

Fahan Parish Newsletter

Burt, Inch & Fahan

Weekly
Collection
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Sincere Thanks

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14th February 2021
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT 2021

“Remember you are dust and to dust you will return” are the words we traditionally hear as Ashes were placed on our foreheads during Ash Wednesday. This year, we will not have the Ashes placed on our foreheads, so we must still try to hear those powerful words echoing in the ear of our hearts. The sign of the cross was indelibly placed on our hearts and souls in baptism. During Lent we should remind ourselves that we are Christians, people who have been claimed for Christ and redeemed by him. Although we might not bear this mark on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday this year, we should still try to leave our mark by the way we live our lives during Lent.

How do we do this? By turning away from sin and being faithful to the Gospel. By being kind and generous, happy and helpful. By letting go of anger and hurt, bitterness and resentment. By being positive and content; by smiling instead of scowling.

Doing little things well is important. This year, given the restrictions we have to live under, each Wednesday morning, beginning on Ash Wednesday, a 7.15am Mass will be streamed on Facebook across both parishes of Burt, Inch & Fahan and Desertegney & Lower Fahan. Mass at 10am will be streamed on the Webcam from Burt. On Friday mornings, although there will not be Mass from Burt, Mass will be streamed from St Mary’s Oratory, followed by a five minute moment of Catechesis and Stations of the Cross. Then, each evening at 10pm, a short Night Prayer will again be streamed to the Facebook pages of both parishes. The Stations of the Cross will be recited each Sunday evening at 6pm in Burt.

It is hoped that these additional moments of prayer and reflection will help us to make progress in coming closer to God and one another during Lent. These will mark out our time and, in turn, make a good mark on our lives.

Lord, keep our hearts tuned to yours during Lent so that we can walk together as friends towards Easter joy.

Weekly Collection Boxes for the new year are now available to collect in all Church porches, please collect yours there.
Thank you.

Trócaire Boxes are available in the porches of each of the churches if you would like one for your home or workplace. Please support this appeal during Lent if you can.

Samaritans Helpline number Call Free phone: 116 123, Text: 087 2 60 90 90.

Donegal Hospice are offering bereavement Support, call 0894402787 for further details

Burt GAA No Jackpot winner this week, numbers drawn were 4-10-13-14-16. Our weekly winner was Maeve Kerrigan Bridgend €60. Jackpot next week €6,800

Burt/Inch/Fahan 2021 calendar The highly popular Burt Inch and Fahan 2021 calendar is still on sale at all local outlets. We thank the business fraternity for their valued help. Cost €5. Proceeds to much needed parochial funds. Contact Kathleen 0749368373 / 0863931426 for posting or collecting.

Recycling: Bring your read newspapers for recycling to Grant's of Burt. Please note NO glossy paper (magazines) at present. Please remember to bring all boxes and plastic bags home with you from the bottle bank at Moness, Burt. Thank you

Preparing for Marriage?

Catholic Engaged Encounter: A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 27-28 March 2021. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/
Booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512.

Donegal Hearing Clinic: are holding a clinic on Fri 19th Feb 9:30am-3pm **by appointment only.** Call Sue on (074) 9385758 to book.

Trócaire Lenten Parish Resources

2021 www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-Ireland/parishes/resources/ For more information on our parish resources, parish workshops and Lent webinars, contact colm.hogan@trocaire.org

St Aengus' National School Enrolments are now being taken for the school year 2020-2021. If you wish to enrol your child for September, please contact the school 074 93 68352 or www.staengusbridgend.com

St. Mura's NS Tooban Enrolments are now being taken for September 2021. An application form can be downloaded from the school website and should be returned by post to the school before February 17th 2021.

Gaelscoil Bhun Cranncha

Tá iontráil oscailte anois fá choinne 2021-2022. Tuilleadh eolais ar fáil le fáilte - Enrolment for Junior Infants 2021 is now open at Gaelscoil Bhun Cranncha. For further info please call us on 074 93 61988 or email gbsc1999@gmail.com. We're looking forward to hearing from you as you explore school options for your child. Irish classes via Zoom will be offered to interested parents on enrolment.

