

Fahan Parish Newsletter

Burt, Inch & Fahan

Weekly Collection
was €1,278
Sincere Thanks

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Twenty Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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(Mon-Thurs 10am-12:30pm)

THE RICH YOUNG MAN

This exchange between Jesus and the rich man is often read with Matthew's parallel in mind, where Jesus tells the young man to sell his possessions 'if you would be perfect'. There are no such phrases in Mark's story. The questioner has reached a certain age, for he has kept the commandments 'from my earliest days'. He is in the full flush of wealth, and getting rid of his riches is not a mere counsel of perfection for this particular man.

Jesus is stressing the danger of possessions for everyone. It is a curious fact that for many people, the more they have, the more they want. Conversely, the less people have, the more generous they can be drawn to be, knowing the value to other needy people because of the little they have. It is not merely that we need to be free of the preoccupations and distractions of wealth. Wealth can be a good preoccupation if the worry comes from awareness of the responsibility it brings.

Repeatedly, however, in the history of the Church, from St Anthony of the Desert, St Francis of Assisi and others, people have interpreted these words of Jesus in this gospel in a heroic manner, and have stripped themselves of all possessions to concentrate on the Kingdom of God. God's blessing is especially on the poor.

How does the danger of possessions affect me? Am I generous with what I have?

MISSION MONTH

- October is Mission Month in the Church. It is also a Marian month meaning we are encouraged to pray the Rosary each day.
- Mission Month culminates in World Mission Sunday which is the Holy Father's annual direct appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of missionaries can continue. This year World Mission Sunday is on 24th October.
- World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and across Europe, but also in poorer parishes in the developing world.

The theme for this year's Mission Month in Ireland is *We cannot remain silent - we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard*. This message is twofold. It is a message of hope: Jesus Christ is risen and we cannot keep his love, compassion and mercy to ourselves. It also challenges us to stand up and speak out on behalf of those whose voices are too small to be heard. For them, we cannot remain silent.

BURT GAA Jackpot still there folks! Numbers drawn were 1-2-13-19-28. Our weekly winners were Shannon & Chloe Gallagher, Burnfoot, €30. Hugo Wallace, Manorcunningham €30 (Online Winner). Jackpot next week now stands at €10,200 so make sure be in to win.

KATHLEEN GRANT wishes to sincerely thank you for helping to raise €2,555, proceeds sales of 2021 Burt Inch and Fahan calendar, which was donated to parish funds. Sincere thanks also to sponsors and local shops and Malachy Harrigan and Kevin Callaghan for their valued help.

FOYLE HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS: Foyle Hospice is currently seeking new volunteers for the Day Hospice, in particularly volunteer hairdressers, complementary therapists, and beauticians/nail technicians. The Day Hospice operates on a Tues, Wed and Thurs each week. To volunteer or for more information contact Rachael Osbourne on 04871 351010 or rachael@foylehospice.com

ACCORD INISHOWEN are hosting Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (Pre-Marriage) Courses via Zoom on Saturday 13th November. To book: www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation or email accordinishowen@gmail.com

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND 5 – 7 November, hosted by Catholic Marriage Encounter: Restore Communication, Renew Commitment and Rekindle Romance. This is an online experience (using Zoom), starting on Friday evening at 8pm and ending on Sunday afternoon at 2:30pm. See www.marriageencounter.ie
NowDOC Phone Number: 1850400911. Have your Eircode handy!

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE If you have a concern about safeguarding in this parish, please contact 048 71362475 or 00447596500793.

SAMARITANS HELPLINE NUMBER Call Free phone: **116 123**, Text: **087 2 60 9090**.

VACANCIES SCCI Community Employment Scheme require Grounds persons for local football pitches/ Youth Club Assistants and Tidy Towns workers. Please contact David Healey on 0749361264 for details

SWILLY CEP Four positions available for work in both Cockhill and Fahan graveyards. The usual CE conditions apply. Contact Mickey 0863267443 or Niamh 0861018944

GET THE GRADE English Grinds/Tuition with experienced Teacher of English & SEC examiner. Text/Call Mark: 086 665 5334

COUNSELLING: A professional confidential counselling service is available for couples or individuals through ACCORD at the Pastoral Centre, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal, F93 XP59. Contact 074 9374103 or at accordinishowen@gmail.com.

