

Fahan Parish Newsletter

Burt, Inch & Fahan

Donegal Hospice

are offering bereavement support, call 0894402787 for further details

Burt GAA

The Burt GAA club is currently organizing a big draw. First draw commences May 25th and will be live. Have you got your ticket yet for the 300 club draw yet? Once they're gone, they're gone! €1000, €500, €250 & €250 to be won each month. Tickets €140 or €20 per month for 8 months. Contact any club member.

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

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!

Samaritans Helpline number

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

THE NET – APRIL 2021 Sharing the fruits of the faith in the Derry Diocese. With Covid-19 restrictions still in place, the April edition of 'The Net' will only be available on the Diocesan website – <https://derrydiocese.org/images/the-net/the-net-april-2021.pdf>

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

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 gbsbc1999@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.

Safeguarding Notice

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

The Great Marriage Book of Inishowen

Available at Mac's Bookshop, Buncrana & Callaghan's, Burt. 215 pages worth of marriage details for the entire Inishowen peninsula during the great Famine and after. How marriages were celebrated then: the horse-ride from the church to the home; the good luck charms; the drinking of the mead; the scattering of coins; the dowry; 'walking the land' of the future bridegroom, etc. Also available by post from www.seoirse.com

Weekly Collection was €1,180 Trócaire (3rd count) was €520 Sincere Thanks

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Webcam: churchservices.tv/burt

**25th April 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is also a Day of Prayer for Vocations to the work and service of the Church, and concludes our nine-day Diocesan celebration of Vocation.

CALLED AT BAPTISM

Following one's vocation is a response from within to the needs outside us. A decision to work for the poor or assist people in need is not necessarily a vocation. A vocation meets the human needs of the world but with a motivation from within. We care for our children and grandchildren not just because they are sick or insecure, but because we love them. This love will move us out to help them in various situations.

We find a call to be 'people for others' because our heart teaches us that with Jesus we are all brothers and sisters, and that God wants to save the world, and needs our help to do so.

This is the Sunday we all pray that our particular vocation in life may become clear and may become stronger.

God calls each of us to love God and love our neighbour. This is the first Christian calling at our Baptism; we then find the best way for each of us with our own particular set of gifts, talents and even weaknesses to live out that call to love.

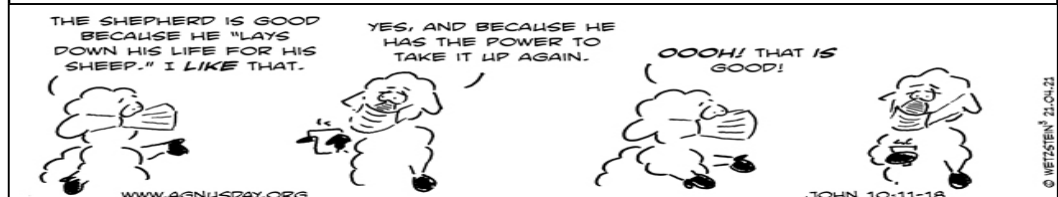
We think especially today of religious life and priesthood. There are needs for priests, sisters and brothers in most parts of the world. as a community in families and parishes we thank those who have given their lives in these vocations and pray they may increase.

Remember with thanks those whose lives have given you your faith in God.

Lord, thanks for what I can do in your service.

May your kingdom come!

Donal Neary SJ, Gospel Reflections



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*

Weekday Mass Times

St. Aengus' Burt

Monday 19th April Mass at 10am
Tuesday 20th April Mass at 10am
Wednesday 21st April at 10am
Thursday 22nd April Mass at 10am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 24th April Mass at 6pm
Peter Doyle (MM)
Carrowreagh, Bridgend
Sunday 25th April Mass at 11.15am
Ciara O'Brien

DEATHS

Your prayers are asked for
Margaret Gallagher
who died recently and for her family & friends saddened by their loss.

*All ceremonies can be viewed on
www.churchservices.tv/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.

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN You can still return your Trócaire Returns to the Parochial Houses (envelopes only please).

A THOUGHT... The closer we are to the shepherd, the safer we are from the wolves.

READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

First Reading: By the name of Jesus, 'God saves', Peter had just healed a cripple at the gate of the temple. He and John had been arrested by the Jewish authorities and brought before the Sanhedrin. Peter preaches how God has turned everything upside-down; Jesus, rejected by the religious authorities, has become the keystone'. The keystone of an arch (top centre) completes and stabilizes it. Outside of Jesus no one can be saved. Because of the very public nature of the miracle that had been worked the Jewish authorities back down on this occasion, and the Apostles are impelled forward in their mission.

Second Reading: To know a person in truth requires an affinity or likeness to the one known. God is all good, all holy, all truthful, all loving. As children of God, as living branches of the vine, as members of the Body of Christ, we are on the road to somehow being enabled to know and see God as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation: alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: This speech from the heart is placed right after Jesus' run-in with the Pharisees after his cure of the 'spunky' man who had been blind from birth. It indicates the almost scary, unlimited depth of commitment of the Good Shepherd to the defence and care of his sheep. The Spirit moves in people's hearts so that they can recognize the one 'good shepherd.' The old 'fold' of the house of Israel is going to be replaced when God gathers all the nations into 'one flock with one shepherd.'

MASTERS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LEADERSHIP

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. **An information session via ZOOM will be held on Monday 7th June at 3.30pm.** If you are interested in attending this session or require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 0044 2871 264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND

Is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. If you are not already a follower of the station, Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! You can tune in on Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210/ Freeview or on the link: www.radiomaria.ie

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. All proceeds are being sent via a direct contact to aid the Children of Yemen.

CELEBRATING MARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY.

May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are encouraged to honour Mary in different ways. To help parishes, families and schools to do this, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a number of resources including prayers, Gospel reflections, colouring and craft activities, examples of May Altars and ideas on how to pray the Rosary. These resources are available online at catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/