

PARISH OF TERMONAMONGAN (AGHYARAN)

REV PAUL FRASER PP, 16 CASTLEFIN ROAD, CASTLEDERG, CO TYRONE, BT81 7BT

Tel: 028 816 71393 Email: aghyaranparish@derrydiocese.org

Parish Website: www.parishofaghyaran.com • Facebook: @aghyaranparish

Diocesan Website: www.derrydiocese.org

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2020

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me (Matt 16:24)

The confusion and uncertainty the disciples experience in their exchanges with Jesus, in the Gospel passage today, are in stark contrast to the positivity and the certainty of the exchanges we heard last Sunday. Peter wants to 'mould' Jesus into his way of thinking. Recognising in Peter the same spirit that tempted Him in the desert, Jesus rebukes the one who, such a short time before, was established by Jesus as the 'Rock of the Church'.

It is easy to see how the disciples felt despondent after the change of atmosphere in their relationship with Jesus. All of us are familiar with experiences of relationships and things in our lives changing – certainty can very quickly become uncertainty and an unexpected turn of events can reverse our best-laid plans. The Holy Spirit is there to guide us on the challenging road of discipleship. Prayer, Scripture and the Eucharist sustain us on our journey. And yet, following God's ways, rather than being driven by our own, is still not easy. In the knowledge that the suffering of Jesus on the Cross was rewarded with eternal glory, we pray that our focus will always be on the reward of discipleship, not the cost.

SUNDAY MASSES:

Vigil: Sat 6.00pm Sunday 31 August: 11.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday: 10.00am Thursday: 10.00am

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

CONGRATULATIONS to the P7 boys and girls of St Caireall's PS, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last week. We pray that the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire their choices in life.

CONGRATULATIONS to the P4 boys and girls who made First Confession during the past week. We look forward to celebrating their First Holy Communion this Sunday at 2.00pm.

Wishing Mrs Mairead McHugh a long and happy retirement

Monday 31st August is a day of significance for the parish of Aghyaran. It is the day we say goodbye to Mrs Mairead McHugh, the principal of St Caireall's Primary School. Mrs McHugh has spent thirty-nine of her years in St Caireall's, and the last twenty-five as Principal. In those twenty-five years Mrs McHugh has built up the school to where it is today: a school that is well maintained and in excellent condition for the next generation of pupils. Over her years as teacher and Principal Mrs McHugh has touched the lives of so many children in the Aghyaran and Castlederg areas on their journey through primary education and in preparation for second level education. Mrs McHugh retires with all the good wishes of the Board of Governors, the staff and the families of the many children she has nurtured and formed over the years she has spent in her different roles within the school. May retirement be a whole new experience, filled with wonderful surprises, places to see, people to visit and lots of free time. As we say 'thank you', we wish God's blessing on Mrs McHugh and her family, praying that many years of health and happiness lie ahead!

SUNDAY MASSES NEXT WEEKEND – 5 & 6 SEPTEMBER 2020

ST PATRICK'S, AGHYARAN

Please note that, as from the start of September (next weekend), the weekend Mass schedule is reverting to the 'pre-Covid' schedule, ie: **7.30pm every Saturday** and **11.00am** on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. A revised rota for the parish is displayed on the noticeboard of the church and details are also on the reverse of this newsletter. Please take time to check it carefully and note that we have reduced the overall number of groups from six to five.

Face Masks: Following recent consultations with public health authorities, our church leaders strongly recommend that, with the exception of those who are exempt from wearing them, everyone should wear a face mask in church from this weekend onwards, for the foreseeable future.

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection, which amounted to **£948** and the Church Restoration Fund. Collection totalled **£754** Envelopes can continue to be left through the door of the Parochial House, for those not attending Mass.

WE PRAY God's blessing and protection on all our school children and on the staff of our schools as they prepare to commence the new school year in difficult and uncertain circumstances.

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

Please note that, from next weekend, 5/6 September, the Parish Weekend Mass Schedule will return to normal (the 'pre-Covid' rota). This is to ensure that the Masses can be covered by one priest. This is important as we need to have contingency plans in place in case of sickness or to ensure holiday cover. I regret any confusion this change may cause, but I have to make a plan that is sustainable in the long run.

With social distancing restrictions in place, the capacity of the church is very limited, so we must continue to use a rota for attending. Since there will be no Sunday morning Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month I had to reduce the number of groups from six to five. Please look at this carefully since your group may have changed.

WEEKLY MASS ROTA - ST. PATRICK'S AGHYARAN

(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

ST DAVOG'S CLUB NOTES

Football: It was a disappointing weekend for St Davog's teams in the championship as our senior men were beaten by Aghaloo on Friday evening 3-9 to 1-8. Our senior ladies were beaten by Errigal

Ciaran and our minors also fell short away to Dromore on Monday evening

Congratulations to our U/16 boys and management as they went to Greencastle last week and claimed the win from a winner takes all game which would determine who would qualify for the league semi-finals (Aghyaran 3-15 Greencastle 3-10) Please note - U'14 and U'16 girls training will commence this week. Dates and times to be confirmed. .keep an eye on the club Facebook page

Draw: The club members monthly draw for August will take place in the club rooms tonight (Saturday) at 10pm.

Sympathy:The committee and members of Aghyaran St Davog's would like to send our condolences to the following families on their recent bereavements. Cathal Lynch (Castledearg/ Tallagh Dublin), Jim Curran (Ardboe), Davy Bonner (Castledearg), Reba Carlin (Castledearg), Ann Ramsey (Castledearg), Keith Mc Laughlin (Castledearg/ Omagh), Charlie Patton (Ballybofey), Bridget Heeney (Ballybofey), Teresa Gallen (Ashburn Park) Mary Queen of the Gael pray for them.