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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.

❖ **MAY DEVOTIONS** - In St Mary's Church today (Sunday) at 6pm

As you may have heard via the media, the Irish Bishops have decided to initiate a process in the Irish Church, leading to a Synodal Assembly in perhaps five years. The Bishops' Conference plans the next two years as a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on this theme. Following this, there will be a three-year preparation for a National Synodal Assembly. Before embarking on the Synodal Pathway Consultation, bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. Individual and groups are invited to submit ideas as to

- ❖ How the national conversation might best be conducted
- ❖ What hard-to-reach groups need to be involved

For further information on making a submission go to www.catholicbishops.ie/synod. Please note that submissions are sought by 23 May 2021 and can be made directly online through that website.

CELEBRATING MARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY – May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are encouraged to honour Mary on different ways. To help parishes, families and schools to do this, the Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a number of resources including prayers, Gospel reflections, colouring and craft activities, examples of May Altars and ideas on how to pray the Rosary. These resources are available online at catecheticalcentre.org/category/celebrating-mary-in-the-month-of-may-2021/

ENVELOPE COLLECTION - Thank you for last week's collection of £3,145.00. 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. We have also forwarded £12,000 to Trócaire and as I said previously the government this year will match pound for pound. May your generosity be rewarded.

INVITATION TO RESPOND – DIOCESE OF DERRY ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY

The Diocese of Derry has launched a consultative plan about climate change and the environment and is inviting everyone within the Diocese to read, engage and respond to it. The plan identifies actions and behaviours that support rather than destroy the environment. The suggestions cover such areas as land, buildings, energy, food, travel and waste. A Draft of the Environment Strategy has been posted on the Derry Diocesan website, to view and/or download: www.derrydiocese.org/diocese/environmental-strategy. Every attempt has been made to make the Strategy both comprehensive and practical so as to suit each Parish's particular situation. In order to ensure that it is as helpful as possible to your various parish communities however, we would appreciate any constructive feedback on it that you may have to give. We ask if you could read the draft Strategy document and give feedback on aspects that you feel could be supplemented/improved.

- ❖ Begin to implement any aspects(s) of it that you feel can be put into practice quickly and easily
- ❖ Draw the attention of both parish groups and individual parishioners to the strategy and encourage them to give feedback. (This would be especially relevant to school and any groups/individuals with particular interest in environmental issues)

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: - Monday 31 May 2021. Submit your comments, questions and suggestions to Patricia McCormack by:

Email: laudatosiderry@gmail.com Telephone/text 077 1190 0420 –

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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**

THIRD WORLD SHOP – has now re opened. As the virus is still around, wearing face-masks, sanitizing hands etc will be strictly adhered to. We are grateful for all donations of clothes etc. but please stick to 3 bags per household so that we can cope. Please label bags for recycling and keep shoes, bedding, curtains etc. separate from clothing. Thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to welcoming you back

NEW PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE - 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.

GLEN GAC Website www.wattygrahamsac.com

Lotto Nos 40:35:38:36: No winner. Next week £7,000.