ST. MARY'S HALL & Cinema

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Cinema Now Showing THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (15A) 95 Mins Saturday 26th September - 8.15pm se Note Lim-THE GREATEST SHOWMAN (PG) 104min ited Availability / Sunday 27th September - 3pm & 8.15 45 Seats CINEMA CLOSED 28TH OT STPTEMBER First come first served! **SAVAGE** (18) 99mi Fri **2nd October - 8 Frym**, Sat **3rd - 8.15pm** Sun 4th - 8.15 Mon 5th to Thursday 8th - 8.15pm 100% WOLF (PG) 95mins (Matinees) Sat 4th October - 3pm, Sun 5th - 3pm. Fovle Hospice volunteers needed in their Vacancies SCCI Community Employ-Charity shops, please contact Rachael on ment Scheme require Groundspersons 04871351010 or email for local football pitches/ Youth Club Assistants and Tidy Towns workers. rachael@foylehospice.com Please contact David Healev on Samaritans Helpline number Call Free 0749361264 for details. phone: 116 123, Text: 087 2 60 90 90. **ALSO Vacancy** Administration Post Donegal Hospice are offering bereave-19.5 hours per week for the Fahan area, ment Support, call 0894402787 for furnormal CE conditions apply contact niamh@swillycep.ie ther details Burt GAA Lotto Numbers drawn this week were 7-10-14-20-25. Our weekly THE NET The October edition of The Net is winner : Eamon Dowds Burt €60 Jackpot next week €5,300 now available online. on www.derrydiocese.org. Two former curates of Burt/ Inch 's parishes are highlighted. You are invited to read The Net, on the diocesan website, at your convenience.

Fahan Parish Newsletter Burt, Inch & Fahan fahanparish@derrydiocese.org

www.fahanparish.com **1 st November 2020** All Saints Day Fr Bradley PP 9363455 Fr Diggin 9368155 Fr Mulhern 9360151 Parish Office 9360151 (Mon-Thurs 9am-12:30pm)

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

By tradition, in November we remember and pray for the repose of the souls of our dead. A special ceremony will be streamed at 3pm this Sunday 1 November. In this month, many people undertake the spiritual exercises to obtain a Plenary Indulgence for the Faithful Departed. The Pope has released some changes to the normal practice. The Decree containing these modifications was signed on 22 October, the liturgical memorial of Pope St John Paul II.

Plenary Indulgence during month of November

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the need to avoid large groups from forming where prohibited, the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of 1 to 8 November. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed.

Plenary Indulgence for Feast of All Souls' Day

Regarding the Plenary Indulgence attached to All Souls' Day, Monday 2 November, this year it can be obtained not only on the preceding or succeeding Sunday, or on the actual Feast day, but on any other day of the month chosen by each member of the faithful. In this case, the indulgence is obtained by "devoutly visiting a church or an oratory", along with the recitation of the Our Father and the Creed, and the other requirements associated with a Plenary Indulgence. These conditions are Confession and Holy Communion (when these will later be available) and a prayer for the Pope's intentions. You can visit the church by logging on to <u>churchservices.tv/</u> cockhill or imagining yourself there.

The homebound

For anyone who cannot leave their home for various reasons, including anti-Covid restrictions, they too can obtain the Plenary Indulgence by "uniting themselves spiritually to other members of the faithful". In this case, the condition of being "completely detached from sin" and the intention of completing the other requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence remain.

The Decree suggests that such prayer take place before an "image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary". Among the various prayers that are recommended are "prayers for the deceased, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditating on various Gospel passages proposed for the liturgy of the Dead, or completing a work of mercy by offering to God the suffering and discomforts of one's own life".

Invitation to Priests

As soon as it will be possible, Confessions will be made available again. Holy Communion can still be brought to those who are gravely ill or in danger of death. In addition, all priests are invited to offer three Masses on All Souls' Day.

