacred and classical character **on Sunday, 8th August**.

For tickets and further information please contact the Parish Office, Tel.: 071-9841290.

Thanks to all who supported the Concert by the Irish Tenors on last Thursday night. It was a wonderful night of beautiful music and song.