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*A very happy Easter to all parishioners and visitors to our Parish.*

*Beannactaí na Cásca*

### **MASS TIMES FOR NEXT WEEK**

Sunday: St Patrick's 9.30am  
St Mary's Saturday Vigil 6.30pm and Sunday 11.30am  
Daily Mass: St Patrick's Monday to Thursday 9.30am & Saturday 9.30am  
Friday 7.30pm (Mass on Fridays for all deceased)

*Daily Rosary at 9.10am*

Daily Mass: St Mary's Wednesday 7.30pm and Friday 10.00am

Confessions: Daily after Morning Mass (except Sunday and Holydays) and  
St Mary's 7pm on Wednesday (before Evening Mass) also Saturday 11am/12Noon  
And 5.30pm/6.15pm (before 6.30pm Vigil Mass)

- ❖ Cheques should be made payable to Maghera Parish
- ❖ If you wish to set up a Standing Order, forms are available at the Pastoral Centre too.

**Please note - The Diocese has requested that all parishioners should wear a mask when attending the church for private prayer and Mass.**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** – Celebration in St Mary's next Sunday 11 April at 3pm

**MESENTERS** – now available in the usual places

**NEW PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE** - [www.facebook.com/magheraparish](http://www.facebook.com/magheraparish)

It's a useful way to stay up to date with all our parish events. Please hit the 'Follow' button and we would be grateful if you could like and share our posts.

**SIMON COMMUNITY** – We are now facing a homelessness crisis in Northern Ireland. A gift of just £10 can help someone who has no home and provide emergency food or clothing. £15 could help supply a move on pack of essential items to those who are ready to live independently again. £20 could provide additional personal & domestic hygiene products to help prevent the spread of corona virus. All donations are used here in Northern Ireland and for each £1 we receive, 95.1p goes directly to our front-line. Tel. 0289023 2882. Mobile 07935 850116 or email [amandascott@simoncommunity.org](mailto:amandascott@simoncommunity.org)

**COMMUNION** - My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you now as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. **AMEN**

**ENVELOPE COLLECTION** - Thank you for last week's collection of £4,795.00. *We thank you also for your continued generosity and support to the church and for bringing your envelopes and donations to the church and Pastoral Centre, particularly in these difficult times. May your generosity be rewarded.*

### **WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE AND ALLELUIA IS OUR SONG**

These are the words of St Augustine, and are often quoted. 'Alleluia' is the Latin version of the word Hallelujah – a joyful praise of the Lord. It is used much in the Christian Liturgies of both East and West to give praise to God. It is used much in the Easter Liturgies.

In the Gospel of St John – ch.20 v 1-9, we read of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead on Easter Morning – truly a day of the Lord.

After Jesus had been placed in the tomb on Good Friday, Mary of Magdala went to the tomb on Easter morning, the stone had been rolled away from the tomb - and it was empty. By God's power, the stone was rolled back – "Jesus had risen".

The Gospel captures the excitement of the disciples – full of joy it is meant to be our joy too. Not only did Jesus rise from the dead - but he is alive and among us.

We are happy that we are not walking life alone – Jesus walks with us – encouraging, helping and strengthening us and our source of hope.

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*The diocese has compiled comprehensive list of Easter resources and activities in which parishioners can join online, watch on TV or listen to on radio. These include live Easter broadcasts from the Vatican with Pope Francis, live Mass broadcasts from Knock, films for Easter. Downloadable activities for children's prayers for use in your home, instructions on creating an Easter garden and much more. To view, visit [derrydiocese.org/easter](http://derrydiocese.org/easter)*

**GLEN GAC** Website [www.wattygrahamsgac.com](http://www.wattygrahamsgac.com)

Lotto Nos 22:31:20:45: No winner. Next week £4,500.

**GIFT AID** - As the end of another tax year approaches, we are now preparing our gift aid claim. We thank all those who have already signed. Forms are available from pastoral Centre. Any parishioner can sign a gift aid with the parish if:

- (a) You contribute to the parish via your parish envelope or by Direct Debit
- (b) You pay income tax
- (c) Only a charity such as the church can claim this tax relief, which at present is 25p for every £1 contributed
- (d) This claim will not affect you at all, nor affect the tax you pay
- (e) We don't have any access to your private PAYE details

**NOTE:** **If anyone who signed a gift aid form some years back and now no longer pays income tax, please let the Pastoral Centre know so that your name may be deleted. Tel. 79642983**

### **STATEMENT BY THE NORTHERN BISHOPS**

- ❖ Bishops emphasise the need for continued caution and a rigorous application of all mitigations and safeguards required to ensure the safest possible return to public worship in our Churches.
- ❖ Every person should consider carefully if returning to collective worship is the safe and appropriate step for them, at this time. Families are encouraged to join those celebrating the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus in Churches, from the 'domestic church' of their own living rooms, via live-streaming.