Readings for Feast of All Saints

1st Reading: 'Apocalypse' means 'Revelation'. One day - no one knows when - those who have been through 'the great persecution' and have remained faithful, those who have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb," meaning baptism and the other sacraments, these will one day enjoy a great cosmic victory celebration with 'the Lamb'. Every Mass participates in this great act of thanksgiving.

 2^{nd} Reading: Jesus's gift is to offer us the chance to one day stand before God with confidence and joy, as members of his Divine Family. "Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify themselves, as Jesus is pure."

Comment: These 8 'beatitudes' are the beginning of the great 'Sermon on the Mount', chapters 5, 6 and 7. Jesus, genius of the human heart that he is, sits down on a hill-side and in the gentlest possible manner describes his 'kingdom' and offers membership in the first place to 'the poor in spirit', i.e., the poor, the wretched, the powerless, 'little ones' of this world, who are usually more open and receptive to the Gospel than 'great ones'. And he goes on to offer the Kingdom and beatitude (described symbolically in today's first reading) to all those who hunger after peace, justice, truth, holiness or who suffer persecution for the Gospel, even on to death.

MASS TIMES

Mon 2nd November Mass 10am & 7pm Feast for All Souls Tues 3rd at Mass at 10am **Special Intention** Wed 4th at 7pm Thanksgiving Mass Thurs 5th at 10am Ann McLaughlin, (20th A) Fri 6th at 10am **Special Intention** Fri 6th at 7pm Special Intention Sat 7th at 7pm Jim Doherty, Alice Brennan & Bridie McGee

Due to Stage 4 restrictions there will be no congregation at any of the Masses. Masses can be viewed at <u>churchservices.tv/cockhill</u> at the following times:

STAGE FOUR RESTRICTIONS

In line with Government guidelines, there will be no public Mass until further notice.

Masses can be viewed at the normal weekday and weekend times on churchservices.tv/cockhill. Any Mass intentions or anniversary Masses arranged will still be offered at the date and time booked.

<u>Please Note:</u> the Parish Office is closed to the public. We are working behind closed doors, so please phone or email and we will gladly assist you.

CEREMONY FOR THE DECEASED

Today, 1st Nov, we will be holding a Ceremony for our Dead, commencing the month of the Holy Souls. This will take place at 3pm and will be broadcast on churchservices.tv/cockhill.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR DECEASED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Annual Mass for deceased children and young people will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 8 November, at 7.00pm. You can join this Mass live on the St Eugene's Cathedral webcam. If you would like to have a child or young person remembered at this Mass, please email the name to lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org

<u>November</u> short boo<u>klet for families</u>

has been created to highlight the month of November as a time to remember and pray for our dearly departed. It marks out the feast days, provides a family prayer service, instructions to prepare a sacred space in the home and some prayers for November. The booklet can be downloaded at this link: <u>https://www.derrydiocese.org/</u> <u>news/november-prayer-service-for-use-athome</u>

COVID-19 CONFIDENTIAL HELPLINE

Tel 0830107089, providing support to families within Inishowen who are experiencing difficulties due to the *Pandemic*, promoting inclusion & equality. Going LIVE Monday's Wednesdays & Fridays from 10am - 1.00pm.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

If you have a concern about safeguarding in this parish, please contact Noel O'Donnell on 048 71362475 or 00447596500793.

Death

Your Prayers are asked for Hughie McDermott who died recently and for his families & friends saddened by their loss.

A Thought.....

The saints did not all begin well, but they all ended well. *St John Vianney*

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 2nd November: All Souls Tues 3rd November: St Malachy, bishop Wed 4th November: St Charles Borromeo, bishop Thur 5th November: St Martin de Porres, religious Fri 6th November: All Saints of Ireland

BUNCRANA CHURCHES TOGETHER

We are once again hosting Alpha, only this time it's online! We will meet via Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 3rd Nov - 8th Dec 2020, and resume after Christmas (date to be confirmed). The meetings will begin at 7:30pm and last one hour. Anyone over 18 who is interested in exploring the deeper questions of life and faith is welcome to join with us. Please email <u>alphabuncrana@gmail.com</u> for registration.