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Parish Office- The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd September 2018.

We welcome Very Rev Canon Michael McGourty to his new residence at St. Joseph's, the Rock.

Canon McGourty has retired as Parish Priest of Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh and now returns as Pastor Emeritus to the Parish where he worked as curate forty years ago. A Pastor Emeritus is a Parish Priest who has retired from the general administrative obligations of Parish life and now offers to help in a sacramental manner in his new abode. He no longer is expected to initiate or perform any Parish administration and is personally allowed to decide on his contribution to Parish life in his new area. He must not be seen as a curate or a priest who is available for any activity at any time.

Parish Priests who have retired at the age of seventy five are entitled to shape their remaining years in a manner which suits them. Having contributed fifty years of service to the Gospel and the Church, they look forward to living in a manner which is more appropriate to their age. We must recognize and honour this situation.

Canon McGourty is one of six Parish Priests who have retired within our Diocese this year. He has agreed to live in St. Joseph's and help sacramentally in Belleek / Garrison and Bundoran / The Rock. It is important to understand that Canon McGourty does not have any day to day obligations within either Parish. He has agreed to help both Parish Priests to lessen the existing pressure within their present schedules. He will not be adding any activities to present daily schedules because such a contribution could ultimately fall back on two Priests.

By taking one weekend Mass in both Parishes, by allowing both PPs the joy of a full weekly day of freedom and celebrating a daily Mass in all four Churches, by taking a set of First Friday calls in both Parishes, by helping with Baptisms in both Parishes, by substituting for each Parish Priest as he takes his entitlement of three weeks annual holidays, by helping where events such as funerals coincide on similar days in all Churches, our retired Pastor Emeritus will be more than helpful to Priests and people. Where the major danger might lie is that we could expect too much of a Priest who is retired, of a person who is seventy five years of age, where the rights of retirement are not respected and where decision making is not allowed to rest with the retired individual. It is important to remember that retired Priests are not expected to be part of administration, to initiate pastoral or other initiatives. Those are part of their past lives. When they feel free to do so and have the necessary energy, they will now make a sensible contribution to the schedules of Parish Priests in a manner which will lessen daily pressure on them. At no time are Pastors Emeritus expected to increase Parish schedules and workloads as this will ultimately cause further problems should a Priest become unavailable. Let us appreciate what retired Parish Priests have contributed and help them enjoy their retirement.

We greatly welcome Canon McGourty to **BOTH** our Parishes and hope he enjoys his retirement with us.

Please Note: All envelopes and donations within our Church collections in 2018 are presumed to be for the upkeep of our Churches and Parish needs.

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Saturday (Vigil) Andy Carty (Fish Lane), Kieran Brennan (West End/

Ardfarna), Jared Ryan (Lissadell Ave/ Massachusetts).

Sunday 8.30am. Private Intentions

11.00am. Paddy McGowan Craigavon - Funeral Mass.

12.30pm. Anthony O'Connor (Silverhill) M.M. (Final Summer Mass)

Monday 10am. Private Intentions.

Tuesday 10am. Private Intentions.

Wednesday 10am. Private Intentions.

Thursday 10am. Private Intentions.

Friday 10am. Private Intentions.

Saturday 10am. Jim Connor (West End).

Saturday 7pm. Brigid, Liam & Sonnie Kinsella (West End), Molly

Dowdican (West End), Kevin Leonard (Bundoran/Dublin).

Sunday 8.30am. Annie Carty & Dec Mbs Carty Family (East End).

11.00am. People of the Parish.

Special Ministers for September

7.00pm. A. McGrath, K. McEniff & A. Davey.

8.30am. H. Gallagher & M. Fitzgerald.

11.00am. M. Gaffney, B. Ward, R. Doherty & G. McGloin.

September Ministers of the Word

7.00pm. Claudia Kennedy. **8.30am**. Evelyn Sharpe. 11.00am. Breege Connor.

September Altar Society:

Marian Duffy & Una Hoey

Weekly Ministers 05/09/2018

Minister of the Eucharist Michael Duffy Ozanam House Fr Munster Kathleen Diver Minister of the Word

Prayer Service Leader 05/09/2018:

Mary Mulreany

Church Collectors for August.

7pm. Cindy O'Beirne, Kathleen McGrath, Kathleen Connolly. **8.30am**. Patricia Brennan, Mary Mulreany.

11.00am. Pat McGovern, Danny Breslin, Joe Smyth, Brid Connors

Altar Servers:

Saturday 8th September: Ava Fallon, Melissa Breslin, Molly Flanagan, Dáithi O'Connor & Gareth Carr.

Sunday 9th September: Alexia McGuinness, Wiktor Szumlanski,

Niamh & Eamonn Barrett.

Cake Sale: Will be held in the Pastoral Centre on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th September after each Mass. We would be most grateful if you could kindly sponsor some homemade baking. Cakes buns, etc.

Can we ask you to please leave your name into the Parish Office if you can provide homemade baking for the Sale.

> Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Finances August 25th & 26th, 2018

Weekly Offering: €2,156.00, Envelopes Returned: 89 Second Collection - €850.00 Thanks to everyone. Thanks to those who have made separate donations. Sunday August, 26th at 10am

Jack, Annie & Winnie Kelly (Ardlongfield).

Brian Doherty (Erne Dale Heights).

Monday 10am. Prayer Service Tuesday 10am. Prayer Service.

Wednesday 10am. Mass

Thursday 10am. Prayer Service. Friday **10am.** Prayer Service **Saturday 10am.** Prayer Service.

Sunday September, 9th at 10am. Mary Melly (Fassagh) M.M. Babs Maguire (Rathglass)

James Timothy & Dec Mbs Timothy Family (Rathmore).

Liturgy Teams for September

Minister of the Word.

Rionach Sheerin.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist.

Breege Loughlin & Marie Gavigan.

Church Collectors.

Front. Eamon Daly. Back. Patrick Mc Kenna.

Altar Society.

Marie Gavigan, Liz McGrath & Mary Keown.

Important Future Dates for the Rock.

<u>Cemetery Sunday:</u> September 16th after 10am Mass.



We remember all those who have died recently: May They Rest in Peace.

Clare Hughes (Cornhill, Ballyshannon) Mary Loughlin (St Colm's Tce)

Gabrielle Campbell Smyth (England/Bundoran) Paddy McGowan (Craigavon/West End) Josie Daly (Finner/Manchester)

Pastoral Council Meeting of both The Rock and Bundoran will take place on Tuesday 4th September at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre in Bundoran. All members are asked to attend.

The Dance Academy Irish Dance Classes Ballyshannon by Mc **Nelis Cunningham Boyle** *Tuition by Emily Bonner*:

Suitable for all ages, from beginners to advanced, Competitive and Non Competitive. To book your place please message Emily on 087 9261532. Venue: The Rock Hall, Ballyshannon Day: Every Tuesday (Commencing Tuesday 4th September) **Time**: Beginners: 4pm - 4.45pm, Advanced: 5pm - 6.30pm

St Joseph's Church Finances. August 26th, 2018 Offertory Collection: 45 Envelopes Returned

Envelopes €292.00 Baskets €113.00 Total €405.00

Development Fund: 49 Envelopes Returned Envelopes €184.00 Baskets €60.00 Total €244.00

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