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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

- ❖ Friday is the First Friday of the Month
- ❖ 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!**

### **PARISH EVENING REFLECIION** – Wednesday 28 October – St Mary's.

We are currently celebrating the Season of Creation from 1 September to 4 October. The theme is 'Cultivating Hope' and the diocese are hosting a programme of events to mark the last week of this important season. As part of this programme there will be an evening reflection on this theme in St Mary's Church, Maghera on Wednesday evening at 8pm. It will be a time to reflect on the beauty of creation and our stewardship in caring for our common home. There will be music, prayer and reflection. Parishioners are welcome to attend this as restrictions allow and the evening will also be broadcast live via the church webcam.

### **FEASTS**

*Tuesday:* SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels, *Wednesday:* St Jerome,  
*Thursday:* St Thérèse of the Child Jesus(Little Flower), *Friday:* The Guardian Angels.

### **FIRST COMMUNION**

- Congratulations to all our children from Bunscoil Naomh Brid 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 very hard in preparing the children so well.

### **LAUDATO SÍ – SEASON OF CREATION Week 5**

Next Sunday 4 October we celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Ecology. We are now called to listen urgently to the cry of the earth and to reflect on the injustices caused by the climate crisis. Climate breakdown may not be fully experienced on our own doorstep yet, but the fact remains that millions of people are suffering worldwide through drought, sea level rise and breakdown of the earth's ecological systems. "The poor and the Earth are crying out". *Pope Francis*

**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.wattvgrahamsgac.com](http://www.wattvgrahamsgac.com)

Lotto Nos. 41:22:35:45: Winner of 3 numbers, Brendan McKenna, Mullagh Road.  
Next week £4,000. Lotto Tickets available from usual outlets.

**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. September issue can be viewed on [messengerpublications/docs/messenger](http://messengerpublications/docs/messenger)

### **REFLECTION – The Three Sons**

A father had three sons. One day he said to them,  
'Go and work in the vineyard today.'  
The first said, 'Sure, Dad.' But he didn't go.  
The second said, 'I won't go.' However, later in the day  
he changed his mind and went grudgingly.  
The third said, 'Sure Dad.'  
And he went immediately and willingly.  
Which of the sons will feel closest to the father at the end of the day?  
The third, of course.  
The more we do the will of God out of love,  
The more we will appreciate his love for us.  
Lord, save us from the darkness of broken promises,  
And help us to walk in the light of faithfulness.