

Fahan Parish Newsletter

Burt, Inch & Fahan

**Weekly Collection
was €1,480**

Sincere Thanks

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**26th September 2021
Twenty-sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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

BURT GAA No winner of the big Jackpot this week Numbers drawn were 8-12-20-24-29. Our weekly winners were Noel Gallagher Burnfoot €30, Damian Dowds Buncrana €30. Right folks Jackpot next week stands at a massive €10,000, Get entering early to be in with chance to win - €2 a line or €5 For 3 lines get entering and good luck everyone.

FOYLE HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS: Foyle Hospice is currently seeking new volunteers for the Day Hospice, in particularly volunteer hairdressers, complementary therapists, and beauticians/nail technicians. The Day Hospice operates on a Tues, Wed and Thurs each week. To volunteer or for more information contact Rachael Osbourne on 04871 351010 or rachael@foylehospice.com

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

ACCORD INISHOWEN are hosting Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (Pre-Marriage) Courses via Zoom on Saturdays 9th October or 13th November. To book:

www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation or email accordinishowen@gmail.com for more information

DONEGAL HEARING next clinic will be at Castle clinic on Friday 1st October 9.30-1pm by appointment only. Please call 9385758 to book.

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 for details

GET THE GRADE English Grinds/Tuition with experienced Teacher of English & SEC examiner. Text/Call Mark: 086 665 5334

COUNSELLING: A professional confidential counselling service is available for couples or individuals through ACCORD at the Pastoral Centre, Carnodonagh, Co. Donegal, F93 XP59. Contact 074 93 74103 or 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 0749331861

DONEGAL HOSPICE are offering bereavement support, call 0894402787 for further details.

NOWDOC Phone Number: 1850400911. Have your Eircode handy!

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: To care for the world in which we live means to care for ourselves. Yet we need to think of ourselves more and more as a single family dwelling in a common home. *Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti.*

SYNOPSIS of MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 107th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2021 TOWARDS AN EVER WIDER “WE”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, I expressed a concern and a hope that remain uppermost in my thoughts: “Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of ‘them’ and ‘those’, but only ‘us’” (No. 35). For this reason, I have wished to devote the Message for this year’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees to the theme, *Towards An Ever Wider “We”*, in order to indicate a clear horizon for our common journey in this world.

That horizon is already present in God’s creative plan. God created us male and female, different yet complementary, in order to form a “we” destined to become ever more numerous in the succession of generations. The present time, however, shows that this “we” willed by God is broken and fragmented, wounded and disfigured. This becomes all the more evident in moments of great crisis, as is the case with the current pandemic. And the highest price is being paid by those who most easily become viewed as *others*: foreigners, migrants, the marginalized, those living on the existential peripheries.

For the members of the Catholic Church, this appeal entails a commitment to becoming ever more faithful to our being “catholic”, as Saint Paul reminded the community in Ephesus (*Eph 4:4-5*). In encountering the diversity of foreigners, migrants and refugees, and in the inter-cultural dialogue that can emerge from this encounter, we have an opportunity to grow as Church and to enrich one another.

In our day, the Church is called to go out into the streets of every existential periphery in order to heal wounds and to seek out the straying, without prejudice or fear, without proselytising, but ready to widen her tent to embrace everyone. Among those dwelling in those existential peripheries, we find many migrants and refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking, to whom the Lord wants his love to be manifested and his salvation preached.

I also make this appeal to journey together towards an ever wider “we” to all men and women, for the sake of renewing the human family, building together a future of justice and peace, and ensuring that no one is left behind. Our societies will have a “colourful” future, enriched by diversity and by cultural exchanges. Then, if we so desire, we can transform borders into privileged places of encounter, where the miracle of an ever wider “we” can come about.

We are called to dream together, fearlessly, as a single human family, as companions on the same journey, as sons and daughters of the same earth that is our common home, sisters and brothers all (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 8).

(Full text available <https://migrants-refugees.va/world-day-of-migrants-refugees/>)

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

(churchservices.tv/burt)

- Monday 27th Mass at 10am
- Tuesday 28th Mass at 10am
- Wednesday 29th Mass at 10am
- Thursday 30th Mass at 10am

Weekend Mass Times

- Saturday 2nd October at 6pm
Charlie Downey, Burt
- Sunday 3rd October Mass at 11.15am

New Mass Schedule Times

St Mura's Church, Fahan

(churchservices.tv/fahan)

- Friday 1st October Mass at 10am
Reggie Ryan
- Saturday 2nd October Mass at 7.30pm
Francis Murphy (Month Mind)
- Sunday 3rd October Mass at 11am
- Chapel of Ease, Fahan**
- Sunday 3rd October Mass at 9am
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Inch**
- Sunday 3rd October Mass at 10am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion, may God's blessings be with you always.

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.

AID FOR THE CHILDREN OF YEMEN

Fr Neal Carlin's book, *The Eagle, The Tiger and Covid*, is 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.

READINGS FOR 26TH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: In the harsh conditions of the desert the Israelites had become dissatisfied. Their complaints became too much for Moses to handle on his own. So Yahweh bestowed upon 70 of the elders the same spirit of covenant leadership that he had given Moses. Moses' rejoinder to a complaining young man about an 'unauthorised' overflow of the spirit was prophetic. It anticipated what would actually happen in Christian times at Pentecost.

Second Reading: James condemns the selfishness and injustice that can be involved in the amassing of wealth. A heart set upon it is in danger of preparing a fire for itself which will never extinguish.

Gospel: The Kingdom of God is intended for everyone. No one therefore dare claim a monopoly of the Holy Spirit, not even a church. "The wind (Spirit) blows where it pleases" (Jn 3:8). We must encourage one another to put our shoulders to the wheel of spreading the Gospel (Good News), each in our own way. But woe to anyone who impedes that spread. Instead of critiquing others each of us must – in face of eternity - correct our own faults.

GUIDED PILGRIMAGES ON THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH These will be offered on *Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October*, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. **Advance booking is essential.** For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518.

SEASON OF CREATION Discussion and Prayer for the Season of Creation will take place each Thursday evening of September from 7:30pm on Zoom. If you would like to take part in these sessions, please contact Máire Gormley on buncranafaith@gmail.com or 0867853726 for login details.

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.

THE RESCHEDULED 2021 SCALP WALK FOR CONCERN will take place on Sunday 26 September. Participants are asked to start at any time between 12noon and 2pm and to maintain safe distancing throughout. The starting point is signposted from Burnfoot. It is a 5km walk, uphill, from Henry McLaughlin's farm. Please be prepared for changeable weather. All proceeds will go to Concern Worldwide's Afghanistan Appeal. Donations can be made on site or at the Concern Book Shop, Ferryquay Street, Derry.

THE HAIL HOLY QUEEN CONFERENCE On Saturday October 9th, on Radio Maria Ireland at 2pm. Guest speakers include Bishop John Keenan, Dr. Patrick Kenny, Fr. Gerry McCloskey and Dr. Blythe Kaufman.

COASTAL ROSARY On Sunday Oct 10th at 2.30pm. Join people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our grottos, churches, at the coasts and other suitable places. We encourage you to gather safely being mindful of COVID 19 regulations. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

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