

Fahan Parish Newsletter

Burt, Inch & Fahan

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First Sunday of Lent

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

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 2-18-23-26-27. Our weekly winners are Ciara Cronin (Online winner) Inch €30, Liam Gallagher, Burt €30. Jackpot next week €6,900

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.

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

Safeguarding Notice

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

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 gsbc1999@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.

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!



TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2021

This Lent, Trócaire is highlighting the impact of conflict on families living in South Sudan. We see how neighbours support each other and work together through hard times to survive and thrive. You can show your care by supporting them and praying for them.

Awut and Ajak are two remarkable women who are survivors. They survived a war, but each day remains a battle: a battle to earn money; a battle to grow food; a battle to pay for their children's school; a battle to survive and thrive. They both lost their homes and loved ones to the conflict in South Sudan. They fled their villages with nothing but the clothes on their back, trekking through miles of dangerous bushland with no food or water for themselves or their children. They found help in the community of Malek, where people whose lives were brought together by pain and suffering are starting new lives based on love, friendship and kindness. Every day remains a struggle for Awut and Ajak and their families, but they face these challenges together, with dignity and solidarity.

Trócaire works with local partners in South Sudan. Their programmes in South Sudan support communities and families in the following ways: Emergency aid such as food, water and sanitation and hygiene items; Seeds, tools and agricultural training to help people grow their own food; counselling support to help people overcome the trauma they have experienced; promoting peaceful coexistence between all the people of South Sudan.

Father James Oyet Latansio, the General Secretary of the South Sudan Council of Churches, wrote the following prayer for peace to be said during Lent 2021:

Prayer for Peace

As we move through the Lenten time, the time when we contemplate Jesus in the desert, pray for us the people of South Sudan and pray for peace here. Accompany us, hold our hands, hold the hands of the Church in South Sudan. Hold the hands of our brothers and sisters in South Sudan, walk with us during this Lenten time. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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.

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*

READINGS FOR 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Even all those thousands of years ago the rainbow was interpreted as a sign that the plan of Mankind's ultimate salvation had been laid down. In fact the New Testament would reveal that 'God wished to share with us divine benefits which entirely surpass the powers of the human mind to understand.' (1st Vatican Council, and quoted in 2nd Vat Council 'Dei Verbum' 6). In today's gospel the curtain for that revelation goes up.

Second Reading: The corrupt contemporaries of Noah rejected the promptings of the Holy Spirit and the Flood waters were sent to cleanse the earth. So too the waters of baptism offer each of us the chance to sincerely purge ourselves of evil and commit ourselves to the victorious Christ, who sits at God's right hand.

Gospel: Immediately after his baptism Jesus is driven (forcefully) by the Holy Spirit into the desert. The desert for Jesus, as it was for the Israelites during their 40 years in the desert with Moses, is a kind of runway, a preparation. Jesus emerges from it to announce to the world in both word and deed: 'The time has come, and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News.'

Weekday Mass Times
St. Aengus' Burt

Monday 22nd Mass at 10am
Sarah McGrath (MM)

Tuesday 23rd Mass at 10am
Wednesday 24th Mass at 10am

Thursday 25th Mass at 10am
Leo Devlin (MM)

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Wed 24th Feb Mass at 7:15am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 27th Mass at 6.00pm
Bridget Donaghey (1st A)

Sunday 28th Mass at 11.15am
Tillie O'Toole (née Coyle) (1st A)

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

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR LENT

Mon-Thurs 10am Mass in St Aengus' Burt plus

Wed 7:15am Mass on Parish of Burt, Inch and Fahan Facebook Page

Fri 10am Mass from St Mary's Oratory, Buncrana followed by Five Minutes of Faith and the Stations of the Cross

Mon-Fri 10pm Night Prayer on Parish of Burt, Inch and Fahan Facebook Page

Sunday 6pm Stations of the Cross from St Aengus', Burt

DERRY DIOCESAN SOCIETY

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

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.

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.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS
The February edition of *Sharing The Good News*, the newsletter of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, is now available on www.catholicbishops.ie. It features articles on the Bishops' Submission on the Dying with Dignity Bill 2020; the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse and more.

TARSUS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL
Holy Week Easter 2021: The programme offers one webinar and one meditation. The meditation — after Easter — will be an opportunity to "take in" what we have celebrated over Holy Week and Easter. We are offering reflections on the readings for Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. For registration and further details, please go to: www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie.

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](https://www.facebook.com/knockshrine)