

Fahan Parish Newsletter

Burt, Inch & Fahan

BURT GAA Jackpot still there folks...Numbers drawn were 2-3-14-20-28. Our 2 weekly winners were: Nancy Hirrell, Bridgend, €30. Ciaran Bradley, Burnfoot. €30. Jackpot next week is now a massive €10,300 make sure to play lotto to be in with a chance of winning!

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

AN AFTERNOON OF EXPLORATION - understanding your Vocation 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 Sun 17th Oct at 3pm in St Eugene's Cathedral Hall. All Welcome. For further information please contact St Eugene's Cathedral on 048 71262894 or steugenest@btconnect.co.uk

FLU VACCINE: Inishowen Medical is hosting a flu vaccine clinic in Clonmany Community Centre (F93 XV88) for both clinics on Tues 2nd Nov from 10-12.30 then 2-4.30pm. No appointment required. Covid Booster vaccination available for patients aged 80 years and over. It is advisable to bring your Covid Vaccination card and wear short sleeves.

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

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

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.

DONEGAL HEARING CLINIC Next clinic at Castle Clinic Merville on Sat 23rd Oct 9am-2pm by appointment only. Call 9385758 to book. Please wear a mask and sanitise your hands when entering the clinic.

NOWDOC Phone Number: 1850400911. Have your Eircode handy!

A THOUGHT..

Be happy—it drives people crazy!

Weekly Collection
was €1,375
Sincere Thanks

fahanparish@derrydiocese.org
www.fahanparish.com
17th October 2021
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend (24th October) we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. Worryingly, it is in jeopardy. The pandemic means that less of us can physically attend Mass, meaning less offerings in the basket. The implications for overseas missionaries and the communities they serve over the coming months will be devastating. By tradition, the usual Sunday collection taken up that day goes directly to the work of the Missionary Church throughout the world. You can also donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio on 01 497 2035. You can find more details about what has been previously collected, how it was spent, and what the plans for this year are at www.missio.ie If you can, please support this collection as generously as ever. Thank you. Fr Bradley

IN THE PRESENCE OF THE SAINTS

A Talk on Relics & a Blessing Professor William A Thomas will deliver a brief talk on the Relics of the Saints in St Mary's Oratory, Buncrana, on Monday 1 November 2021 at 7pm, immediately after a special 6pm Mass of All Saints. Afterwards, there will be a blessing offered with a relic of Pope Saint John Paul II. All are welcome to attend this very special event where the relics, which are always present in the Oratory, will also be highlighted.

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Aengus' Burt (churchservices.tv/burt)

Monday 18th Oct Mass at 10am
Tuesday 19th Oct Mass at 10am
Wednesday 20th Oct Mass at 10am
Thursday 21st Oct Mass at 10am

Weekend Mass Times
Saturday 23rd October at 6pm
Sunday 24th October Mass at 11.15am

St Mura's Church, Fahan (churchservices.tv/fahan)

Friday 22nd October Mass at 10am
Saturday 23rd October Mass at 7.30pm
John Donaghey
Sunday 24th October Mass at 11am
Chapel of Ease, Fahan
Sunday 24th October Mass at 9am
Our Lady of Lourdes, Inch
Sunday 24th October Mass at 10am

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 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Both Christians and Jews recognize Isaiah as the greatest of all the prophets and the one who first prophesied a Messiah. On their religious feast days, Jews, who still await the messiah, express their faith by leaving an empty chair for the messiah. It is worth reading the whole of chapter 53, which is Isaiah's 4th 'Song of the Suffering Servant'. Penned over 500 before the event it nonetheless described Jesus' ordeal with extraordinary accuracy. It is almost as if an excited Holy Spirit could not wait to reveal God's plan of salvation!

Second Reading: In Jesus we have one of our own, as it were, sitting at the Father's right hand, who has been tempted in every way as we are. 'We can have complete confidence therefore both of his understanding our weaknesses and of his intercession on our behalf.

Gospel: This episode is revealing both of the Apostles and of Jesus. Firstly it shows us that the Apostles were ordinary folk, cherishing ordinary ambitions. Jesus lets them down gently. But what an extraordinary person must Jesus have been to have brought them in less than three years to each accepting his own cross and (with the exception of John) even martyrdom. The much loved spiritual writer Blessed Thomas a Kempis wrote: 'No man should seek to command except him who would rather obey.'

BAPTISM

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

Bláithín Kate Donaghy, 19 Mulberry Avenue, Buncrana.

May God Guide & Protect our Children always.

DEATHS

Your prayers are asked for **Albert Harley** who died recently and for his family & 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!

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 you.

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.

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

OUR FAITH - DEVELOPING WHAT WE WERE TAUGHT IN SCHOOL:

- Was RE just a subject in school? Would you like to really to understand it in practice?
- Are you open to deepening your understanding of your Catholic Faith?
- Do you want to better understand the Mass - the celebration to the Eucharist?
- Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to your everyday life?

The Pathways Adult Faith Programme by Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, addresses these questions and more. This two-year faith development programme, delivered one Saturday per month from October to June is available either in-house at Drumalis or by Zoom video-conferencing. For personal testimonies, full details and enrolment on the programme, visit: www.drumalis.co.uk/pathways

THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY: Would you like to discover more about the Blessed Virgin Mary? Fr Kevin McElhennon is presenting a 12-week reflection and study on the role of Mary in our faith, the role she plays in our lives today, and on understanding the Church teachings on our Blessed Mother, and how they are connected to Scripture. Choice of evenings or mornings, from Wednesday 20 October (evening) / Thursday 21 October (morning). Venue: Killyclogher Parish Hall. Full details at: www.derrydiocese.org/news/the-bible-and-the-virgin-mary Register your participation at info@cappaghparish.com or 028 - 8224 3375

ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE: The Western Health & Social Care Trust Adoption Team is holding an *Information Session* on Monday, 25 October at 3.30pm. It will be delivered via Zoom. If you wish to participate, please email your request with your name and telephone number to anita.birney@westerntrust.hscni.net and confirm the email address linked to your Zoom account.

COP26: HEALTHY PLANET / HEALTHY PEOPLE PETITION: Advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable, whose lives are devastated by the climate emergency. JOIN WITH POPE FRANCIS IN APPEALING FOR URGENT ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE. PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION ONLINE BEFORE 28TH OCT- thecatholicpetition.org

FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR IN BANAGHER & CLAUDY PARISHES

3-year Fixed Term Contract (possibility of extension). For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, phone 048 7126 2302 / email: payroll@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned no later than 5.00pm on 22.10.2021. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.*

COLUMBA CELEBRATION - *Calves and Kindles*: St Columba and the History of the book. Friday, 22nd October 8.15pm, St. Eugene's Cathedral Hall. To book your free ticket email columba1500@stcolumbscollege.org