

# PARISH OF MAGH ENE

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## St. Joseph's Church, Ballyshannon

8/8/10

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Day/Date	Mass Times	Intentions
Saturday (7 <sup>th</sup> August)	8.00pm	
Sunday	11.00am	<b>Blessing of Graves</b> Pat & Bridie Cleary, Portnason
Monday	10.00am	Tom & Angela Fox, Waterloo House
Tuesday (Rock Nursing Unit)	10.00am	
Wednesday	10.00am	Annie Sweeney, Dunmuckrum
Thurs, Fri & Sat	10.00am	
Saturday (Vigil)	8.00pm	
Sunday (15 <sup>th</sup> August)	10.00am	John, Annie & deceased Cooney family
<b>Confessions:</b> Priest Available for Confessions after weekday masses.		
<b>Masses in Bundoran: Sunday:</b> @ Saturday Vigil @ 7.00pm. Sunday @ 8.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm <b>Weekday:</b> Monday- Saturday @ 10.00am		

### Blessing of Graves

Today we have our annual Blessing of Graves at Sunday Mass which is at the special time of 11.00am. Weather permitting mass will be celebrated in the cemetery with the blessing of graves taking place after the homily. If the weather is bad the mass will be held in the Church and the Rock Hall will be available for those unable to get into the Church, mass being relayed to the hall.

Every year in parishes throughout the country huge crowds gather for the Blessing of Graves. This Liturgy has only developed in the past thirty years or so and it has touched a deep cord with peoples and families everywhere. As well as people turning out in large numbers many will also make special efforts to prepare their family plots and other plots for the ceremony. There could be a number of reasons for this.

One could be out of a sense of family honour and pride and indeed keeping a family plot in good condition shows how a family reverences the memory of its deceased.

Another reason could be very personal and sensitive. Many people who gather today have suffered bereavements in the past number of years and miss their loved ones dearly. It is important that today we pray for the healing of grief especially for those who are struggling to move on following the death of a loved one.

A third reason is that it is a reminder of the final things in life, that none of us will escape the ultimate reality of life and death. Death is the reason why we think so deeply about life and why we search endlessly for meaning. If there was no death then we would not be compelled to search so deeply. Death is the reason why we have religion and a lot of most important religious rituals occur around death. That is the reason why the death and resurrection of Christ is so important for Christians because in Christ God has conquered death for all of us. It is because of this we know that death is not the final disaster, but rather it is separation from God. So today's liturgy can remind us of the importance of being at rights with God at all times.

We take the opportunity today to stand in solidarity with those who have been bereaved especially those who have loved ones since this time last year. Those who died since are:

**Kathleen O'Neill, Carrickboy; Gerry McNamara, West Rock; Charles Gallagher, Dernaseer; Martin Magan, Cluanbarn/ East Rock; Mary McInerney, West Port; Patsy Cleary, Dunmuckrum and Philippine Drummond, Finner.**

***May their Souls and all the souls of the Faithful departed rest in peace.***

We also take the opportunity to thank all involved in today's ceremony, The PDR Group, Choir and Organist, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Altar Society, Collectors, Stewards, Sacristan, Caretaker and the Sound Technician, Sean Cassidy.

### Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady in Heaven

We celebrate the Feast next Sunday, 15th August. Masses will be at the usual times, please check above.

## 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.

	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
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:** Sun 8<sup>th</sup> August – Sat 14<sup>th</sup> August: St Brigid's Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Aug: St Colmcille's

4. **Deceased:** Eileen Chivers, Belleek. May she rest in peace.

5. **First Friday:** Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound by arrangement with Fr McManus.

6. **Holy Family National School:** The Minister for Education and Science, An Taniste Mary Coughlin TD visited Holy Family National School to announced that she is sanctioning the School to go to 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 detailed 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:** *Congratulations and best wishes to Lynda Loughlin, Rathmore and John Gallagher, Ballintra who were married in St Joseph's on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August.*

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 House. 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 (7<sup>th</sup> August) at 9.30pm in the Rock Hall. Admission €8.00. Supper served.

11. **Lough Derg Pilgrimages:** The **traditional 3 day** pilgrimage season continues to 15<sup>th</sup> August. Last day for pilgrims entering the island is 13<sup>th</sup> August. No booking necessary.

The **1-day Retreats resume** on 18<sup>th</sup> August. Family Day on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> August; Quiet Day on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. Further information & booking contact Tel/Fax 071 9861518 or email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or visit [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org). **It is essential to book the 1-day Retreats.**

## 12. Collections 31<sup>st</sup> July/1<sup>st</sup> August

Dues Env.	Returned 67	Development Env.	Returned 73
Contents	€603.71	Contents	€303.05
Donations	€326.16	Donations	€163.08
Total	€929.87	Total	€466.13

**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.

14. **Week of Prayer:** In September (19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>) 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.

## Summer Concerts in Rosary Chapel, Bundoran

**The Chamber Orchestra Cologne** will perform music of a sacred and classical character **on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> August.** All are welcome.