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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!**

INDULGENCES – Due to the corona virus pandemic and the need to avoid large groups from forming where prohibited, the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of 1 to 8 November. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on **any day in November**, and prays for the faithful departed. This Indulgence is obtained by “devoutly visiting a church or an oratory”, along with the recitation of the Our Father and the Creed. Also Sacramental Confession, & Reception of Holy Communion should apply.

THE HOMEBOUND – For anyone who cannot leave their home for various reasons, including anti-Covid restrictions, they too can obtain the Plenary Indulgence. In this case, the condition of being “completely detached from sin” and the intention of completing the other requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence remain. These conditions are Sacramental Confession reception of Holy Communion and a prayer for the Holy Father's intentions.

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.

ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS Thank you for last week's collection of £2,214.00. We thank you for your continued generosity to the Church with your weekly envelopes and donations. We appreciate your support especially at this time when the work on replacing the roof in St Mary's Church is ongoing.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY, UNTIER OF KNOTS, Wk 6 continues after the 7.30pm Mass in St Mary's Church on Wednesday 25 November and will continue for the following five 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.

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*

LOUGH DERG NOVEMBER MEMORIAL SERICE for deceased pilgrims and benefactors – Live via webcam from St Mary's Church, Pettigo, Sunday 22 November at 7pm www.churchservices.tv/pettigo To enroll a departed loved one – contact us by email: info@loughderg.org or Tel ((0353) 71 9861518

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*

STEPPING STONES PRE SCHOOL (130 Tirkane Road, Maghera) We are holding our OPEN EVENING on Wednesday 25 November from 7pm to 9pm also an OPEN MORNING next Saturday 28 November from 10am to 1pm. To comply with Covid-19, those families wishing to view the Pre-school are asked to contact Ciara - Tel. 02879549482 - (Monday to Friday (8.30am/1.30pm) for an appointment slot. FULL TIME FUNDED places for Sept 2021 available and we are currently accepting Pre- school children who are 2 years and 10 months.

GLEN GAC Website www.wattygrahamsgac.com

Lotto Nos. 30:21:29:31: No winners . Next week £8,000. 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.