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Parish Office - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. October 8th, 2017.

Parish News - Please Read Carefully and Consider.

The Clogher Diocesan Office recently announced that Fr. Ian Fee (Curate in The Rock, Ballyshannon) had sought and received extended leave from the Diocese. The Diocesan Office did not announce any 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 public amount of time but the eight documents necessary for both bride & groom are rarely known by the public. A funeral Mass may take an hour 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.

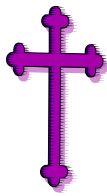
Some Parishioners believe that the Priest is dealing with them alone and should be available at a time which suits them. Twenty four hour availability, seven days per week for one Priest is too demanding and impossible to provide. The only answer is for Parishioners to fulfil day to day roles in Parish 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. It is important to realize that **ONE** priest cannot satisfy the requirements of every individual or group and that much **unseen** sacramental and managerial activity takes place throughout the Parish. Our Parish will now operate on **ONE** daily diary which limits the presence of the Priest to **ONE** event at any time. This has already affected the booking of weddings and will certainly affect the times of funeral Masses. **For example**, on a coming October Saturday, the morning 10am Mass will be followed by two baptisms at 11am and a wedding at 12noon, as well as the evening 7pm Mass and three Masses on the following day Sunday. Any other requests at that time would be difficult to meet. **Next week's newsletter will suggest some possible future plans.**

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Saturday (Vigil) 7pm. Dec Mbs Cummins & Finnegan Families
(Bundoran).

Sunday 8.30am. Private Intention.
11.00am. People of the Parish.

Monday 10am. Prayer Service.
Tuesday 10am. Private Intention.
Wednesday 10am. Private Intention.
Thursday 10am. Private Intention.
Friday 10am. Private Intention.
Saturday 10am. James, Ursula & Jerome Diver.
Vigil at 7pm. Private Intention.

Sunday 8.30am. Private Intention.
11am. Mollie Dowdican MM (West End).

Special Ministers for October

7pm. M. Doherty, M. Duffy, L. Ryan.
8.30am. P. Donoghue, D. Campbell.
11am. M. Ward, R. Doherty, B. Connor, B. Ward.

Ministers of the Word

7pm. Mairead McGurran.
8.30am. Cormac Meehan.
11am. John Fallon.

October Altar Society

Rosaleen O'Keefe, Grainne McGloin, Moia Gallagher.

Church Collectors for October

7pm. Cindy Beirne, Kathleen McGrath, Seamie Granaghan.
8.30am. Patricia Brennan, Maura Walsh.
11am. Pat McGovern, Danny Breslin, Joe Smyth, Matthew Lingard.

Weekly Ministers 09/10/2017

Minister of the Eucharist Breege Connor.
Ozanam House Breege Connor.
Minister of the Word Breege Connor.

Altar Servers for weekend October 14/15th.

Sat 7pm. Orlaith & Sean O'Neill, Conall Gavigan,
Katie & Johnny Carty.
Sun 11am. Christopher Connolly, Niamh O'Donnell,
Rebecca Corr Kane, Ryan Sharpe.

Sunday 10am. Babs Maguire MM (Rathglass),
Mary O'Mahony (Rathmore),
Gerry McNamara (West Rock).

Monday 10am. Prayer Service.
Tuesday 10am. Prayer Service.
Wednesday 10am. Prayer Service.
Thursday 10am. Prayer Service.
Friday 10am. Prayer Service.

Saturday 10am. Prayer Service.
Sunday 10am. Terry Doran (Saimer Drive).

Liturgy Teams for October

Minister of the Word.

Patsy Coyle.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist.

Bernie Boyle,
Mary McMorro.

Church Collectors

Front Eamon Daly.
Back Patrick McKenna

Altar Society

Kathleen Lawless, Patricia Gallagher.

Because Clogher Diocese does not have any immediate replacement for Fr. Fee, in the foreseeable future all enquiries should be made to 0719841290 (10am - 12noon) or in an **emergency** situation 0872808904.

On **Sundays**, if anyone needs to contact the Priest, please do so at **9.45am. BEFORE** Mass as the Priest needs to leave immediately after Mass to celebrate the 11am Mass in Bundoran.

Further arrangements to be made when possible.

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

Mollie Dowdican (West End, Bundoran), Babs Maguire (Rathglass),
Mary Daly (Strandhill), Gerald McGrath (Belleek).



Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Finances.

September 30th/1st October 2017 Dues Collection.

Total € 2,090.

€ 1,140 from 101 Envelopes returned from 207 allocated.

Loose collection € 950.

Renovation Fund 2nd Collection € 695.

Extra in standing orders €105.

On-going Church Loan approx €1.3 million.

Monthly Bank repayment €10,692..

All donations to this fund are greatly appreciated.

St Joseph's Church Finances.

Sunday Dues Collection October 1st. 2017

Total € 1,030

€733 from 84 Envelopes returned from 150 allocated.

Loose Collection € 297.

Development Fund Collection € 465.

Dampness Renewal Project will cost approx €38,000.

All donations to this fund will be greatly welcomed.