

Trócaire Lent is an important time for Trócaire. This year the theme is around solidarity with those families affected by war in South Sudan. Trócaire Boxes are being made available in a safe manner for each household and donations may also be made online via the iDonate button on www.clogherdiocese.ie

Parish Contributions

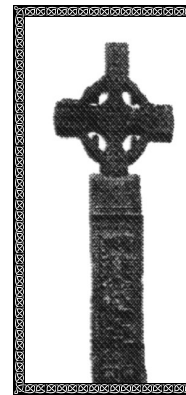
Sincere thanks to parishioners who have ‘topped up’ on the weeks missed during the past 12 months. Please feel free to put your donations in **one envelope** with your number on it and save yourself the bother of filling many envelopes.

Jesus the Healer

In today’s Gospel we read about Jesus’ first healing in Mark’s Gospel. Jesus hears of the illness of the mother of Simon’s wife and goes to her. Due to the purity laws of his time this scene would have been considered controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told that he touches her, raises her up; he completely restores her to health. Many of his actions here would have been considered inappropriate. The ‘whole city’ was crowded around the door as many people wanted to be healed. What a commotion! Jesus, very early on in his ministry is clearly a very popular and attractive figure. Another important aspect of this story is that Jesus does not remain comfortable in this house. He keeps moving, keeps going outward. This requires so much energy and an outpouring of love for those in need. Jesus shows us in today’s Gospel what it takes to stay energised for our various ministries: quiet time and space for real encounter with God. Even then, the people hunted for him and said, ‘*Everyone is searching for you*’, and still today, everyone is searching.

We too are called to bring healing to others in any way that we can, to those who are seeking, those who are lost, those who are isolated. Jesus shows us that to do this we must be connected to that Divine Presence within us and in our world. Today we can ask ourselves, what do I need healing from? Bring this to Jesus in prayer. And also, how can I reach out, with a healing presence, to others, especially during this time of pandemic?

‘I ask God to prepare our hearts to encounter our brothers and sisters, so that we may overcome our differences rooted in political thinking, language, culture and religion. Let us ask him to anoint our whole being with the balm of his mercy, which heals the injuries caused by mistakes, misunderstandings, and disputes. And let us ask him for the grace to send us forth, in humility and meekness, along the demanding but enriching path of seeking peace’. (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 254)



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7th February
2021

Fifth Week
in
Ordinary Time

Masses and Intentions for the Week

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	7.30pm	Philip McDonald, Derrygosh Michael & Susan McAdam, Cara Street
Sun 7th	11.30am	Pauline O’Driscoll, NTB Road (1st Anniversary) Jim Conlan, Derrygosh (1st Anniversary)

Mon 8th		<i>International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking</i>
	10.00am	Lawrence Reilly, Beechgrove & Sarah Woods, Tydavnet

Tue 9th	10.00am	Mass of the Day
Wed 10th	10.00am	Paddy Rooney, Killeevan

Thurs 11th		Our Lady of Lourdes <i>(World Day of the Sick)</i>
	10.00am	Johnny & Maisie Murray, Newtownbutler Road
Fri 12th	10.00am	Mass of the Day
Sat 13th	10.00am	Gerry Mulligan, O’Neill Park

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Day of Prayer for Temperance)

Vigil	7.30pm	Owen & Annie Beggan, Mullinvaum
Sunday 14th	11.30am	People of the Parish

Parish Mobile (in case of emergency): 085 817 6203.

Masses for the week

Saturday 7.30pm Sacred Heart, Clones
11.30am Sacred Heart, Clones

Weekdays: Mon-Sat in Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am
(When there is a funeral in Clones, the Mass will be at **11.00am**)

All Liturgies in Sacred Heart Church are broadcast on the Parish website

Baptisms are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on the second Saturday of each month at 4.00pm and in St. Macartan's Church on the third Sunday at 1.00pm.

Death: Please pray for Martin Connolly, Clontreat
Briega McGovern, O'Neill Park

Sacred Heart Church Readers:

13th Feb Vigil Caroline McMahan
14th Feb 11.30am Tom Treanor

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking was first observed in 2015 on the memorial of St. Joseph Bakhita on 8th February. Each year, around 2.5 million are victims of trafficking and slavery. For those engaged in trafficking it has become one of the most lucrative illegal activities in the world.

Through the Day of Prayer we reflect on the experience of those who have suffered and we are also called to reach out to victims and survivors.

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday week, 17th February. As it will not be possible to have the customary practice of receiving ashes this year, families are invited to join Mass online in their local parish. The text of a Family Prayer Service for Ash Wednesday will be available via www.clogherdiocese.ie nearer the time.

Schools in Clones Parish

St Comhgall's 55329	St Tiarnach's 51398	St Macartan's 677 51100
Gael Scoil Eois 52162	Largy College 51132	

World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on Thursday, 11th February – the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year is ***“You have but one teacher and you are all brothers” (Mt 23:8). A trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick.***

A special Mass to mark the occasion will be broadcast on the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page from St. Patrick's Church, Clogher, on Thursday evening at 8.00pm. The celebrant will be Canon Noel McGahan, Spiritual Director of the Clogher Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

The grottoes at Sacred Heart Church, Clones, and St. Macartan's Church, Aghadrumsee, commemorate the appearances of Our Lady to the fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. During the appearances, Bernadette learned that the mysterious lady was the Virgin Mary. The Lady said to Bernadette *“I am the Immaculate Conception”*

In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted **World Day of the Sick** to be held each year on 11th February.

This commemoration offers an opportunity to join in Mass (and perhaps visit the grotto) praying through Mary's intercession for those who are ill; and an invitation to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary by decorating the grotto with flowers or shrubs.

