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Parish Office - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th September 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.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed this Monday and Tuesday, September 18th and 19th. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Franciscan Friary: A triduum in preparation for the Feast of St. Padre Pio will take place at the Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal from Wed 20th until Sat September 23rd. There will be Mass, Homily and Blessing with his Mitten (The Glove) at 7.30pm each evening. Preacher will be Fr. Pius McLoughlin, OFM who met Padre Pio. All are very welcome.

LOVE, FORGIVENESS AND FORGIVING: If you've already read today's Scriptures, you know that our theme is Forgiveness. Forgiveness is mentioned a lot in the Bible, frequently in important sections like the Lord's Prayer, regularly as something we are commanded to do, many times with a reminder about God's forgiveness. One of the wonderful things I love about God's Word is how it can speak to us a new each time we read it, but before I get to the "new" thoughts, there are a couple of points that remain constant in my reflections about forgiveness. The first is that forgiving and loving are inextricably linked. In today's Alleluia verse, Jesus commands: "love one another as I have loved you." The Apostle Paul tells us that love keeps no record of wrongs (I Corinthians 13:5), which is another way of saying that loving includes forgiving. The second point is that God wants good for each of us, which is why He gives us the ability (and duty) to forgive. The obedient

act of forgiving is a blessing that frees us from pain, bitterness, anger and much more, while at the same time it fosters healthier, positive relationships for us to enjoy. Peter does not ask if he should forgive, so clearly Peter knows he is supposed to forgive, but surely there must be limits! Jesus's answer, in essence, is that there are no limits so just keep forgiving. One commentator has noted that Jesus is encouraging us "to make it our constant practice to forgive injuries, and [we] should accustom ourselves to it till it becomes habitual." Forgiveness can be a process that, in certain instances, takes time. Sometimes forgiveness may need to be repeated, especially when something causes a painful memory to resurface. Some grudges are hard to let go. Sometimes the scars that remain after the initial healing need some attention, too. Forgiving again will help to soothe the renewed pain.

Church Finances: September 9th & 10th

St Joseph's Offertory Collection:
Envelopes: €297.00 Baskets: €255.00
Total: €552.00
St Joseph's Development Fund:
Envelopes: €106.00 Basket: €0.00
Total: €106.00

Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea.
Envelopes: €607.00 Baskets: €1,037.00
Total: €1,644.00

Church of Our Lady, Bundoran:
Eucharistic Ministers for September:
7pm. Michelle Duffy & Rhya Doherty.
8.30am. Mary Mulreany.
11am. Grainne McGloin & Sebastian Szunlanski
September Ministers of the Word:
7.00pm. Rhya Doherty.
8.30am. Mary Mulreany.
11.00am. Orla McMorro.
September Altar Society:
Marian Duffy & Beatriz Keenan.
Church Collectors for September:
7pm. Cindy O'Beirne, Kathleen Connolly, Michelle Duffy.
8.30am. Mary Mulreany.
11.00am. Donal Breslin, Pat McGovern, Grainne McGloin.

St. Joseph's, Ballyshannon: Mass 10am
Eucharistic Ministers for September:
Fiona Kane Feeney & Breege Loughlin,
September Ministers of the Word:
Seamus O'Neill
September Altar Society:
Marie Gavigan & Liz McGrath.
Church Collectors for September:
Patrick McKenna.

St. Joseph's Church, The Rock
Sunday - September 17th- at 10am:
Jim & Dec Mbs Timothy & Gallagher Families (Rathmore).
Sunday - September 24th- at 10am:
Catherine Breslin (Bridge End).
John James, Mary, Majella, Bernadette & Dec Mbs McGurl Family (Manger).

May the Lord protect, guide and help us in the week to come.

Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Bundoran.
Saturday - September 16th Mass at 7pm
Bridget Kennedy (Ardfarna).
Sunday- September 17th Mass at 8.30am:
Private Intentions.
Sunday- September 17th Mass at 11am:
People of the Parish.
Monday - at 10am.
Private Intentions.
Tuesday - at 10am.
Private Intentions.
Wednesday - at 10am.
Prayer Service.
Thursday - at 10am.
Lily Quinn (Finner Road)
Friday - at 10am.
Peter and Catherine Lavelle (Glasgow & Kinlough).
Saturday - September 23rd Mass at 10am
Joe Smyth (Finner Avenue).
Saturday - September 23rd Mass at 7pm
Niall McQuillan (West End).
Sunday- September 24th Mass at 8.30am:
Paddy Walsh (Rock Road, Ardfarna).
Sunday- September 24th Mass at 11am:
People of the Parish.
 **May all who died recently** 
Rest in Peace.
Bernard Egan (Manchester), brother in law of Pat Barry (St. Bridget's Tce).
Teresa McGee (Knader Road, Ballyshannon).
Eoin O'Moore (Wardtown, Ballyshannon), son in law of Peter & Mary Conlon (Cornhill).
Anna Farren (Shroove, Greencastle), sister of Eileen Gurn (Carrickboy).
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