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Parish Office - First Sunday of Lent. March. 5th. 2017.

Ash Wednesday / Lent - A Very Old Tradition.

It was wonderful to see how many Parishioners and Visitors attended the Masses on Ash Wednesday. The reception and wearing of ashes is a very old tradition which is obviously very important to many people. The very common practise of bringing ashes to those who are confined to home or otherwise unable to attend the Church is a very commendable exercise and the number who did so was even greater than last year. We are learning from year to year.

It was explained at weekend Masses that it was not necessary for a Priest to bring and administer the ashes. A neighbour, family member or friend can fulfil the need for those unable to attend the Church. So, we thank those who showed such initiative in bringing the ashes to the sick, the retired and the housebound. This showed our Christian faith in action and was a sign of modern Church practise.

In these days of a lessening number of Priests, the practise of talking ashes to the housebound is indicative of how the future needs of the Church will be fulfilled. Allowing the Priest to concentrate on the activity for which he was ordained will be even more important in the near future. The sharing of Parochial duties which can easily be undertaken by laity will obviously need to supplement the work of the Priest. When we realise that the practise of bringing the blessed ashes or Holy Communion to those who cannot attend Church and the Presentation of Prayer Services when Mass cannot be celebrated are commonplace nowadays, we should understand that Parish life is slowly changing and we are part of that change. For some Parishioners, this will be difficult to understand but future Parish life will completely depend on such generosity and participation in parish life.

Thanks to all who arranged and took part in the Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration began at 10.30am and continued uninterrupted until 7pm. At all times, the Blessed Sacrament was attended and the Pastoral Centre was warm and inviting. The presentation of the area was pleasant with floral arrangements and prayer sheets / books available. The same times of adoration will take place next Friday but **NOT** on the following Friday, St Patrick's Day. The attendance list for those wishing to add their names for particular hours is available in the Church. Perhaps you might have time to spend an hour with the Lord.

Spiritual Ways of Living Lent.

Private Prayer - an addition of extra prayer to our daily lives, especially for those with busy lives
Attendance at Mass - Daily Mass is celebrated at 10am. each day - could you attend occasionally ?
An additional act of penance or charity each day - to remind us of hopes to be better people.
Reading Old or New Testaments - reading a section of the Bible each day brings us closer to the Lord.

The use of Parish Envelopes, Standing Orders or Yearly Donations greatly help the ongoing financial obligations of the Parish. Many thanks to all who help in this way.

Last Weekend's Collection.
Total €1870
€1078 (114 Envelopes returned from 207 allocated).
Loose collection €792 (€270 in notes & €522 in coin).
Extra in standing orders €105.

On-Going Parish Loans total approx €1.3 million. Monthly bank repayment €10,692.00.

All donations to this fund are greatly appreciated.

Map of Finner Cemetery on display
in Church Hallway.
Please inform Parish Office of any
changes **before end of February.**



Lists for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Fridays during Lent beside Priest's Chair — Please add your name where convenient.

Saturday (Vigil) 7.00pm Peggy Flood (Church Road).

Sunday	8.30am.	Bridie O'Doherty (White House)
	11.00am.	Mickey Rooney (St Bridget's Tce) M.M.
Monday	10.00am.	Private Intention
Tuesday	10.00am.	Private Intention.
Wednesday	10.00am.	Gabrielle O'Beirne.
Thursday.	10.00am.	Michael Joyce.
Friday.	10.00am.	Dec. Mbs. Quinn Family (Finner).
Saturday	10.00am.	Cormac McGloin & Dec Mbs Mullahy Family (Main Street)
	7.00pm	Tommy Keenan Sn. Mary Keenan & Dec Mbs Keenan Family Ardfarna), Eithne & Michael Dempsy, Nicholas Barone, Michael, Cyril Conroy, Cait Likely
Sunday.	8.30am.	Betty, Liam & Elaine Deegan (Drumacrin Ave)
	11.00am.	People of the Parish.

We remember all
those who
have died
Especially



Terence McDermott
(East Rock,
Ballyshannon).

May they rest in peace.

Special Ministers of Eucharist for March .

7:00pm Ann McGrath, Lucy Ryan, Ann Davey.

8:30am Mary Mulreany, M. Fitzgerald.

11:00am B. Fox, B. Connor, Bernie Ward, G. McGloin.

Ministers of the Word.

Lucy Ryan.

Maura Walsh.

Breege Connor.

March Altar Society.

Celia Warnock.

Mary Carty.

Church Collectors for March.

7:00pm Cindy O'Beirne, Kathleen McGrath, Mary Doherty.

8:30am Nan/Patricia Brennan, Cormac Meehan, Petie Carty.

11:00am Pdraig Davey, Danny Breslin, Joe Smyth, Breege Connors.

Weekly Church Ministers 06/03/2017

Minister of the Eucharist Ursula McManus.

Ozanam House Ursula McManus.

Minister of the Word Kathleen Diver.

Altar Servers for Next Week March 11/12th.

Sat. 7:00pm. Ryan McGloin, Lucy Currid, Mischa Keenan, Maria Keenan.

Sun. 11:00am. Maitiu Tierney, Brion McMahan, Elsiha Rodgers, Siofra McMahan.

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

Community Notices - Where Space Allows.

The weekly meeting of the Afternoon Club takes place on Thursdays at 2pm.

A meeting of **Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.)** will take place in the Pastoral Centre / Clogher Room each Monday for the next ten weeks (beginning Mon Aug 29th.) from 8.15 - 9.45pm.

Childrens Dance, Drama & Singing Classes. Every Saturday 10am - 12pm. Ages 4years + welcome. Classes restart Sat 10th Sept 10am in Pastoral Centre. Please call [0861504455](tel:0861504455) for all details.

"Mini Me Yoga classes Thursday's @ 5pm for 4-8yr olds and 6pm for 8-12yr olds. €20 for 4 weeks.

The Kammer Chamber Philharmonica Orchestra (Cologne) will return to the Rosary Chapel for a concert on Tuesday August 1st. 2017. Further information to come.

Gamblers Anonymous / Gam-Anon is holding its All - Ireland Convention "Experience; Strength & Hope" on 3rd - 5th March. Convention details are on the Gamblers Anonymous website www.gamblersanonymous.ie

Back to Work Three Day Scheme / Contact Parish Office for more information.