FAHAN/TOOBAN MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP are looking for someone to take over this group which runs on a Wednesday from 9.30-11.30am in the Church Hall, if interested please call Catriona on 074 9331861

DONEGAL HOSPICE are offering bereavement support, call 0894402787 for further details.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Any 3rd Level student who needs help, assistance or advice with going to university or college can contact SVP on 0860549976.

A THOUGHT..

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.
Eleanor Roosevelt

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, Speenogoe
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*

Weekday Mass Times

St. Aengus' Burt

(churchservices.tv/burt)

Monday 11th Oct Mass at 10am
Tuesday 12th Oct Mass at 10am
Wednesday 13th Oct Mass at 10am
Thursday 14th Oct Mass at 10am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 16th October at 6pm
Sunday 17th October Mass at 11.15am

New Mass Schedule Times

St Mura's Church, Fahan

(churchservices.tv/fahan)

Friday 15th October Mass at 10am
Hugh Doherty (2nd A)
Saturday 16th October Mass at 7.30pm
Sunday 17th October Mass at 11am

Chapel of Ease, Fahan

Sunday 17th October Mass at 9am

Our Lady of Lourdes, Inch

Sunday 17th October Mass at 10am

BAPTISM

We welcome into God's family the following child who was baptised:

David Michael McMahon, Glencove Manor, Monaghan

May God Guide & Protect our Children always

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!

READERS FOR MASS

Readers are needed for weekend Masses in the Parish Church and Chapel of Ease. Please contact the Parish Office on 074 93 60151 Monday to Thursday, 10am to 12.30pm. Thank

READINGS FOR 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: This Old Testament book was probably written less than 100 years before Christ. It was written in the name of Solomon (the Wise) although he had lived almost 1000 years previously. It praises the goods of the mind and heart over riches and power. In today's gospel Jesus will introduce an even higher wisdom. 'In him wisdom has become love.'

2nd Reading: Jesus, the perfect image of our unseen God, is compared to a sword that penetrates through every defence. The writer had concerns about his hearers abandoning their faith. "We must press forward to enter our place of rest." (v. 11). The Promised Land of old is used as a 'type' or foreshadowing of our place of rest, both in this life and the next, as Jesus's own adopted brothers and sisters.

Gospel: Jesus looked long and hard at the young man, who from his youth - had kept God's Commandments. He 'loved' him and issued an invitation. The young man had typified the best of Old Testament wisdom. Yet sadly his attachment to wealth smothered this divine vocation (calling) to an even greater wisdom. He would not leave everything to join Jesus in spreading the Good News of divine love.

WE CANNOT REMAIN SILENT: MISSION MONTH

In October, a series of presentations on Mission will take place on Zoom on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm. Themes include the Mission of God, Channels of Prophetic Inspiration and The Mission of the Church today. To take part, send an email with your details to: buncranafaith@gmail.com to receive the link for Zoom call.

COASTAL ROSARY On Sunday Oct 10th at 2.30pm. Join people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our grottos, churches, at the coasts and other suitable places. We encourage you to gather safely being mindful of COVID 19 regulations. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

LEGION OF MARY FAHAN - the Legion of Mary are looking to start in the Fahan Area, if interested contact Mary on 074 9361612.

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022: Although mindful of all the uncertainties we face at this time, the Pilgrimage Director and staff have begun planning for a return to Lourdes in early summer 2022. While it is still too early to provide details, it is intended that the date and duration will be as in recent years and hopefully these will be confirmed and announced by the end of 2021. We ask for the prayers of the people of the diocese so that, by the grace of God and intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, we may return to Lourdes once more.

VOCATIONS

Would you like to discover your Vocation – Priesthood? Single life? Marriage? Consecrated life? Religious Life?

Fr Patrick Lagan, has organised an afternoon aimed at discovering your Vocation on Sunday 17th October at 3pm in St Eugene's Cathedral Hall. All Welcome