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Parish Office — St. Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland — 17th March 2023.
Parish of Magh Éne (Bundoran & St. Joseph's Ballyshannon). Website: www.magheneparish.ie
Facebook: Magh Ene Parish Office Opening Times: 9.30am - 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

History of St. Patrick:

St. Patrick was born very probably in the early years of the fifth century in the Roman colony of Britain. He was taken captive at the age of sixteen and brought to Ireland where he was sold as a slave. He tended herds on Slemish Mountain for six years. His captivity has a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He prayed many times each day, his faith growing stronger and his love and reverence for God increasing. He escaped back home at the age of twenty-two. It was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. The voice of the Irish was calling him to come and walk among them once more. He studied probably in France, returned to Ireland as a Bishop c. 457-61 or as early as 432 according to another tradition. His mission was not immediately greatly successful but eventually he would make a tremendous number of converts. Two writings survive: the Letter to Coroticus, a protest to the soldiers of a British prince who had killed some converts and sold others as slaves, and his Confession, written near the end of his life, showing him as one living by the faith he preached and allowing Christ to direct his whole life. He died in approximately 491.

St. Patrick at The Rock:

St. Patrick visited almost every area of Ireland in his time here. Travelling from modern Galway to the top of Donegal along the sea shore, he travelled through Higginstown. As he stood on the height of Higginstown looking over the Erne river valley, he asked the local people to set up a local Church. A Church in those days would be approximately the size of a large room where people could pray. Higginstown people have their opinion as to where that Church was built and the memory is still available today. It is wonderful to know that St. Patrick was in our Parish during his time in Ireland and that is was at his suggestion that the very first Church in our Parish was built in Higginstown. The Church of St. Joseph at The Rock and the Church of Our Lady at Bundoran have been the result of the original Church of St. Patrick in Higginstown.

When we understand how important the faith brought to Ireland by St. Patrick is for everyone, the traditional picture of St. Patrick or the Statue of St. Patrick placed in our homes is an educational aspect of life for all the younger members of our families.



Hail, Glorious St. Patrick



Hail, glorious St. Patrick, dear saint of our Isle,
On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile;
And now thou art high in thy mansion above,
On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.

**On Erin's green valleys,
on Erin's green valleys,
On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.**

Ever bless and defend the sweet land of
our birth,
Where the shamrock still blooms as when
thou wert on earth,
And our hearts shall yet burn,
where so ever we roam,
For God and St Patrick and our native home.

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Future Important Dates for 2023

Confirmation in Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Bundoran on Sunday 7th May @2pm

First Holy Communion in St Joseph's, The Rock, Ballyshannon, Saturday 20th May @11am.

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Cemetery Blessings— St. Ninnidh's, Bundoran, on Sunday June 11th @12noon.

Cemetery Blessings—Finner, Bundoran on Sunday June 11th @ 7pm

Cemetery Blessings— St. Joseph's The Rock, Ballyshannon to be arranged.

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 / Ballyshannon on this feast of St. Patrick.
