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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)
		<i>Daily Rosary at 9.10am</i>
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 -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.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS - St Mary's Church on Sunday evening at 6pm

FEASTS

-	Thursday 28 October	- SS Simon and Jude, Apostles
-	Friday 29 October	- St Colman, bishop

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOTS

Continues on Wednesday night at 7.30pm Mass in St Mary's Church.

OCTOBER – MISSION MONTH - A series of presentations on Mission Today – what mission means in today's society – will be available online, by Zoom, on the Tuesday and Thursday evenings during October. Each presentation is free and will consist of a short talk, discussion on the topic and chance to ask questions. For more information on the individual presentations, the speakers and to receive the Zoom links, visit derrydiocese.org/mission-month.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI - After 9.30am Mass and chaplet, a video will be shown in the Pastoral Centre of St Francis of Assisi. This will take place for the four consecutive **Mondays** in November.

FATIMA

After 9.30am Mass and chaplet, a video will also be shown in the Pastoral Centre for the four consecutive **Tuesdays** in November. Masks must be worn in Pastoral Centre.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Thank you for last week's weekly collection of £3,385.00. 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.

MISSION SUNDAY

The reading on Mission Sunday, remind us that it is always God who takes the initiative. In the First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah, the Babylonian exiles are gathered together by God (Jer 31:7-9). The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that whoever is called to serve, it is God who calls: God takes the initiative (Heb 5:1-6). The story of Bartimaeus, The Blind man of Jericho (Mk.10,46-52), is also a 'call story.' The call of Jesus is mediated through others. Looked at through the lens of Mark's Gospel, the call of Jesus can come through his preachers and missionaries, even if their understanding is imperfect. It is God who takes the initiative in loving Bartimaeus and calling him to discipleship. His faith is a gift from God. Bartimaeus saw Jesus with the eyes of faith: 'your faith has saved you' Bartimaeus persistently resisted both the crowd and disciples in order to receive God's healing power mediated through Jesus.

OUR FAITH – DEVELOPING WHAT WE WERE TAUGHT IN SCHOOL

Was RE just a subject in school? Would you like to really to understand it in practice?

Are you open to deepening your understanding of your Catholic Faith?

Do you want to better understand the Mass – the celebration to the Eucharist?

Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to your everyday life? The Pathways Adult Faith Programme by Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, addresses these questions and more. This two-year faith development programme, delivered one Saturday per month from October to June is available either in-house at Drumalis or by Zoom video-conferencing. For personal testimonies, full details and enrolment on the programme, visit: www.drumalis.co.uk/pathways

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**

DROMANTINE RETREAT CENTRE

Fr Hugh Lagan SMA will offer the following Retreat and Workshop - Friday 19 November 5pm – Sunday 21 Nov 2pm. Cost £200/€230. **'Broken Open'** Workshop – How difficult times can help us grow? For enquiries and reservations: Tel 028 (048 from ROI) 30821964 or email: admin@dromantineconference.com

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.wattygrahamsgac.com Lotto Nos: 27:44:23:37:

No winner. Next week £2,500. Two winners of £50 each for first three numbers called are: Gavin McGeehan and Patrick O'Kane

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, 2022.

Although mindful of all the uncertainties we face at this time, the Pilgrimage Director and staff have begun planning for a return to Lourdes in early summer 2022. While it is still too early to provide details, it is intended that the date and duration will be as in recent years and hopefully these will be confirmed and announced by the end of 2021. We ask for the prayers of the people of the diocese so that, by the grace of God and intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, we may return to Lourdes once more.