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## Parish Office - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. October 1st, 2017.

### Parish News - Please Read Carefully and Consider.

The Clogher Diocesan Office announced last Monday that Fr. Ian Fee (Curate in The Rock, Ballyshannon) sought and received extended leave from the Diocese. The Diocesan Office did not announce any possible replacement for Fr. Fee, **because at this time, none is available.** This situation is indicative of personnel problems not only in our own Diocese but throughout all the dioceses in Ireland.

The Parish of Magh Ene stretches from the Drowes Bridge on the Sligo side of Bundoran all the way to the townlands of Manger and Loughill near Belleek. Twenty years ago, the area was served by a Parish Priest, two curates and two retired priests. It now has only one Priest serving both areas of Bundoran and the Rock, Ballyshannon. The numerical area of Bundoran is now four times greater than twenty years ago, while that of the Rock has had a small increase.

Care of a Parish area is divided into two areas of activity – sacramental and managerial. The former is a fairly public ministry while the latter is generally unseen and very time-consuming. For example, a wedding Mass and its rehearsal may take a certain amount of time but the sixteen documents necessary before and after the ceremony are rarely known by the public. A funeral Mass / burial may take an hour and a half publicly but the house visitation before and after, not to mention the hours of homily preparation are not noticed by the public. Most Parishioners only attend one Mass per weekend but now the only priest in the Parish will celebrate **FOUR** Masses each weekend and allocate approx two hours to a sermon preparation which may give the impression of being simple but simplicity presumes much preparation.

In days gone by, due to the number of priests available, Priests took general responsibility for many different activities in Parish life. This is no longer possible because the number of Priests has lessened and unforeseen events such as funerals etc. dictate the immediate needs of the Parish and the attention of the Priest. We have seen this already in some areas of parish life. There will be undoubtedly more to come.

Some Parishioners believe that the Priest is dealing with them alone and should be available at a time which suits them. Twenty four hour availability, seven days per week for one Priest is too demanding and impossible to provide. The only answer is for Parishioners to fulfil day to day roles in Parish life leaving the Priest to concentrate on his sacramental work. To facilitate this in days to come, the managerial side of Parish life will be in the hands of a capable and trained Parish Secretary. Of course this will presume on the availability of parish finance to fund such a position or the agreement of volunteers willing to be trained in such work. The future of Parish life is in our own hands. Decisions about the future will take time, discussion and common sense. We hope to be able to deal with immediate needs in a sensible manner.

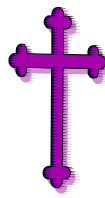
**All of the above will be discussed with both Parish Pastoral Groups next week.**

**The Second Collection for the coming months will be allocated to the cost of dealing with the dampness in the Church walls. The cost of this work is made known above.**

**Sept 23rd/24th Collection.**  
Total € 1,975.  
**€ 1,015 from 96 Envelopes** returned from 207 allocated.  
**Loose collection € 960.**  
**Summer 2nd Collection € 718.**  
Extra in standing orders €105.

On-Going Parish Loans total approx €1.3 million. Monthly bank repayment €10,692.00.  
**Donations are greatly appreciated.**

**Back to Work Scheme Caretaker/Grass-cutting / Please contact Parish Office for further information**  
Contact Tus Supervisor at 0877385021



**Our Churches are places of prayer and meditation. Please avoid unnecessary noise and chatter, so that all can pray.**

**Saturday (Vigil) at 7.00pm.** Mary B Donnelly (Asgard, West End),  
John Connolly & Dec Mbs Connolly Family (Drumacrin).

**Sunday 8.30am.** Joey Mulhern (Magheracar).  
**11.00am.** **People of the Parish.**

**Monday 10.00am.** Willie, Eddie & Dec Mbs Lynch Family (Main Street).

**Tuesday 10.00am.** Emmet Travers (Church Road).

**Wednesday 10.00am.** Private Intention.

**Thursday 10.00am.** Private Intention.

**Friday 10.00pm.** Private Intention.

**Saturday 10.00am.** William & Mary McDaid.

**(Vigil) 7.00pm.** Dec Mbs. Of the Cummins & Finnegan Families (Bundoran).

**Sunday 8.30am.** Private Intention.

**11.00am.** **People of the Parish.**

We remember all those who have died recently.



**Mollie Dowdican**  
(West End)

**Babs Maguire**  
(Rathglass).

**Gerald McGrath**  
(Belleek).

**May they rest in Peace.**

**Special Ministers of Eucharist for October.**

**7:00pm** M. Doherty, M. Duffy, L. Ryan.

**8:30am** P. Donoghue, D. Campbell.

**11:00am** M. Ward, R. Doherty, B. Connor, B. Ward.

**October Ministers of the Word**

Lucy Ryan.

Paddy Donoghue.

Rhya Doherty.

**October Altar Society.**

Rosaleen O'Keffe.

Grainne McGloin.

Moia Gallagher.

**Church Collectors for October.**

**7:00pm** Cindy Beirne, Kathleen McGrath, Seamie Granaghan.

**8:30am** Patricia Brennan, Maura Walsh.

**11:00am** Pat McGovern, Danny Breslin, Joe Smyth, Matthew Lingard.

**Weekly Church Ministers 02/10/2017**

**Minister of the Eucharist** Ursula McManus.

**Ozanam House** Fr Munster.

**Minister of the Word** Kathleen Diver.

**Altar Servers for This Weekend 7/8th October.**

**Sat.7:00pm.** Ryan McGloin, Justin Kelly, Lucy Currid,  
Mischa & Maria Keenan.

**Sun.11:00am.** Elsiha & Grace Rodgers, Siofra McManus,  
Megan McNamara, Callum Tierney.

**If you would like to help with collecting, reading or the altar society, Please contact the Parish Office.**

**General Parish Notices - Where Space Allows.**

**Children's Musical Theatre Dance & Singing Classes** re-commence Saturday 9th September 10am - 12pm in the Bundoran Pastoral Centre, Church Grounds.. Ages 4 years+ welcome. Songs & Dance from Disney, The Wizard of Oz, High School Musical & much more! Please contact Suzanne on **086-1504455** for all details.

**STAGECRAFT** will return to Bundoran Parish Centre on Tuesday September 12th. 4:30pm--6:30pm. weekly during school term. Contac: Maura Logue **086-4047065**.

**The Afternoon Club** will resume on Thursday September 28th from 2:30pm—4:00pm at the Pastoral Centre.

**Colaiste Magh Ene, Bundoran.** — **Night Classes enrolment on Tuesday Sept 26th. 7—8.30pm.**  
**Further details on notice-board in the main Church hallway.**

**Lifesaving Classes** are starting again in Ballyshannon Leisure centre on Sunday 24th September at 5pm. All welcome, minimum age 11 years old. Being a coastal area it is very important for people to learn about the sea and how to keep yourself safe and know how to help others.

To celebrate National Breastfeeding Week, the Bundoran breastfeeding support group is holding a tea/coffee morning on Tuesday Oct 3rd. In the Conference Room, Bundoran Health Centre. Hope to see you there.

Work on **extra gravespace** in St. Ninnidh's Cemetery will begin very soon. **Lower cemetery will be restricted.**