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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 Mass should wear a mask!**

BAPTISMS - If you have a baby for baptism. Please contact Fr. Doherty.

MESSENGERS - Now available in both churches.

SACRED HEART MESSENGER

The digital version of the September Messenger will be the last issue to be offered free of charge to non-subscribers. From October onwards, the digital edition will only be available to subscribers. A digital subscription costs just £15 per year and we hope you will decide to subscribe if you are not currently a subscriber. The September issue can be viewed on messengerpublications/docs/messenger

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE 2020 - Will is broadcast live next Sunday 13 September at 3pm from the Basilica at Knock Shrine. Grandparents and their families are invited to join online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our children from St Patrick's Glen who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. It was a joyous occasion. We waited so long for this day. Many thanks to the parents who prepared their children and turned them out so beautifully. Many thanks also to the teachers who worked so hard in preparing the children so well.

FIRST COMMUNION DATES

P5 pupils from St Mary's PS Glenview - Saturday 19 September at 11am in St Mary's Church, Maghera
R5 pupils from Bunscoil Naomh Brid - Saturday 26 September at 11am in St Mary's Church, Maghera

ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS Thank you for last week's collection of £2,935.00.

LAUDATO SÍ – SEASON OF CREATION Week 3

"I wish to address every person living on this planet. I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environment challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all" (*Laudato Si' 3, 14*) Pople Francis (www.laudatosiweek.org).

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 Coronavirus – 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

GLEN GAC Website www.wattygrahamsgac.com

Next week £3,000. Lotto Tickets available from usual outlets.

THIRD WORLD SHOP

This is a summary of where £4500, which we had before the lockdown in March, was distributed. Sr Teresa Rafferty £250; Sr Brigid Quinn £500; Sisters of Cross and Passion £250; St Teresa's Orphan Fund £500; Fr Neil Magill £1000; Fr Hugh Lagan £1000 and Fr Seamus O'Neill £1000. Thanks to some generous donations which we received when the shop was closed and donations to St Joseph's Shrine when the chapel re-opened, £6000 was distributed as follows: If a request was for your contribution be for a particular priest that was honoured. Fr Mark and Fr Danny Monaghan and Fr Peter McCawille each got £1000. Fr Seamus O'Neill and Fr Hugh Lagan each got £1500. The shop has now re-opened so hopefully if everything is ok the usual report will be in the bulletin every 2 months. Thanks to all who donated clothes, etc for the re-opening. We really appreciate your custom and generosity.

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in our hour of conflict. Be our Safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God restrain him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust Satan down to hell, and with him all the wicked spirits who wonder through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

REFLECTION

When we forgive we free ourselves of the burden of bitterness,
and we free the other person of the burden of guilt.
But our forgiveness must come from the heart,
which means it must be true, sincere and warm.
A cold forgiveness is not much use.
Forgiveness should start now,
putting it off only deepens the wound,
prolongs bitterness and postpones happiness.
Life is short, time is fleeting.
Today is the day to forgive.
Lord, deliver us from the poison of bitterness,
and give us the grace to forgive from the heart
those who have offended us.
Then we will know the warmth of our forgiveness.