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MASS TIMES FOR THIS COMING 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 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.

Following the recent briefing by the Chief Medical Officer, the Chief Scientific Officer and Catholic Bishops of N. Ireland – From 7 January until 6 February the Celebration of Mass and other liturgies should take place without the presence of people, except for Marriages and Funerals which are restricted to 25 people.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

<u>Monday 1 February</u> - Sadly because of restrictions, as you can't attend this 9.30am Mass, the St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed during the 9.30am Mass on webcam.

St Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c454. When she was young her father wished to make a very

suitable marriage for her, but she insisted in consecrating her life to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. She died in 524 and her cult is widespread not only throughout

Ireland but in several European lands. The St Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection.

<u>Tuesday 2 February</u> - The Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas Day.

Candles will be blessed at 9.30am Mass

Wednesday - St Blaise

The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our Faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick "Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit"

ENVELOPE COLLECTION Thank you for last week's collection of £3,080.00. 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.

ST JOSEPH

Pope Francis has proclaimed "A year of St Joseph" from the 8 December last until 8 December 2021. The Holy Father says: 'Covid-19 has helped us see more clearly the importance of people, who though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day'. In this they resemble St Joseph – 'The man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence'. In St Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God.

ACT OF CONSECREATION 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 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

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, Maghera

St Patrick's College - OPEN DAY – Virtual Tour for P6 and P67 Pupils and Parents. This can be accessed at my.matterport.com/show/?m=gQF3eNFAFeZ Explore St Patrick's College (Two Storey Building) in 3D - my.matterport.com

GRANAGHAN & DISTRICT WOMEN'S GROUP, Swatragh - We have two places left in our fabulous ZOOM CROCHET class with Margaret Crabtree, restarting Monday evening 1 February at 7pm for 6 weeks. (Total cost £15. Tel. Bridget 79401376). We have two places left in our ZOOM BABY MASSAGE & YOGA classes with Elaine Devlin starting tomorrow morning Monday 1 February at 10am for 8 weeks. (Total cost £20. Tel. Roisin 79401418). 8 sessions of Tai Chi with Jane starting 8 February via Facebook LIVE at 11.30am. FREE (Tel. Deirdre 79643476. Funded by DFC)

<u>STRESS CONTROL CLASSES</u> – will continue to be hosted online. Please share this information with anyone you think might benefit. We hope that this will be a useful resource for people during these uncertain times. If you have any questions or queries please get in touch using this email stress.control@northerntrust.hscni.net

STEPPING STONES PRE-SCHOOL(130 Tirkane Road, Maghera)

Online applications are now open to apply for your child's FREE Full-time Funded Pre School Place for September 2021. Check DE website www.eani.org.uk

<u>LITTLE RAINBOWS EARLY YEARS, Glen, Maghera</u> On Line applications are now open to apply for a funded pre-school place in September 2021

GLEN GAC Website www.wattygrahamsgac.com Lotto Nos. 44:40:47:20:

No winner. Next week £3.500.

Two winners of £50 – Mairead Molloy, Coolnasillagh and Mary Walsh, Swatragh.