

Fahan Parish Newsletter

Burt, Inch & Fahan

ST AENGUS'S CHURCH UPKEEP The collection baskets for your contribution to the upkeep of the church are located inside the doorways of the church. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

BURT GAA LOTTO Jackpot still to be won Numbers drawn 6-8-17-24-27 Eileen Donaghey Burnfoot €30 Leo Bradley Burnfoot €30

BURT BINGO will restart on Tues May 24th in St Mary's hall at 9pm. Please join us and bring a friend. Proceeds to parish funds.

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY is looking to recruit Daffodil Centre volunteers for Letterkenny Hospital. Daffodil Centre volunteers welcome, assist & signpost visitors to the appropriate information they require. If you are able to commit a minimum of 4 hours per month & are interested in this role, you can find info on their website: <https://www.cancer.ie/form/vol-form-daffcenter>. If you would like further info please email volunteer@irishcancer.ie

WELCOMING HOST FAMILIES wanted for International Students, term time or for the month of July. For further information please call 087 4088 282

TUTOR REQUIRED for Junior Cert Maths. Please call Lorraine on 0044 7845294990 if you can help. Thank you

CAR BOOT SALE Car Boot Sale takes place in St Mary's Community Hall, Muff on Sat 14th May, to book a table call 93 84572, call in on the day and have a look. Bingo takes place every Sunday in St Marys Hall, Muff at 3pm, everyone welcome

ROGUES AND RASCALS at Fahan Presbyterian Hall *Parent and Toddler Group* every Wed between 9.30am-11.30am. All welcome

COUNSELLING A professional confidential counselling service is available for couples or individuals through ACCORD at the Pastoral Centre, Carndonagh. Contact 074 9374103 or accordinishowen@gmail.com

NOWDOC Phone Number: 0818 400911. Have your Eircode handy!

IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC CONCERT fundraiser for the Gavin Glynn Foundation on behalf of Caitlin Strain, in the inishowen Gateway Hotel on Friday 13th May at 7pm, tickets €20 on sale from the Inishowen Gateway Hotel

ST AENGUS' NS FUND Sponsored 5k Walk/Run Tues 17th May at 7pm from An Grianan Estate in aid of St Aengus' NS Fund

HOME INSTEAD DONEGAL are looking to recruit 100 New Community Home Help Care Givers all over Donegal in '22. We have exciting new opportunities for compassionate people who are available for Part time/ Full time or flexible employment. Contact Deirdre on 074 91 13050 to explore these amazing new job opportunities and to see if this is the job for you!

ACCORD CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE are seeking Marriage Preparation Programme Facilitators to be recruited as volunteers to train as facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Deirdre 004479 80898399 or email to info@accordni.com Closing date for registration of interest forms is Fri 27th May. Additional info available on www.accordni.com

SWILLY CEP have 1 Befriender vacancy for the Alone office in Buncrana for the IDP office in Buncrana. Contact Niamh 0861018944 /Mickey 0863267443.

ANAM CARA Donegal, monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Thurs 12th May at 7:15pm in the Raddison Blu, Letterkenny. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. Please contact us on 085 288 8888/info@anamcara.ie for further info.

Weekly Collection
€1712
Trócaire
Collection to date
€2536
Sincere Thanks

fahanparish@derrydiocese.org
www.fahanparish.com

8th May 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Fr Bradley PP 9363455
Fr Diggin 9368155
Fr Mulhern 9360151
Parish Office 9360151
(Mon-9.30am-2.30pm)
(Tues-Thurs 10am-12:30pm)

Gospel

In the tenth chapter of John's Gospel the focus is on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. This language is to be understood in the light of Old Testament ideas that God was the shepherd of Israel and that their kings were meant to follow his example. Often they failed in this duty and the people were abandoned. This explains the importance of Jesus describing himself as the shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. In the text for today, the emphasis is on the relationship that must exist between Jesus and the members of his flock. They are known by Jesus (this is the intimate knowledge of friendship) and they listen to him and follow him on the path that leads to life. All of this is possible because Jesus is completely united with God his Father.

Reflection

A superficial reading of the Acts of the Apostles might lead one to imagine that the early days of the church were so blessed by : the presence of the Spirit that it was easy for the disciples to remain faithful and for the church to grow. However, this was clearly not the case. The first generations of believers were setting out on a journey into uncharted territory and they faced huge problems, including marginalisation and even death. The New Testament, both in the Acts and the Book of Revelation, is witnessing not to the ease with which they undertook their task but rather to their courage and openness in facing whatever came their way. It is also a witness to their utter conviction that Jesus was with them through all their experiences.

Sean Goan, Let the reader understand www.columbia.ie

CONCERT FOR UKRAINE

Featuring "The Magnificent Seven Crew" in partnership with the Derry Branch of Concern Worldwide: Monday 6 June, in the Millennium Forum, with over 30 top singers and entertainers from Derry City and beyond, who are giving of their time freely to help those suffering as a result of the terrible devastation being inflicted on the people of Ukraine. Tickets, £16.50, are available online or at the Millennium Forum Box Office.

All proceeds from the show will go to the Ukrainian humanitarian appeal.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion for the children in 2nd Class in St. Mura's NS, will take place on Saturday 14th May at 11am in St. Mura's Church, Fahan.

