Sunday 3rd October 2021: 27th Sunday of Ordinary time



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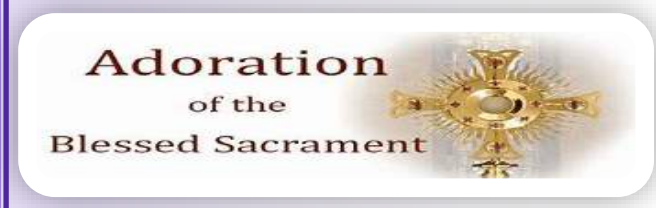
Parish Priest. Rev Fr. Joseph Boyle

The novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Held on Mondays at 7 pm, followed by a short period of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The month of October
is the month of the rosary and a plenary indulgence can be obtained for the recitation in church, with family, or in a pious association.

October is also the month of the missions. Please keep the work of the missionaries in your prayers including priests and religious who are in this country and far from homeland in the service of the gospel.

Friday afternoon rosary
Now at 1.30 pm. Group arrive at the church to recite the rosary, pondering with Mary on the Mysteries. All are welcome.



Forty Hours Adoration
begins today Sunday 3rd October. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration and prayer after 11 am Mass on Sunday. There will be a service at 6 pm on Sunday evening.
On Monday and Tuesday the adoration will begin after morning Mass and continue until the service at 7 pm each of these days.
The traditional practice of lighting candles for named loved ones will continue.
To enable the Forty Hours' we need people to commit to keeping watch. A list of times will be available next weekend. We are grateful to all who participate in this special time of grace for the parish and all parishioners.

The Ladies' Guild. Tuesday 5th October
1- 30 for 2 pm until 4.30 pm,

Sunday Masses
Vigil: 6 pm; Sunday 9.30 and 11 am.
Weekday Masses: 9.30 am
Sunday Mass and weekday Masses are live streamed. Go to the website for the link : www.olsg.org.uk
The church is open for private prayer 1.30 to 2.30 pm, and 6pm to 7 pm Monday to Friday, with individual Confessions being available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday around 6.15 pm. Silence in the church is observed since loud talking disturbs those who have come along for private prayer.

Baptism: The Church welcomes adults and children who wish union with the Lord in his victory over evil and death and who wish to participate in the life of the parish.
Sacrament of the Sick: The Anointing of the Sick is for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age.
Marriage: For baptised Catholics marriages are to be solemnised by God's blessing.

We are asked to pray for…
Those who have died recently, may they rest in peace: Sean Murray (Co. Cavan) , Ian Riddell, Tommy Farrell, Ishbal MacMillan, Tom Gillan, Gerald McLaughlin, Paul Rhodie, Joseph Stelmazuk.

Those whose anniversaries occur around now; Eddie Friar (30ys), Charlie Mulholland, Margaret Malseed.

We remember in our prayers, those who are sick at home, in hospitals or nursing homes.
Prayers are especially requested for:
Robert Carroll, Chrissie McIntyre, Margaret Mary Hall (USA, sister of Mgr Docherty)

(Permission from the person who is ill is required before Insertion in the bulletin. Add the name to the list in the link corridor each week.)

Parish Dance - First since Lockdown
Saturday 9 October
Dance along to Andy Gray
(AKA 'One too Many')
Doors open at 7.30pm
£3.00 at the door

Bar Bingo* Raffle
**Snowball stands at £80.00*

Finances: Thanks to all who contribute to the parish upkeep. £1245 was taken up last weekend (26th Sept) at the Masses, a further £82 was handed in as donations also for the parish upkeep, and £31 for the parish renovations. Standing orders and other bank donations are also most gratefully received. Thanks to those who take up the collection these days, men and women and people of different nationalities to reflect the universality (catholicity) of the Church.



Thursday 7th October at 7pm.
Our Lady of Lourdes, 51 Lourdes Ave, G52 3QU
An Ecumenical Service bringing together in prayer those affected by all forms of cancer, loved ones and carers. To those lost to cancer and to pray for those with responsibility for providing and allocating resources required. You will have the opportunity to make your own personal act of devotion or remembrance in the lighting of a candle. Everyone welcome, all faiths and none.



Pilgrim Path Website of the Week. St Francis of Assisi
4th October is the feast of St Francis of Assisi. As we end the month-long Season of Creation, we celebrate the patron saint of ecology. An hour-long documentary based on Donald Spoto's acclaimed biography, *St Francis of Assisi: Reluctant Saint*, strips away the legends from the life of Francis of Assisi to reveal the true story of a man who has too often been obscured by pious iconography.
Watch it at **www.newpilgrimpath.ie**.

radioalba.org *Radio Alba majors on Morning, School, Evening and Night Prayer, and now has recorded Masses on Sunday, and Prayer from Glasgow Churches Together during the week.*

Fr Joe writes. While I was away last week we celebrated the feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael and in the gospel for that day Jesus spoke about seeing above the Son of Man the angels of God ascending and descending. The next day some good people of Tory Island saw some descending and ascending near to their little church containing the presence of the same Son of Man. With a little bit of imagination we can describe the pilot of the helicopter as Michael the leader of the heavenly army, the priest as Gabriel the messenger of the Gospel, and the doctor also on board the helicopter as Raphael, the messenger of the healing of God.

Fr Seán had asked me if I could say Mass last Thursday in Tory since he had a funeral that day and I was delighted to be able to oblige since I had two previous fond memories of visits to Tory in the summer, and beside a hurl on the helicopter was a chance too good to miss. So it was that the pilot with only the doctor on board picked me up outside Falcarragh for the 5 minute trip to the island. How the people of the island delight in their House of God, looking after all that needs to be done, ordering candles, altar breads, wine, looking after the cemetery and the grounds, painting outside and inside, overseeing the renovation work and what not. Fr Seán has called Grace the parish priest, and Mary the curate, so much work that they do!

The church, dedicated to St Colmcille has beautiful stained glass windows of the Calvary scene, a fishing boat in front of the altar, beautiful stations of the cross with Gaelic wording below, a warm and homely atmosphere reminding me of some of the churches I visited in the north of Scotland, Inverurie, Fetternear, Huntly, Braemar, Eriskay.

About 20 or 30 people came along to the Mass which was their only weekly Mass and the readings were from this Sunday's Mass. It was their celebration as they joined in the prayers and the responses in Gaelic. I was simply presiding.

What stands the people in good stead is their willingness to take part and to keep the place in very good shape. The priest need only descend and ascend, or failing that, come across the 9 miles of sometimes stormy waters to preside at the Eucharist, at which the Lord assures us as He assured the fearful disciples as He came to them over rough seas: *"It is I; do not be afraid."* *(John 6;20)*