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Parish Office - Second Sunday of Lent. March. 12th. 2017.

St. Patrick — Patron Saint of Ireland

On March 17th in Ireland and throughout the world St. Patrick will be remembered as the Saint who brought the teachings of Jesus Christ to Ireland. In succeeding centuries, missionaries from Ireland brought that same faith to many parts of the world. Every country in the world seems to have some Irish people living there so every country will honour St. Patrick and Ireland. The history of St. Patrick is so well known that I thought it might be of some interest to recall some of the legends and customs associated with him. Perhaps they will generate some conversation and discussion.

Is St. Patrick really buried in Downpatrick? When the saint died in 461AD, several places sought to have the honour of being his last resting place. Legend has it, to settle the affair, that the wagon which carried his remains was hitched to two white untamed oxen who were allowed to roam as they wished. After a long haul, the oxen halted at Downpatrick and Patrick was buried there.

How is his grave marked? In the Churchyard in Downpatrick, there is an enormous block of granite known as St. Patrick's Stone which is believed to mark his burial place. The seven ton rock was hauled from the Mountains of Mourne almost a hundred years ago to mark this place. Two other well known saints are also buried in this Churchyard giving rise to the verse "In Down three saints one grave do fill, Brigid, Patrick and Columcille".

There is a **traditional story** that St. Patrick visited every county in Ireland except Kerry but that would be difficult to verify. What we do know is that Patrick travelled by foot and boat the length and breadth of Ireland, bringing the Gospel of Christ to all who were willing to accept it. When we realise that in those days, most travelling was done on foot through areas which had simple tracks, we should appreciate the associated difficulties.

The shamrock was used by Patrick to explain the mystery of the Holy Trinity to the people of his day. Today it is the main emblem of St. Patrick's Day and an international symbol. Drowning the shamrock is a very old tradition. On St. Patrick's Night, jugs of whiskey were shared when people came together to sing and dance. When the last drop in the jug was reached, the shamrock was dropped into it and tossed over the shoulder for luck and good fortune. Needless to say, presumably only a very small drop was wasted!!

St. Patrick has a number of towns named after him throughout the world especially in Texas and New Mexico where the saint's memory is recalled as San Patricio. The State of Missouri has a village named St. Patrick, with a population of approximately 80. This number soars in the weeks before March 17th as visitors arrive to send cards and letters with the postmark "St. Patrick".

We wish everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day. We send the best wishes of the Parish to all who are away from home at this time. We wish a wonderful welcome to all Parishioners who have returned home for this occasion and to all the visitors spending time in Bundoran on this feast of St. Patrick.

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.

March "Dues" Collection.
Total 2488
€1512 (127 Envelopes returned from 207 allocated).
Loose collection €976 (€325 in notes & €651 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.

St. Patrick's Day Masses

at

8.30am. 11.00am. 12.30pm.



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 Tommy Keenan Sn. Mary Keenan & Dec Mbs Keenan Family (Ardfarna), Eithne & Michael Dempsey, Nicholas Barone, Michael & Cyril Conroy, Cait Likely.

Sunday 8.30am. Betty, Liam & Elaine Deegan (Drumacrin Ave)
11.00am. People of the Parish.

Monday 10.00am. Private Intention.

Tuesday 10.00am. Sally Maley Nee Loughlin (East End, Bundoran & Glasgow).

Wednesday 10.00am. Pat Slevin (Camlin, Ballyshannon).

Thursday. 10.00am. Private Intention.

St. Patrick's Day 8:30am. 11:00am. 12:30pm.

Saturday **10.00am.** Private Intention.

7.00pm People of the Parish.

Sunday. **8.30am.** John Shovlin (Portnoo).

11.00am. People of the Parish.

We remember all those who have died especially John McGowan (Kinlough)



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,

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

Weekly Church Ministers 13/03/2017

Minister of the Eucharist Breege Connor.

Ozanam House Breege Connor.

Minister of the Word Breege Connor.

Altar Servers for Next Week March 17/18/19th.

St Patrick's Day Oliwia Galera, Siofra McMahon, Conall Gavigan.

Sat. 7:00pm. Megan Brown, Orlaith O'Neill, Conall Gavigan, Katie Carty.

Sun. 11:00am. Ronan Wiggs, Emily Machado McGovern, Christopher Connolly, Niamh O'Donnell.

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.

Abbey Arts Centre Spring Concert featuring Bel Canto, Cor Craobhaigh & Friends Sat 25th Mar @ 8pm Raffle proceeds, on night, to Bluestack Special Needs Foundation Tickets €10, available from Abbey Centre and Bel Canto members.'

St. Patrick's Night Annual Foir Ceili in St. Mary's Hall, Garrison on Friday 17th March 2017. Music by the Assaroe Ceili Band. (Proceeds to Marie Curie). Dancing from 9.30p.m. to 12.30 Supper Served. Everyone welcome.