

PARISH OF TERMONAMONGAN (AGHYARAN)

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SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2020 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

SUNDAY MASSES:

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6.00pm – Aghyaran

Sunday: 11.00am – Aghyaran

WEEKDAY MASSES:

TUESDAY: 10.00am Aghyaran Thursday: 10.00am, Aghyaran

All our Masses continue to be live-streamed

To access the live-streaming log into: www.castledergparish.com or www.parishofaghyaran.com

CONFIRMATION

Parent(s) and children should attend a meeting in the Church on **Wednesday 19th August at 10a.m.** At this meeting we will discuss the ceremony and have a short practice in preparation for Confirmation Day. The sacrament of confirmation will be conferred on the class of 2020 next **Saturday 22nd August at 2pm.** Each child may invite no more than eight people **including** sponsor, parents and siblings

THE STEWARDS at our Sunday Masses are there to help us all to keep safe while at Mass. We thank them for volunteering their services. The co-operation of everyone will be very much appreciated

THANK YOU to all who returned envelopes this week. The weekly collection amounted to **£851** and the Church Restoration Fund collection amounted to **£552**. Envelopes can be returned to the Parochial House, although a box for collecting envelopes is available in the church, as you enter for weekend Mass.

BAPTISMS: If you wish to book a Baptism, please email me the child's name, date of birth, and the names, address and contact number of parents.

SUNDAY MASSES NEXT WEEKEND – 22nd & 23rd AUGUST 2020

ST PATRICK'S, AGHYARAN:

Saturday 22nd August – 6pm Vigil Mass:

Aghyaran, Maghernageeragh, Mullinabreen and Scraghey

Sunday 23rd August – 11am Mass:

Shanaghey, Ballymongan, Pullytean Road, Segronan and Edenreagh

It is important that people who are vulnerable or unwell, especially those with any symptoms that might suggest Covid-19 infection, stay at home and if possible, participate, via webcam, social media, television, or radio.

TROCAIRE is making a final appeal to anyone who has not yet returned their 2020 Lenten Trocaire Box. Trocaire boxes can be returned to the church (at Mass time) or to the Parochial House.

ST. DAVOG'S CLUB NOTES:

Football: Our senior footballers claimed maximum league points to maintain their 100% record at home to Strabane last Friday evening winning by 2-17 to 1-08. Our reserve team had no game as Strabane conceded the points.

Our minor boys were beaten by Naomh Eoghan on Sunday morning 1-11 to 3-09. The lads must now regroup for the final league game with Badoney. The winners of this will qualify for the league semi-final.

Go Games: Our U/8's and U/10 boys and girls got their first outing in the Go Games last Saturday in Castlederg. Thanks to their parents and coaches and many thanks also to Castlederg for hosting.

Ladies: Senior ladies top Group 2 of the senior league and what a comeback on Monday evening against Glenelly -down 12 points at the halftime and came back to win 4-14 to 4-12 in a great second half performance.

Tickets: Please Note - the club will receive a limited number of tickets for our Championship game against Aghaloo in Healy Park next Friday (21st). Anyone wishing to go the game should contact Gerard Byrne on 077 3034 2520. no later than today (Sunday 16th) with your contact details

Arrangements for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Due to the government restrictions we had to take the unfortunate decision to postpone all ceremonies in the church. Happily, these restrictions have been relaxed somewhat and we have made the following arrangements.

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FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parent(s) and children should attend a meeting in the Church on Monday 24th August at 10a.m. At this meeting we will discuss the arrangements for First Penance and First Holy Communion. First Penance will be celebrated on Wednesday 26th August at 10a.m. Following this, we will have a practice for First Holy Communion, as described in the note sent home by the school. First Holy Communion will take place on **Sunday 30th August at 2p.m.** Each child may invite no more than eight people including parents and siblings. The capacity of the church is extremely reduced for the time being in order to ensure we can maintain social distancing. There are national regulations in place regarding the return to public worship and these place restrictions on the movement of people within the church, the sharing of microphones, communal singing, etc. To comply with these regulations the involvement of children in the ceremonies must be controlled. While the school and the parish regret this, we are sure that you will understand the rationale.

It goes without saying that anyone coming into the church must use the hand sanitiser and follow the instructions of the stewards. The congregation must remain seated throughout and no one should leave their seats in order to take photographs. The school will arrange for a group photograph to be taken at the end of the ceremony and this will be shared securely with families. At the end of the ceremony the congregation should continue to follow the instructions of the stewards so that the church can be vacated securely. We all have a responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe.

Please be aware that these guidelines are subject to government review right up until the day of the ceremony. Thank you for your cooperation.