PARISH OF AGHALURCHER

Sunday 8th August 2021

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Parish Mass Times - *Holy Cross*: Tuesday 7pm
Wednesday & Thursday 10am
Sunday 11am
St. Mary's: Saturday Vigil 6pm

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Parish Website: www.lisnaskeamaguiresbridgeparish.com
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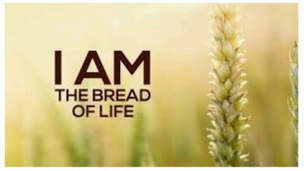

Anniversary Mass Intentions

HOLY CROSS
Sunday 8th August
11.00am: • (Month's Mind) Katie-May McDermott, Trasna Way
• Anne, Hughie and Michael Smyth, Carrowshee Park and Mary & Desmond Maguire, Trasna Way
• Noel and Martina Reilly, Castlebalfour.
Tuesday 10th August - *Novena Mass to St. Peregrine for all the sick*
7.00pm: Vincent & Kitty McDermott and grandson Paul.
Wednesday 11th August
10.00am: Private Intention.
Thursday 12th August
10.00am: Annie and Joseph Fee, Ann Gallagher and deceased family members, Drumbroughas North.
Sunday 15th August
11.00am: • Dick, Kathleen, Noel and Declan Ingram, Knock's Road
• Sheila & Joe McGoldrick and their daughter Gwendoline & deceased family members
• Deceased of the Rice and Smith families, Derryree.

ST. MARY'S
Saturday 7th August
6.00pm: Kevin and May McManus, Innishrooske and deceased members of the McManus & Carey families.
Saturday 14th August
6.00pm: Eithne Gorrell.

You are asked to pray for Kevin (Twin) McCaffrey, St. Patrick's Terrace.
May Kevin now Rest In Peace.

Parish Contributions - Sunday 1st August
First Sunday - £746.50
Offertory - £591.52
Standing Orders for July: £5779
Many thanks for your continuous generosity.

Over 50s Alcohol Helpline - This service is available 7 days a week. The Helpline is open Monday to Friday **12pm-8pm** and **10am-4pm** at weekends. The freephone number to call is **0808 801 0750.** To make an **online booking** for a **phone call** or **video chat**, over 50's, concerned others, and professionals can access appointments slots by visiting the With You website.

The deep cleaning and sanitizing of Holy Cross this week has no sponsor.

As the NI Executive has updated its COVID 19 guidance on churches and places of worship, our Parish Pastoral Team have considered how to safely continue with masses and other liturgies in our parish.

We encourage everyone to keep doing the simple things to look after each other both inside and outside the church. We strongly **recommend:**

Wearing masks when entering, leaving and moving around within the church buildings
Use of the hand sanitisers provided on entry to the church
Distancing ourselves 2meters from others who are not in our own personal household or family bubble when seated

We will continue to leave doors and windows open as far as possible, to optimise ventilation.
We will continue to take names and telephone numbers in case there is later a need to trace you.
"The highest risk is in an indoor, crowded, poorly ventilated space for a long period of time."
Outdoors, the risk of transmission of the coronavirus is much less than indoors but not nil. Please give others extra space and limit time in close discussion as far as possible.
By looking after ourselves, we look after each other.

Ray of Hope: A Memorial Weekend in Memory of Mickey Mc Phillips. Friday 13th August: A Photographic Exhibition in Newtownbutler Community Centre beginning at 7pm. Exhibition will be available to view all weekend.

Saturday 14th August a day of Reflection will be held in St. Mary's Church Newtownbutler **(please note change of venue)** from 11am-4.30pm. Guest speakers will be available.

On Saturday at 7.30pm a Comhaltas Ceoltois Eireann Concert will be held in the grounds of Newtownbutler Community Centre.

The weekend will conclude on Sunday 15th August with a walk onto Galloon Island beginning at 3pm at the Bridge.

Lisnaskea Emmetts GFC: Congratulations to Siobhan Maguire who won our Lotto Jackpot of £3,250. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the McCaffrey family on the death of Kevin, father of our former players Rory and Jonathan and brother of our current groundsman Collie. Our thoughts and prayers are with Patsy, Rory, Rhonda, Jonathan and the extended McCaffrey family at this difficult time. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Lens of the Gospel

1. Faith is reasonable but we cannot reason our way into faith. We have to be 'drawn by the Father'. We must be 'taught by God'. What opens your mind and heart to God's message?

2. When we label others disparagingly, we close our minds to what they are saying. The Jews did this to Jesus. Have you ever had the experience of being surprised by the wisdom of another when you laid aside your prejudices about her/him to listen to what she/he was saying?

3. 'No one has ever seen the Father except the one who is from God'. As Jesus put a human face on God and God's love, so God's love today is mediated to us through one another. How have other people been sacraments of God's love for you? For whom have you been that kind of a sacrament?

4. The way in which Jesus became a source of life for us was by giving himself. It is when we truly give ourselves that we can be life-giving to one another. If we do not give of ourselves, what do we have to offer? How have you discovered the importance of self-giving, in yourself or in others?

Uphill struggle - Have you ever felt like giving up? Elijah certainly did. In today's first reading we meet a prophet who has had enough. He is fleeing from trouble and things seem so hopeless after a day's journey that he sits under a bush and begs God to take his life. Life has a way of getting on top of us, such as when we are grieving a loss, when we are hurt by a friend, when illness strikes, or when we are simply exhausted. We experience the feelings described in the famous anonymous poem Don't Quit: 'When things go wrong as they sometimes will/ When the road you're trudging seems all uphill…'
At these times of struggle it is helpful to pause and to refuel for the journey. Elijah was visited by an angel who offered him comfort and respite, giving him the strength he needed to carry on. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again say he is the living bread. Some people have been complaining about his teaching. Surely this is the son of Joseph, they say, demonstrating their lack of understanding of who Jesus really is. Again, he explains that he is the bread of life - more than physical food, more than an ordinary man, he is the living bread and he is God. In all our struggles, especially when we feel like giving up, Jesus offers us nourishment for the journey. This gift is there for us especially in the Eucharist, offering comfort and strength.
'The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium)

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