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Parish Office- The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd September 2018.

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The Future of Parish Life and Administration.

Recent letters from the Diocesan / Bishop's Office have reminded us about the pressure being experienced by Priests and Laypeople throughout our Parishes at this time. These letters have reminded us about the lessening number of Priests available to the Diocese and the resulting problems now and in the near future. We have also been reminded about the importance and necessity of the involvement of Laypeople in Parish activity so that the Priest can concentrate on spiritual / sacramental activity.

Many Parishioners discuss and speak about this this need and these activities but we hope that such discussion would turn into actual activity. In days gone by, the number of available clergy in all Parishes allowed for very little contribution by Laypeople but as the years passed by, this greatly changed. Do you remember a time when Special Ministers of the Eucharist did not exist ? Do you remember a time when lay readers of the Scriptures did not exist ? Do you remember a time when Parish Councils / Pastoral Groups did not exist ? All this was due to the fact that each parish had sufficient Priests to carry out these roles and laypeople were not necessarily involved.

As days and years passed by, lay participation in Parish life grew and increased, for many different reasons. One reason may have been the Second Vatican Council which recommended lay participation in Parish life while the ongoing lessening in the number of clergy certainly played it's part in a greater lay contribution to Church life.

In a recent interview on local radio, Gary Carville (media representative of the Clogher Diocesan Office) complimented Magh Ene Parish as being very futuristic in it's presentation of Church life. We were commended for our use of Prayer Services where Mass was not possible and for the number of laypeople who organised and arranged many different Church activities in our Parish. We were recommended as an example to contemplate.

Although we have indeed reached a very good point in our presentation of Church and Sacramental life in our Parish, we need to ask ourselves how much we can individually contribute from our personal talents, so that the parish can continue to grow in a special way into the future. Without the understanding and generosity of all parishioners, every Parish will find it's future difficult. Therefore, we ask all those who wish to express their Faith in a meaningful way to consider the ways in which they can help our Parish grow. This may be in a small way initially but as time goes by, the interest and confidence generally grows.

This could be in the simple form of helping with a cake sale / joining one of our three choirs / helping with collections at Mass / being a Church Reader / helping with the Sacristy / being part of the Altar Society and many other areas of interest and help.

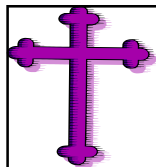
Don't be afraid to express your faith in action.

The Lord will reward you for your kindness.

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Saturday (Vigil) Hugo Slevin (The Commons, Belleek), Sean Kerr (East End).

Sunday 8.30am. Mary B Donnelly (West End).

11.00am. People of the Parish

Monday 10am. Private Intentions.

Tuesday 10am. Private Intentions.

Wednesday 10am. Private Intentions.

Thursday 10am. Private Intentions.

Friday 10am. Private Intentions.

Saturday 10am. James, Ursula & Jerome Diver (Sheil Ave).

Saturday 7pm. Private Intentions.

Sunday 8.30am. Private Intentions.

11.00am. Una McGarry (Kent/Bundoran) M.M.

Sunday September 23rd at 10am.

John James, Mary, Majella, Bernadette & Dec Mbs McGurl Family (Manger).

Jack, Bridie, Patrick & Annie McCaffrey (Rockville Hse).

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, 30th 10am

Eunan McDevitt (Saimer Drive).

Packie Brady (Ballintra).

James, Margaret & Dec Mbs Ward Family (Tourney).

Mary O'Mahoney (Rathmore).

Catherine Breslin (Bridge End).

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 17/09/2018

Minister of the Eucharist Breege Connor

Ozanam House Breege Connor

Minister of the Word Breege Connor

Prayer Service Leader 19/09/2018:

Breege Connor.

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 22nd September: Orlaith & Sean O'Neill, Johnny & Katie Carty, Conall Gavigan.

Sunday 23rd September: Niamh & Aoibhe O'Donnell, Rebecca Corr Kane, Ryan Sharpe, Megan McNamara.

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 or on the sheet in the Church if you can provide homemade baking for the Sale.

Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Finances September 8th & 9th 2018

Support of the Priest: €1,892.00, Envelopes Returned: **88**

Second Collection - €840.00 Thanks to everyone.

Thanks to those who have made separate donations.

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.



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

Michael Mannion (Ardlongfield)

Angela Cooke nee Rocks (Newcastle-upon-Tyne and West Port, Ballyshannon).

Laurence Flatley (St Brigid's Terrace).

Cemetery Sunday:

Many thanks to those who helped with the presentation of Cemetery Sunday at the Rock church. It is always difficult to anticipate and deal with the numbers who will attend such an occasion. Pre-planning for Cemetery Sundays is always necessary and in days to come will be totally dependent on the contribution of local laity because the traditional availability of clergy is no longer possible. The lessons learned each year will always be the foundation for the planning and activity of the year to come.

St Joseph's Church Finances. September 9th 2018

Offertory Collection: 48 Envelopes Returned
Envelopes €568.00 Baskets €282.00 Total €850.00

Development Fund: 55 Envelopes Returned
Envelopes €230.00 Baskets €148.00 Total €378.00

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