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MASS TIMES

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
St Mary's Wednesday 7.30pm and Friday 10.00am

CONFESSIONS – Daily after Morning Mass (except Sunday and Holydays) & St Mary's 7pm on Wednesday(before Evening Mass) also Saturday 11am/12Noon and 5.30pm/6.15pm. Parish Bulletins are available from Pastoral Centre and churches.

- ❖ 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 attending the church for private prayer should wear a mask.**

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – Tuesday 8 December

A Holyday of Obligation. Masses streamlined as follows:

St Mary's 10am
St Patrick's Vigil Monday 7.30pm and Tuesday usual 9.30am

HEALING SERVICE - St Patrick's Church, Glen on Sunday at 6pm and will continue for the Sundays of Advent. This will be available on Webcam www.mcmedia.tv

TRÓCAIRE - I am writing to gratefully acknowledge the generous donation of £6,000 sent to Trócaire on behalf of the parishioners of Maghera Parish. This contribution will help to make a life-changing difference for families throughout the developing world, helping them to improve their lives, meet their basic needs and receive their basic human dignity and rights. Please convey our sincere thanks to your parishioners for their thoughtful generosity. (*Lucy Keown(Donor Services Assistant)*)

ST VINCENT de PAUL – The members of St Lurch's Conference wish to offer their sincere thanks to all who have supported them since the start of the pandemic. Your generosity and also two large donations from Magherafelt District Council, have enabled us to provide for the many people who seek our help. It also means we will be in position to provide assistance over the Christmas Period which is a time of additional stress. We usually distribute a report of our activities and take up our Annual Collection in early December: However we feel it would be more appropriate to defer this until the new year and have our collection at a time when hopefully, the situation would be less stressful for everyone. We are extremely grateful for your continued support and pray that everyone in the community will keep safe to enjoy a more normal life in 2021.

- ❖ *Details of Christmas Masses will be published next weekend.*
- ❖ *Extra Masses will be celebrated.*

ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS Thank you for last week's collection of £2,565.00. We thank you for your continued generosity to the Church with your weekly envelopes and donations.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY – Fr Daniel McFaul will celebrate Mass for SJYP members, deceased members and close family deceased, on Sunday 13 December at 3pm in St Mary's Church, Creggan. This Mass will be streamed online. The names of the members from each branch will be read out at the Mass.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY, UNTIER OF KNOTS, Wk 8 continues after the 7.30pm Mass in St Mary's Church on Wednesday 9 December and will continue for the following three weeks. Pope Francis does have a special devotion to Our Lady, Untier of Knots in the 1980's in Germany and brought it to Argentina with him. It is a very powerful Novena. Sometimes our lives may seem one big Knot due to circumstances beyond our control. Yet we look to Our Lady to untie the knots in our life. On Webcam www.mcmedia.tv

SPIRITUAL 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

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS *In times of calamity and disaster such as the outbreak of a plague which in these days is called Covid-19 or Corona virus – we take the advice and example of the Saints and consecrate our parish and our family and friends to the safety and Protection of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

FURTHER COVID-19 GUIDELINES issued by Department of Health for Nr. Ireland

1. **FACE COVERINGS** *It is mandatory in civil law that face coverings are worn when entering or leaving church and in church. The wearing of a face covering is mandatory unless a person has a reasonable excuse. For example a child under 13 years or a person leading a service in a place of worship or a couple at a ceremony to solemnise their marriage*
2. **FUNERAL OR WAKE** - *Indoor Gathering at Private Dwelling. It is illegal to attend a funeral or wake in a private dwelling*
3. **MARRIAGES** – *It is illegal to organise, or participate in a gathering of more than 25 persons for the purpose of solemnising a marriage*
4. **FUNERALS AND COMMITTALS** – *It is illegal to organise, operate or participate in a gathering of more than 25 persons for the purpose of a funeral or the committal of a body. It is only possible to view a body in a funeral home. A person responsible for organising or operating a funeral or associated event elsewhere must comply with the guidance on funerals issued by the Department of Health. Further guidance visit www.health-ni.gov.uk.covid-19-guidance*

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE'S ADVENT APPEAL – has begun and they have shared this video with us asking for support. You can still collect an Advent box at the back of the chapel if you are in for private prayer. You can also donate online: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/advent-appeal This year's appeal is raising funds to help provide hand washing and sanitation facilities to 700 schools in Tanzania, especially vital right now. It costs only £20 to provide a whole school with hand sanitiser and cleaning supplies. Thank you for your support.

GLEN GAC Website www.wattvgrahmsgac.com

Lotto Nos. 41:37:46:38: No winners. Next week £9,000. 00

WHAT FAITH DOES

To separate the two great commandments is a tragedy and goes clean contrary to the Gospel. Yet unfortunately this often happens. Those who have Faith often have no love, and those who love often have no Faith. Thus the Gospel has been torn in two. Jesus spoke of two great commandments. The first – that we should love God. The second – that we should love our neighbour. He didn't say that they were the same thing, but that they are like two sides of the one coin. If we want the total Gospel, we must have both. He himself showed us how to do this.