ROSARY

The Rosary will be prayed each day at 1pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Inch during the month of May. It will be offered for Ireland and peace in the world. All welcome.

A GENTLE REMINDER THAT THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

In order to allow people to contribute to the parish, a Collection Box has now been secured in **St Mura's Church, Fahan**. We have also placed collection boxes in a number of commercial premises around the parish at the following locations:

Post Office, Bridgend; Post Office, Speenogue; Callaghan's Filling Station, Burt Tourish's Spar Shop, Burnfoot; Bradley's Filling Station, Fahan

Please help the parish at this time by putting your weekly collection envelopes and donations in the boxes provided. Please ask the staff for assistance.

You are also welcome to leave your envelopes/donations into the Parish Office at Fahan Parochial House 10.00am-12.30pm Mon-Thurs.

The parish really needs your financial support at this time.

We are very thankful to the various premises for accommodating us in this way at this time.

Father Bradley

READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(full text of readings available at www.catholicireland.net)

First Reading: In the story of Paul's first missionary journey through present day Turkey we are afforded a glimpse of how the Church exploded into being. But it wasn't all plain sailing. The initial enthusiastic welcome of the ordinary people was suppressed by the prominent Jews of Antioch. Paul and Barnabas were expelled. So they turned to non-Jews who warmly welcomed the Gospel. Paul and Barnabas 'were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.'

Second Reading: St John's vision continues. He sees a countless multitude standing in the court of God. Those present have passed through 'the great persecution' and are now forever safely beyond all danger. The Lamb has been and will 'be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.'

Gospel: Today's Gospel acclamation is: "I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own and my own know me." Jesus' followers are the gift of the Father. He and the Father are one. Christians are protected and surrounded by the unbreakable love between Jesus and his Father. 'And no one steals from the Father.' However, the harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to the harvest.' (Mt 9).

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Aengus' Burt

churchservices.tv/burt

Mon – Thurs Mass at 10am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 14th May Mass at 6pm

Sunday 15th May Mass at 11.15am

Our Lady of Lourdes, Inch

Sunday 15th May Mass at 10am

St Mura's Church, Fahan

churchservices.tv/fahan

Friday 13th May Mass at 10am

Saturday 14th May Mass at 7pm

Brendan Doherty MM

Sunday 15th May Mass at 11am

Chapel of Ease, Fahan

Sunday 15th May Mass at 9am

BAPTISMS

Take place on Sunday after 11am Mass in the Parish Church. Please ring 07493 60151 to book a date.

DEATHS

Your prayers are asked for **Kathleen Mc Partland (nee Mc Laughlin) Cornshell Fields, Steelstown, Derry formerly Tooban, Burnfoot and Hubert Wilson, Inch Post Office, Moress, Inch** who died recently and for their family and friends saddened by their loss.

ADORATION IN ST MURA'S PARISH CHURCH will take place each Friday after the 10am Mass. "Can you not come and watch one hour with ME". All Welcome!

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 3rd to 8th July 2022, (ex Belfast) £689 pp sharing. Places are still available: contact the Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, tel 028 71260293/ derrypilgrim@outlook.com. All intending pilgrims are asked to return application forms and full payment by Sat 28 May.

DERRY DIOCESAN SOCIETY Anyone wishing to have their deceased loved ones enrolled, please leave your details at Fahan Parochial House. The cost is €25

HEALING SUNDAY Franciscan Friary, Rosstown Healing Sunday Service will be on the first Sunday of every month, going forward. Rosary is at 2.45pm followed by Mass/Healing Service at 3pm. Confessions are from 2pm – 5pm. Everyone welcome.

LOUGH DERG RE-OPENS Lough Derg welcomes Pilgrims again with a full Pilgrimage programme this summer. Three Day Pilgrimage: 1st June - 15th Aug. Booking advised.

Concessions available. One Day Retreats and guided Pilgrim Path experience: dates in May and late August through September. Booking essential. All booking info at www.loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org or telephone 071 9861518. Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal, F94 N289.

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place on Fri 24th – Sun 26th June. Bishop McKeown will lead the pilgrimage and invites you to join him. Booking is essential - contact Diocesan Catechetical Centre Tel: 048 71264087 or Email: lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org Cost is £80 which includes return transport from Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry.

WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES Weekly Collection envelopes for the new year are now available from all Church porches, please take a box home with you. Thank you

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, INCH asks for your help in raising funds to enable the Installation of an Internet Service to facilitate the connection of **Church Services Web Camera Equipment**. A GoFundMe page has been set up at the following link <https://gofund.me/612aa1e5> for online donations. The following shops have a donation box within their premises. Bradley's Service Station, Fahan, Burnfoot Service Station, Callaghan's Service Station, Burt Callaghan's Electrical, Burt. Further info or personal contributions can be made to Seamus Craig on 0868254603. The fundraiser for the installation of the WEBCAM in Our Lady of Lourdes church is underway. Webcam appeal update. Money raised so far stands at €2550

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES Sacristan & Caretaker 16 Hours per Week Ardmore Parish Derry Closing Date 11th May '22. For a job description and application form please: Write: Personnel, Derry Diocesan Office, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP Email: payroll@derrydiocese.org Phone 028 7126 2302. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*