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St. Joseph's Church, Ballyshannon

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Day/Date	Mass Times	Intentions
Saturday (10 th July)	8.00pm	Pat & Annie Cassidy, Ardlongfield
Sunday	10.00am	
Monday	10.00am	<i>Monsignor Liam McDaid, Bishop Elect</i>
Tuesday (Rock Nursing Unit)	10.00am	
Wednesday	10.00am	Frank Doherty, Portnason
Thursday	10.00am	
Friday	10.00am	Elizabeth & Joe Brown & dec'd members of Davis family, Sminver
Saturday	10.00am	John Crawford, East Rock
Saturday (Vigil)	8.00pm	
Sunday (18 th July)	10.00am	
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		

The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Liam McDaid 25th July 2010

An Introduction to the Diocese of Clogher

Monsignor Liam Mc Daid will become the fifty-third bishop of our Diocese of Clogher since it was established in 1135. Today our Diocese stretches from Magh Ene in the west to Inniskeen in the east, a few miles short of Dundalk. In between, it includes portions of County Donegal and County Tyrone, the most of County Fermanagh, all of County Monaghan and a portion of County Louth. There are thirty-seven parishes and eighty-seven churches, served by some eighty priests today.

Who or what was here before the time of the diocese? The answer to that takes us back at least to the time of Macartan of Clogher and Tiarnach of Clones, to the time of Molaise of Devenish and Davóg of Lough Derg, to the time of Davnet of Sliabh Beagh (North Monaghan) and Fanchea of Rossory (Enniskillen). They didn't have the same diocesan structures as us but the basics of our faith are still the same. Over fifteen hundred years of faith have passed between us and them but we believe the same Gospel, the same Trinity of Father Son and Holy Spirit, and the same Creed. The language for Mass today may be different from the language of Macartan or Tiarnach, but at its core the Eucharist we share is still the same.

The tradition that came after these early local saints handed on a particular story about St Macartan. One day Macartan took to reading the Gospel. He was delighted by what he read. But the evening was coming and the light was fading. Soon it would have been dark and Macartan was sad that he would have had to stop reading. (In those days there were no reading lights.) However, the story goes that later on that night, his friends noticed that there was a strange light in the place where they had left Macartan reading. When they went over to see what was going on, they found that Macartan was still there and that he was still reading the Gospel surrounded by a mysterious haze of light. No one could explain where the light was coming from. **Later generations took it to mean that Macartan's personal faith – his attention and focus on Jesus – gave him power to read and preach the word of God with a new and different vision.** That story is honoured today in one of the tapestries in the Cathedral in Monaghan

Macartan and our other forebears in faith wanted to choose 'the better part'. Years ago, our forebears in faith realised the importance of listening to Jesus in the midst of the daily grind. Today's secular world, on the other hand, tries to lead us into a life without God. Communist and consumerist governments and economies seem to suggest that it's possible to find heaven without God. The result is more often hellish than heavenly. Not everything that is modern has proved humane.

It is the role of the Bishop to continue to be a voice for God and goodness, especially in this secular age. Together with our Bishop, we need to challenge ourselves and the world around us to the right-thinking and right-vision that comes from being focused on Jesus Christ.

Liturgy Teams for the Month of July

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	Anthony Begley	Carl Duggan
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Loughlin Kathleen McFadden	Fiona Feeney Bernie Boyle
Collectors (front)	Eddie Drummond	Phillip Cassidy
Collectors (back)	Kieran Drummond	Patrick McKenna

2. **Altar Society for July:** Joan Duffy & Peg Boyle.

3. **Mass Servers:** Sun 11th July – Sat 17th July: St Colmcille's; Sunday 18th July- Saturday 24th July: St Macartan's

4. **Preparation for the Ordination of Bishop Elect Monsignor Liam McDaid:** Several masses will be offered for Monsignor Liam McDaid as he prepares to become our next Bishop. These masses will on Mondays of the next two weeks at 10.00am and on Sunday 25th July at 10.00am. Special prayers will be offered at these masses and there will be special readings at the mass on Sunday 25th July, the day of the ordination. There are leaflets available on the Irish Catholic Table containing information and prayers regarding the Ordination of Monsignor McDaid and the Diocese of Clogher. **Please take one and keep Monsignor McDaid and our Diocese in your prayers.**

5. **Mass of Healing for the Sick:** Saturday 17th July @ 3.00pm. All who are sick and housebound are welcome to this special mass on next Saturday at 3.00pm. The sacrament of the Sick will be available at the mass.

6. **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.

7. **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.**

8. **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.

9. **Cake Sale:** Thanks to all who donated to and supported our Cake Sale on Saturday 10th July.

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

11. **AWARE –** www.aware.ie Helpline 1890 303 302 or 074 9735030 Now meeting **every Thursday** night at 8.00pm in the **Day Centre, Ballyshannon. You are not alone!**

12. **Collections 3rd /4th July**

Dues Env.	Returned 78	Development Env.	Returned 73
Contents	€772.51	Contents	€298.92
Donations	€182.38	Donations	€91.19
Total	€954.89	Total	€389.11

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

13. **New Footpath:** At the moment the Council are putting in a new footpath opposite the Church. We ask people to take care when parking and walking to and from the Church and to obey the Council road signs. The Church Car Park is available for use.

14. **Sacred Heart School 25 Year Reunion:** The Class of 1985 are having reunion on Saturday, 21st August at 8.30pm in Dicey Reillys. All students and teachers from the year are invited, partners and friends are also welcome. Please contact joanmcgrath4@gmail.com, emcintyre@o2.ie or Roisin @ 0861254947 .

Important Dates

Blessing of Graves in St Joseph's: Sunday 8th August: @ 11.00am

Summer Concerts in Rosary Chapel, Bundoran : The **Three Irish Tenors** will perform in Concert in the Rosary Chapel on Thursday, 29th July, 2010 and **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.