

PARISH OF AGHALURCHER

Sunday 9th April 2023

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

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Parish Mass Times - Holy Cross: Monday 10am – Lay Led Liturgy

Tuesday 7pm

Wednesday & Thursday 10am

Sunday 11am

St. Mary's: Friday 5.30-7pm(Adoration!) 7pm–

Saturday 6pm

Lay Led Liturgy



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Parish Office Tel. 028 677 21088 (Monday-Thursday: 2-6pm; Friday 10.30am-1pm)

Anniversary Mass Intentions

HOLY CROSS

Saturday 8th April - Holy Saturday

6.00pm (Holy Cross): EASTER VIGIL

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11.00am: EASTER SUNDAY MASS

Sunday 16th April - Divine Mercy Sunday

11.00am: • (Month's Mind): Patsy Reilly, Trasna Way

• (First Anniversary): Ursula McElroy, Moughley

• Paddy & Josie McGorman, Lakeview

• Christy O'Rourke.

ST. MARY'S

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9.00am: EASTER SUNDAY MASS.

Tuesday 11th April

7.00pm: (Month's Mind): Joan Reilly, late of The Surgery, Maguiesbridge.

Friday 14th April

7.00pm: Lay Led Liturgy

Saturday 15th April

6.00pm: • Brian Bogue and Michael Shannon

• Andy & Cassie Breslin and Mary Gray, Drumboughlin

• Patrick & Sally McManus, Lislea and deceased family members.

Please Note - there will be no Lay Led Liturgy or 10am morning Mass in Holy Cross this coming week.

You are asked to pray for all our recently deceased. May they Rest in Peace.

We welcome into the Christian Community Fianna Rose Woods who was baptised in St. Mary's last week.

Parish Contributions - Sunday 2nd April

First Sunday - £1801.40

Offertory - £827.00

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Canon Jimmy's Easter Message: Our days are lived with so many voices competing for our attention. Depending on how we are wired, or just how we are feeling, we might find the clamour stimulating or confusing, exciting or frightening. But if we are seeking to follow Christ, we will listen, always, for the voices that resonate with his life, and his words, his love, his justice, his mercy and grace. That is my prayer for all of us this Easter time 2023, that we will always strive to hear Jesus's voice in the clamour, through those who are unable to pay their bills for example; in those who are relying heavily on food banks; through those who find all talk of death and resurrection deeply painful as they struggle with bereavement and loss. And in all those who live in places of conflict and torture who feel that their hope and longing for a welcome elsewhere is diminishing. May we – and they – hear the voice which says, 'Do not be afraid'. Not because there is nothing to fear, but because Christ is with us in and through all of it, including death, and what lies beyond.' *Happy Easter to you all.*

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society monthly meeting on Wednesday, 12th April in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Thinking about Priesthood? Why not join us for a Retreat from 21st - 23rd April, Drumalis Retreat House, Larne. Retreat directed by Fr. Stephen Langridge. For more information and to book a place, please email: Fr. Raymond Donnelly: raymondtonnelly1@gmail.com

Clogher Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 7-12 July 2023. This pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Larry Duffy. It will be the first in-person pilgrimage to Lourdes from the Diocese since July 2019. The cost is from €899 per person sharing, excluding insurance. This also includes hotel accommodation, meals and return flights from Belfast. Enquiries and booking should be directed to John Hueston 028 677 24329, email: john.cdp@btconnect.com

Mass for Organ Donors and their Families at Knock Shrine, Sunday 16th April, 12noon: The Mass has become a special annual gathering for all organ recipients and their families, those waiting for transplants, their medical teams and carers, as well as for bereaved families who generously donated the organs of their deceased loved ones. All are welcome.

Lisnaskea Emmett's GFC : Club Membership is now due for the season ahead. Both fields are closed for training and matches until further notice because of the weather. Lotto jackpot now £3,350. Commiserations to the Fermanagh players and Management on their defeat against Cavan in Croke Park - congratulations on obtaining promotion to division 2 for next season. We wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in St. Macartan's Cathedral Sunday 16th April at 3pm. The celebration will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction; Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and a relic of St. Faustina. A number of priests will be available for individual confession. Our Lord said to St. Faustina: *"I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in my Mercy". All welcome.*

ACCORD NI is seeking applications for the Certificate in Counselling (Couple and Relationship) 1 year (part-time) programme. The Certificate in Counselling is validated by St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and is equivalent to Level 6 UK and Level 8 20 ECTS on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) (RoI). The Certificate course is an opportunity for qualified and experienced counsellors and psychotherapists to train in the specialism of couples counselling. Successful applicants will follow a 16-day Certificate programme which will provide: the clinical skills essential to couples work; in-depth knowledge relating to the handling of Infidelity, Trauma, Addiction, Neurodiversity, Physical & Mental Illness & Disability, Sex and Intimacy, Step-Family Dynamics, Diversity, Parenting Issues, the Impacts of Family of Origin, and Domestic Abuse in the couple context; self-awareness exercises specific to the needs of the couple and relationship counsellor. Course fees will be funded and placement will be provided by Accord NI. Closing date 19th May 2023.

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel: Easter Sunday
In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news the story contains lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer.

1. The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover comes another shock – the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then?

2. Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' Have you been in that kind of situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?

3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'.

• Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed? times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence?

• Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'?

• Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed?

• Where have you found life in such experiences? *John Byrne OSA*

This week's bulletin has been sponsored in memory of the Breslin family, Drumboughlin.