

### Samaritans Helpline number

Call Free phone: 116 123, Text: 087 2 60 9090.

### Donegal Hospice

are offering bereavement support, call 0894402787 for further details

**Burt GAA** No Jackpot winner this week numbers drawn were 1-3-4-19-30. Our weekly winners were: Liam Gallagher, Burt €30; Sarahjane Porter, Inch €30 (Online Winner). Jackpot next week €7,300

**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](http://marriageencounter.ie) or 0044 28 27 638512.

### **Stations of the Cross based on "Mary's Way of the Cross"**

dramatised by Holy Family Mission will be available to view on the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore YouTube channel for Holy Week. Please note that this film was produced with senior cycle post-primary students in mind, so parent / guardian discretion while viewing is advised.

### **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](http://www.staengusbridgend.com)

### **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](mailto: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!

### **Safeguarding Notice**

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

### **THE NET**

Sharing the fruits of the faith in the Derry Diocese. With Covid-19 restrictions still in place, the March edition of 'The Net' will only be available on the Diocesan website - <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-march-2021>

# Fahan Parish Newsletter

## Burt, Inch & Fahan

**Weekly Collection was €1025, Shrine was €575**  
**Sincere Thanks**

[fahanparish@derrydiocese.org](mailto:fahanparish@derrydiocese.org)  
[www.fahanparish.com](http://www.fahanparish.com)  
Webcam: [churchservices.tv/burt](http://churchservices.tv/burt)  
**21st March 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

### APPROACHES TO SUFFERING

I knew a man who fought cancer to the end. And he took to every type of possible healing. We all had been told it wouldn't work. I know another who just opened himself to it all and wouldn't even take chemo. These are different approaches to suffering. One fought it and the other accepted. I admired both of them.

Many people go into hospital wondering about their illness, and that death might be close. That's part of life. As for Jesus, it's a fearful time, confusing and sometimes draws us into more faith. We can transform our pain into suffering, and find some great graces in it. There is the challenge to find new life in it. Pain becomes suffering. Jesus doesn't want the chalice of the garden, but he allows it become fully part of him so that his inner strength is big! It doesn't mean a simplistic approach. But it means an acceptance of darkness in life.

Jesus found in his passion that God the Father is near. This can be our way, and we can find that through helping each other. We can help people at times of suffering – listening, being present. We find this in our hearts, not in books - that we can grow through suffering and we realise on a bad day that peace invades the soul, or that there is a bright light in the darkness.

In any suffering in our lives, when we think of God, or say his name, or question him, maybe we can just imagine a light around us; saying nothing, just being open to the light.

*Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free,  
you are the Saviour of the world.*

*Donal Neary SJ, Gospel Reflections*

**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.

**LITURGICAL READINGS FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**First Reading:** Despite having been miraculously rescued from Egypt the Chosen People had shamelessly broken their sacred covenant (the 10 Commandments) with Yahweh. It is now 600BC and the ever merciful Yahweh now speaks of yet another covenant, but this time it will be written not on stone tablets but intimately upon people's hearts. He will forgive each person their sins.

**Second Reading:** This is a perfect summary of Jesus's work of our redemption. With "prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears," but at every moment with a human will aligned to the Father's Jesus achieved his objective. Through his suffering he became the source for all of us of our eternal salvation.

**Gospel:** Some God-fearing Greeks who had become attracted to Judaism hoped that Jesus would turn out to be a great political leader. But Jesus takes the occasion to announce that his path to victory lay through his Cross; and that every follower of his must each accept their own cross. Hence our mark is the Sign of the Cross.

**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 22nd Mass at 10am**
- Tuesday 23rd Mass at 10am**
- Wednesday 24th Mass at 10am**
- Thursday 25th Mass at 10am**

**Parish of Burt, Inch and Fahan FB Page**  
**Wed 24th March Mass at 7:15am**

**Weekend Mass Times**

- Saturday 27th Mass at 6.00pm**
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- Sunday 28th Mass at 11.15am**

*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](http://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.

**A THOUGHT...**

"I am so clever that sometimes I don't understand a single word of what I am saying."  
*Oscar Wilde*

**DEATHS**

Your prayers are asked for **Kathleen Durnin, Bank End, Inch & Anne Lemon, Cambridge, formerly of Gort, Fahan & Agnes Colton (née Crawford) Dundalk and formerly of Speenogue, Burt** who died recently and for their family & friends saddened by their loss.

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**AID FOR THE CHILDREN OF YEMEN:**  
Fr Neal Carlin's new book, *The Eagle, The Tiger and Covid*, is now on sale at €10/£10 and can be purchased by contacting [goldenagecentre@hotmail.com](mailto:goldenagecentre@hotmail.com). All proceeds are being sent via a direct contact to aid the Children of Yemen

**TRÓCAIRE BOXES**

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**ONLINE TALK**

CK19, The Knights of St Columbanus at Queen's University Belfast, is delighted to facilitate an online talk delivered by **Michael Kelly, Editor of The Irish Catholic newspaper**.

Michael will be speaking to us on the subject of 'Defending the faith without raising your voice' and should give us an insight into how we can respond to Catholic hot-button issues when they arise in our lives. The talk will take place on **Tues 23rd of March at 6.30 pm**. For details, please email: [council19.qub@gmail.com](mailto:council19.qub@gmail.com) or message us on social media (@KSCQueens).

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**THE DERRY DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CENTRE**

**Working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham**, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. The next intake will be Autumn 2021. For more information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org).