Vacancy Administration Post 19.5 hours per week for the Fahan area, normal CE conditions apply contact niamh@swillycep.ie

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.

NowDoc Phone Number: 1850400911. Have your Eircode handy!

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.

I am very thankful to the various premises for accommodating us in this way at this time. *Father Bradley*

Weekday Mass Times
St. Aengus' Burt

- Monday 15th Mass at 10am.
- Tuesday 16th Mass at 10am.
- Wednesday 17th at 10am
- Thursday 18th Mass at 10am
- Kathleen Moynihan (MM)**

Parish of Burt, Inch and Fahan
Facebook Page

Wed 17th Feb Mass at 7:15am
Special Intention

Weekend Mass Times

- Saturday 20th 6.00pm
- Peggy McGrath (A)**
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- Sunday 21st 11.15am
- Patsy McLafferty (MM)**

Due to the current Covid 19 restrictions, there will be no congregation at any of our Masses, all Masses can be view at www.churchservices.tv/burt

DEATHS

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Patrick Canning** who died recently and for his family and friends saddened by their loss.

SYMPATHY

Deepest Sympathy is expressed to: Bridie Burns, Burt on the death of her brother Frank Markey (Manchester); Maire Hegarty and Rena Mullan on the death of their brother, Phil Chambers (Dublin) and formerly of Bray Road, Burnfoot; The family of Willie Whoriskey (Birmingham), formerly of Burt. who died recently.

DERRY DIOCESAN SOCIETY

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

READINGS FOR 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: One needs to read through chapters 13 and 14 of Leviticus to appreciate the full depth of the leper's misery. Leprosy involved both body and soul in the first millennium BC. Even if he recovered he had to undergo an elaborate religious rite of purification. To be completely cured therefore would be like being called back from the dead. Hence today's psalm: I turn to you, Lord...and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: Today's reading ends the letter. In Corinth the meat from sacrifices to false gods was often sold in butcher's shops. St Paul assures his converts that although they need not be worried about buying and eating it, they must at all costs avoid giving scandal to those who might imagine that Christians supported such sacrificing, thereby impeding their acceptance of the Good News.

Gospel Jesus' mission was to redeem mankind from the leprosy of sin. His response to the leper was immediate. But his reputation as a healer now spread like wildfire, obscuring and compromising his mission to free people from the depth of their sin and alienation from God.

TAX REFUND FORMS Reminder for those who give 5 Euro or more to the weekly collection (yearly donation of €250 or more). Please return forms (available in the various churches), to Fr Diggin or Fahan Parochial House, as soon as possible.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Sincerest thanks for the donations recently made towards the installation of the web-cam for St Aengus' Church (installed) and St Mura's Church (to be installed), donations of €500, 200, €20 & €30 were received.

THE NET FEBRUARY 2021 EDITION Sharing the fruits of the faith in the Derry Diocese. With Covid-19 restrictions still in place, the February edition of 'The Net' will only be available on the Diocesan website - <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-february-2021> However, the publication will be available again in parishes when the restrictions are lifted.

A THOUGHT... This year's Valentine's Day, I will enjoy long, romantic walks...to the fridge!

♥ **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY** ♥

DIOCESE OF DERRY DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE - an invitation from Bishop McKeown. The annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse will take place on **Friday, 19 February 2021**, the first Friday of Lent. Bishop McKeown is inviting people to join him on the 19th of February on a 24-hour period of prayer, penance. Fast starts: 12 midnight Thursday, 18 February. 24 hour Vigil starts: 6:00 am Friday, 19 February. Full details on www.derrydiocese.org

LENTEN CONVERSATIONS Knock Shrine are launching a new online series to engage you each Thursday at 8.30pm during Lent. What nurtures our faith and what challenges it today?; Where do we find hope and joy in our lives?; How can our faith build mental strength, wellbeing and resilience?; How has the Covid pandemic impacted upon our faith? Join us at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live or on Facebook@knockshrine