

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2nd May 2021

Agents of Mercy

God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14).... Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation, and make justice and peace flourish.

– Urbi et Orbi, Easter, March 31, 2013.

Reflection: What are some of the "dry bones" in your life? Think of a situation that you have been praying for but that seems as dry and unfruitful as ever. Recommit yourself to praying for God's mercy in this situation, and ask him to use you as a channel of that mercy.

TIMES OF MASS & CONFESSIONS

Saturday Vigil Mass:	6.00pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road
Sunday Masses:	10.00am in the St. Joseph's Church, Glenmornan 11.30am the Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road
Weekday Masses:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday @ 10.00am in the Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road Thursday @ 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Cloughcor
Confessions:	Confessions will resume soon

NOTICES

Sunday Collection – £2,229.49. Church restoration Fund – £1,185.00 Thank you.

<u>Parishioners</u> who are unable to get to Mass are asked to kindly drop their weekly envelope through the letterbox at the Parish Office, the Sacred Heart Church or St. Joseph's Church. We appreciate that many people are finding things financially difficult at this time, but would remind parishioners that we depend on their contributions to keep the parish afloat. Whatever you can donated is very much appreciated.

Those who would like to contribute by cheque should make cheques payable to 'Leckpatrick Parochial No.1 A/C'.

Anyone who wishes to pay by standing order should contact the Parish Office (028) 71882274 during office hours.

Trocaire – The total amount collected for the Trocaire Lenten Campaign was £6, 323.23. Many thanks for your generosity.

The Parish Draw will take place on Monday 10th May in the Parish Office. Completed cards and draw money should be returned to the Parish Office on Tuesday 4th/Wednesday 5th May from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound Although no guidance has been received from the Diocesan Office regarding the visitation of the Sick and Housebound, it is hope that this will resume again in May or June at the latest. When visitation does recommence, it will take place over several days instead of one day. Those on Fr. Sweeney's sick list are asked to contact the Parish Office (028) 71882274 to confirm if they would like him to call when visitation starts again. He is aware that some people may still be uncomfortable with others entering their house and understands if they wish to wait for more time before he calls.

Mary's Meals - Pray in May

This May, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in our prayer campaign for the work of Mary's Meals, which is reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We pray in thanksgiving for each little act of love that makes this work possible and we also pray for God's continued blessing on our beautiful mission, that through His providence it will always flourish enabling us to reach more hungry children. Prayer resources and further information be can found at: www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay

The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. 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 2871264087 or email <u>tferry@derrydiocese.org</u>.

Parish Mass Cards & Mass Bouquet Cards Parish Mass Cards and Mass Bouquet Cards, (designed by Fr. Gerry) are available for sale from the Parish Office. The cards cost £10 each and the Mass for each individual will be celebrated by Fr. Sweeney.

WEDDINGS: Please contact Fr. Sweeney – at least 6 months notice is required when booking a wedding.

BAPTISMS: Parent(s) are asked to contact Fr. Gerard Sweeney on (028) 71882274.

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