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SUNDAY 17 JANUARY 2021 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – ST JOHN 1:35-42

A fun g in knowledge of and relationship with Jesus and handing on the faith to others. We can deepen our knowledge and relationship with Him through prayer, through Scripture and through the Eucharist; we can share the Good News with others through our words, attitudes, actions and example. The two disciples in St John's Gospel today wanted to spend time with Jesus, to get to know Him better, and they then told others of what they had witnessed. We are the disciples of our time. Jesus' invitation to "Come and see" – to get to know Him better and to spread the Word is offered to all of us. We ask God today for the grace to be courageous in our discipleship and ever-aware of and open to the invitation of Jesus.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF JANUARY

As you are probably already aware, our churches are closed, once again, for public worship. While they are scheduled to reopen on Saturday 6th February, there will be a review at the end of January. Churches will remain open for private prayer. You are welcome to call in and to light a candle. We continue to remember each other in prayer in these very worrying times.

Weekend Masses in St Patrick's, Aghyaran

Vigil 7.30pm (every Saturday)

Sunday morning 11.00am (17th and 31st January).

Weekday Masses: Tuesday 10.00am, Thursday 10.00am.

You are invited to participate in these masses via webcam: www.parishofaghyaran.com

Weekend Masses in St Patrick's, Castlederg will be as follows: Vigil 6.00pm (every Saturday)

Sunday 11.00am (10 and 24 January)

Weekday Masses in St Patrick's, Castlederg: Monday, 7.30pm, Friday, 10.00am

You are invited to participate in these Masses by webcam: www.castledergparish.com

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection which amounted to **£340** and the Church Restoration Fund Collection totalled **£252** Envelopes can continue to be left through the door of the Parochial House

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, OMAGH – Message to all P6 and P7 pupils and their parents: Open the door to your future! Your journey begins online on Friday 22 January. Visit www.shcomagh.co.uk or Facebook page. For further information contact the school office on 028 82 242717 or email info@shc.omagh.ni.sch.uk

Please note, I will continue to be available at the Parochial House, as normal. Please feel free to contact me. While there will be no routine visitation of the sick, I can do house calls, by arrangement, in the case of an emergency or where there is a particular worry or concern.

SINCERE THANKS for your good wishes and generosity to me at Christmas. It is very much appreciated. Thank you also for your ongoing support in these challenging times. Particular thanks for your prayers. Be assured that I continue to include you all in my daily prayers. May God bless you all in this coming year. Fr Paul.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18 - 25 JANUARY: THEME, 'ABIDING IN CHRIST'

The theme for this year's Week of Prayer or Christian Unity is based on John 15:1-17, "*Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit*". The materials this year have been prepared by the ecumenical Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland, which has fifty Sisters, women from different generations, Church traditions, countries and continents.

"Our spiritual well-being is as important as our physical well-being. In the past year, both of these have been seriously challenged: the COVID-19 pandemic has caused us to be careful about our own health. Some of us have been ill or have lost someone close to us. Meanwhile the working lives of many have been disrupted and families kept apart, often at huge personal cost. Perhaps it has made us all more anxious about our health and more aware of our vulnerability. At the same time church buildings have been closed and worship has been taking place online. Opportunities to worship and pray together have been seriously curtailed. We may well be feeling a sense of isolation from God as well as our neighbour. The period of lockdown that we have lived through has caused us to take a step back to think again about our priorities and the things and people that we value, that make our lives whole. As Church life was to a large extent paused for the first time for most people, what does it mean to be part of the one Church, the Body of Christ, when all we see of our sisters and brothers are on the screen of a laptop? Come with us in this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and enter into a place of community and blessing. Simply "be" in this place and be carried by the prayer and the reality that it is God, in Christ and through the Holy Spirit, who carries us and accompanies us." *Bob Fyffe, General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland*