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SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 2020

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

GOSPEL: St Matthew 22:1-14: PARABLE OF THE WEDDING BANQUET: 'Many are called but few are chosen'

In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a royal wedding banquet. Just as there are invited guests to the banquet in the parable, we, God's children, are invited guests in His kingdom, through the sacrament of Baptism. We are all familiar with receiving invitations of one sort or another. An invitation is not a demand: we can accept or decline. Even in accepting, we can make a choice – to accept half-heartedly or to enter into the spirit, purpose and joy of it. Today's parable calls us to reflect on the *quality* of our response to God's invitation to us: does it reflect a positive *yes* to the building of His kingdom? Is it sometimes half-hearted, reflecting the response of the man in the second part of today's parable, who attended the wedding banquet but did not wear a wedding garment? We pray today that the quality of our 'yes' to God's invitation will be such that it will inspire others in their response and, one day, having played an active part in building His kingdom, we will be invited guests in God's heavenly banquet.

SUNDAY MASS THIS WEEK:

Vigil: Saturday 10th October 7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 10.00am

Thursday 10.00am

All our Masses continue to be live-streamed: www.castledergparish.com or www.parishofaghyaran.com

SUNDAY MASSES NEXT WEEKEND – 17 & 18th OCTOBER 2020

(AREA E) (Saturday 7.30pm)

Carnoughter, Carndreen, Dreenan, Killeter and Meenamullan

(AREA A) Sunday 11.00am

The Corgaries, Ardarver, Trienamongan, Legatonegan & Shanaghey area

It is most important that people who are vulnerable or unwell and especially those with any symptoms that might suggest Covid-19 infection, stay at home. Masses will continue to be live-streamed via webcam. It is strongly recommended that, with the exception of those who are exempt from wearing them, face masks should be worn by everyone in church.

Taking the increasingly worrying situation into consideration, Masses in the parish at this time are intended for parishioners only – those who reside within the confines of the parish. I appreciate that this may be disappointing for some families, especially in the case of the celebration of Month's Mind and Anniversary Masses but the safety of everyone is paramount, and your co-operation in this recommendation is greatly appreciated. Fr. Paul.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume here in St. Patrick's Church this Thursday 15th October from after 10am Mass to 12noon

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection, which amounted to **£980** and the Church Restoration Fund Collection totalled **£801**. Envelopes can continue to be left through the door of the Parochial House, for those not attending Mass. Thanks also to all who make their contribution to the Church by Direct Debit or Standing Order. The total for the period April to September (inc) was Weekly Collection **£2,070** and Church Restoration Fund **£2,328**

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH (MISSION SUNDAY) COLLECTION: There is the blue envelope in your box for this collection which is due next Sunday. The proceeds of the Mission Sunday collection are channelled through World Missions Ireland, which is the official support organisation for the overseas mission of the Irish Catholic Church, bringing the prayers, solidarity and financial help of the Church in Ireland to Christian communities in countries in other parts of the world, who are in much need of our help.

St Thérèse of Lisieux, pray for us. *St Francis Xavier*, pray for us.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE will hold two blood donation sessions in St Patrick's Hall, Castlederg, this Monday 12th October: 10.30am – 1.30pm and 3.00pm – 6.00pm. They wish to point out that they operate strictly under Department of Health guidelines. By appointment only: Tel 08085 534 653 to book

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

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

AREA A

The Corgaries, Ardarver, Trienaongan,
Legatonegan and Shanaghey Area

Saturday 5th September, Saturday 26th September, Sunday 18th October

AREA B

Tullycar Road-Essan, Tullycar, Meenakeerin, Crilly Park,
Ballymongan and Pullytean Road

Sunday 6th September, Saturday 3rd October, Saturday 24th October

AREA C

Aghyaran, Maghernageeragh, Mullinabreen, Scraghey,
Segronan and Edenreagh Area

Saturday 12th September, Sunday 4th October, Saturday 31st October

AREA D

The Laught's, Garvagh, McNally Park

Saturday 19th September, Saturday 10th October, Sunday 1st November

AREA E

Carnoughter, Carndreen, Dreenan, Killeter and Meenamullan

Sunday 20th September, Saturday 17th October, Saturday 7th November.

O C T O B E R - M O N T H O F M I S S I O N

'TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE' (Theme for Mission Sunday 2020, which we celebrate next Sunday, 18 October)

"Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic represents a challenge for the Church's mission. Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us. The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us. Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God.....And prayer, in which God touches and moves our hearts, should make us ever more open to the need of our brothers and sisters for dignity and freedom, as well as our responsibility to care for all creation. The impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday. In all of this, God's question: "Whom shall I send?" is addressed once more to us and awaits a generous and convincing response: "Here am I, send me!" (Is 6:8)." **Extract from Pope Francis' Message for Mission Sunday 2020 'Here am I, send me'**. The full text of the Pope's Message can be seen on the World Missions Ireland website, www.wmi.ie

PRAYER FOR OUR PROTECTION IN THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC:

In these increasingly worrying and uncertain times for everyone, we pray God's protection for ourselves, our families, our parish community, our school community, those who are lonely or anxious, and those who are sick or concerned about their health. We pray too for all frontline workers, all who help to provide essential services and all who place their own wellbeing at risk in the service of others:

From Saint Patrick's Breastplate

**Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.**