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SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2020 SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

SUNDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Vigil Saturday 31st October 7.30pm Sunday 1st November 11.00am

PLEASE NOTE THE WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS INCOMING WEEK

Monday 2nd November – All Souls Day -10.00am and 7.30pm Tuesday 10.00am Thursday 10.00am

All Masses continue to be live-streamed – www.aghyaranparish.com or www.castledergparish.com

SUNDAY MASS NEXT WEEKEND - 7th NOVEMBER 2020

(AREA E) (Saturday 7.30pm)
Carnoughter, Carndreen, Dreenan, Killeter and Meenamullan

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place here in St. Patrick's Church this Thursday from after 10am Mass to 12noon

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection, which amounted to £832 and the Church Restoration Fund Collection totalled £601. Envelopes can continue to be left through the door of the Parochial House, for those not attending Mass

St Caireall's Primary School

2020 has been a year like no other. In the midst of the Covid 'crisis' we have had to say a very understated farewell to Mrs McHugh who retired on August 31st after 25 years of distinguished service to the school in her capacity as Principal. The school reopened in September for the first time since mid-March under the interim leadership of Mrs Connolly. The pupils, parents, staff, and governors are enormously grateful to Mrs Connolly for the generosity of spirit she showed by taking on this leadership role at an extraordinarily challenging time. I would like to congratulate Mrs Connolly and all the staff at St Caireall's for the commitment and wonderful effort they made to ensure that our children came back to a school that was safe and inviting. We were all very impressed by the efforts they made during lockdown to reassure the children and to keep them focused on their studies. It was wonderful to have them all back in the classroom and to see and hear the school coming back to life. Once again, thank you Mrs Connolly and all the staff – teaching and non-teaching. When the children return to school this week they will meet the new Principal, Mrs Michelle Ellis, who joins us from St Dympna's Primary School in Dromore. I know Mrs Ellis will be made very welcome by the whole community here in Aghyaran.

Mrs Ellis writes 'I will head over the hills each day from Gortin to attend school and I am eager to meet all the members of the school community particularly the children. I have heard much about the strong family element of the school, the huge importance of football and the deep faith of the parish and how all of these impact on school life. I am looking forward to meeting the parents through different events, be it the sacraments or at the school gate.

I ask that you say a prayer asking for guidance from God that I can fulfill my role to the best of my ability and that together with the staff and the Board of Governors, we can voyage on this journey together to allow St. Caireall's to continue to be a place where the children feel safe, are happy and keep learning.'

It only remains for me to wish Mrs Ellis every success as she builds on the wonderful foundations laid by Mrs McHugh and all those who have gone before her. Fr Paul

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

'REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER' SACRED SPACE IN OUR HOMES You are invited to create a Sacred Space in your home for November in memory of your deceased family members and friends. Your Sacred Space might include some of the following: photographs or memorial cards, a little box or basket with the names of those you would like remembered in prayer, a crucifix, sacred picture or rosary beads, holy water, a candle (taking care with it, of course!). Autumn leaves might be gathered and perhaps some purple material (if you have some readily available) could be used to help create and adorn your Sacred Space. Parents, in particular, are asked to involve their children in creating Sacred Space in the home for November. Those whose names you place on your sacred space will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at our Masses in the parish throughout the month of November.

We will also create a Sacred Space here in the church. From Monday 2 November you are welcome to write out and bring along the names of your deceased relatives and friends, and place these in the baskets that you will find in the Sacred Space. (In compliance with Covid precautions, no facility will be in place within the church this year for you to write the names). You might also like to light a candle in the church in memory of your loved ones.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: Since we were unable to celebrate this event in the traditional way this year, the graves will be blessed privately on Monday 2nd November. The rosary will be said after Mass while the graves are being blessed and I would encourage as many people as possible to join in online. I will bless the graves in Magherakeel on Tuesday morning following 10am Mass.

NOVEMBER PLEDGE The Pioneer Association is promoting the November' Pledge as a sacrificial act in honour of the Holy Souls. If you would like to take up the *Pledge for November*, log into website: www.pioneerassociation.ie to enrol. **DIOCESAN MASS FOR DECEASED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE:** The Annual Mass for deceased children and young people will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 8 November, at 7.00pm. You can join this Mass live on the St Eugene's Cathedral webcam. If you would like to have a child or young person remembered at this Mass, please email the name to lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org or telephone 028 7126 4087.

MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PAST YEAR: In spite of the ever-changing sets of rules and regulations, I would like to ensure that we remember those who have died in the past year, by acknowledging them by name in a special Mass. We will have this Mass in Aghyaran on Friday 13th November at 7.30pm. During this Mass we will light a candle in remembrance of those who have died in the past year. This mass is intended for immediate family only and more details will be given next week.

PRAYER RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES FOR NOVEMBER: The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre has created a range of prayer resources for families to use at home during November in memory of loved ones who have died. These include practical ways to pray together at home, prayers you can use and tips on creating a sacred space for prayer. For the mid-term break there is a 'World Drawing God Day', which is a great way to engage children for hours in creative drawing. Drawings can be shared online and you can take an online tour of the Drawing God Museum. To view all the available resources, visit www.catecheticalcentre.org

LOUGH DERG Memorial Service for deceased pilgrims and benefactors. Live via webcam, St Mary's, Pettigo on Sunday 22nd November, at 7pm: www.churchservices.tv/pettigo. To enrol a loved one, email: info@loughderg.org / Tel 0035371 9861518.

ST PATRICK'S, AGHYARAN WEEKEND MASS ROTA - OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2020

(Saturday Vigil Masses 7.30pm - Sunday Morning Masses 11am)

_AREA A_The Corgaries, Ardarver, Trienaongan, Legatonegan and Shanaghey Area Saturday 14th November

AREA B_Tullycar Road-Essan, Tullycar, Meenakeerin, Crilly Park, Ballymongan and Pullytean Road
Sunday 15th November

AREA C_Aghyaran, Maghernageeragh, Mullinabreen, Scraghey, Segronan and Edenreagh Area Saturday 31st October, Saturday 21st November

AREA D__The Laught's, Garvagh, McNally Park Sunday1st November, Saturday 28th November

AREA E_Carnoughter, Carndreen, Dreenan, Killeter and Meenamullan Saturday 7th November, Sunday 29th November

ST. DAVOG'S CLUB

Sympathy: The committee and members of St Davog's tender their deepest sympathy to the entire Gormley family (Scraghey) on the death of Bridget mother of our former players Gerard and Caroline. We also offer our sympathies to the Coalisland Fianna club on the sudden death of former player Johnny Curran. We also pray for the following recently deceased Kathleen Connolly (Dromore/ Castlederg), Mark Mc Hugh (Corgary). Nolie Hilley (Castlederg) Eileen Mullan, (nee Byrne) (Ballybofey). Mary Queen of the Gael pray for them.