

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Domhnach Mór

Prayer
Fasting
Almsgiving

Parish of Donaghmore

Archdiocese of Armagh

Lent

A pure heart create for me O God, Put a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 50

3 March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Third Week of Lent

Psalter Week 3

Sunday Cycle B

Weekday Cycle 2

• Next Sunday, 10 March 2024

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23.

Fourth Sunday of Lent (*Laetare Sunday*)

Ps 136, R/ v 6.

Eph 2:4-10.

Jn 3:14-21.

Pope's Intentions for March 2024

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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Retired

Fr Patrick McGuckin, PE.

Sacrament of Baptism

To be arranged with Fr McAleer.

They usually take place on Saturday at 4.00pm and Sunday at 12.30pm.

The Disappeared

God our Father send your Holy Spirit to enlighten the minds and hearts of those people who can roll away the stone of sadness and anguish long suffered by the families of The Disappeared...

Please note that all Notices for the Domhnach Mór Bulletin must include a contact number and be left at the Parochial House, Donaghmore by 9.00 pm on Wednesday.

Prayer for this coming week

Psalm 10:

**The security of God's friends:
a psalm of confidence**

In the Lord I have taken my refuge.

How can you say to my soul:

"Fly like a bird to its mountain.

See the wicked bracing their bow;
they are fixing their arrows on the string
to shoot upright men in the dark.
Foundations once destroyed, what can the just do?"

The Lord is in his holy temple,
the Lord, whose throne is in heaven.
His eyes look down on the world;
his gaze tests moral men.

The Lord tests the just and the wicked:
the lover of violence he hates.
He sends fire and brimstone on the wicked:
he sends a scorching wind as their lot.

The Lord is just and loves justice:
the upright shall see his face.

Anniversary Notices in the Domhnach Mór Bulletin

When requesting an anniversary Mass please write the name of the deceased, the day and date of the anniversary, the chapel and a contact name and number on the outside of the envelope and leave in Donaghmore Parochial House or in either sacristy.

In Memoriam

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead" (2 Maccabees 12:46)

Recently Deceased

Helen McVeigh
James Joseph McGuckin

Liz Arthur

Vincent Campbell
Lena Quinn



Anniversaries

Sat 02 Mar

Sun 03 Mar Thomas, Patrick, Bridget and Rita Armstrong
Paudge and Michael Campbell
Malcom, Brendan and Susan Nugent
Packie and Susan Mullan
Rose and James Girvan
Henry Loughran

Mon 04 Mar

Tue 05 Mar Jim Gallagher MM at 7.30pm (D)
Thomas Girvin
Patrick Tally

Wed 06 Mar

Thur 07 Mar

Fri 08 Mar

Sat 09 Mar Bridie Quinn
Peter McElhatton

Sun 10 Mar Pauline Hegarty
Johnny McCrory
Peter and Peggy O'Neill

Nunc dimittis

Canticle: Lk 2:29-32

At last, all-powerful Master,
you give leave to your servant
to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared for all nations,
the light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.

Requiescant in Pace

★ Saint Oliver Plunkett Died 1 July 1681 ★ Blessed Patrick O'Loughran Died 1 Feb 1612

Sunday Collection Sunday 25 February 2024 Thank you for your contribution.	Gift Aid Use your envelopes and add 25p to every £1 you give. Contributing to the Parish by Cheque <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dues made payable to <u>Donaghmore Parish Clergy Revenue Account</u>• Any other cheque should be made payable to <u>Donaghmore Parish</u>
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confession is available on request.

Confession is now available on Saturday morning before and after the 10.00am Mass.

Novena of Hope – In Honour of St Gabriel, The Graan Enniskillen

The Novena of Hope commences on Saturday 2nd March with 6:30 pm Vigil Mass and ending on Monday 11th March 2024. You can visit the website www.thegraan.com to download the Novena and see the list of speakers for 2024. Everyone is welcome to join in live on their webcam.

Useful Numbers

It is not possible for the priests of our or any parish to be available at all times. In the absence of a priest in Donaghmore and Galbally in the event of an Emergency any of the following Parochial Houses could be contacted:

Carrickmore	(028) 80761207	Coalisland	(028) 87740221	Cookstown	(028) 86763370
Dungannon	(028) 87722631	Pomeroy	(028) 87757867	Tullyallen	(028) 87761211

Coffee Moring to raise funds for St. Ciaran's Peregrini

Matthew McCool and Shona Loughran invite you to attend a coffee morning on Sunday 3rd March from 10.00am – 1.00pm in the McCaughey Suite in Galbally Community Centre. Proceeds to raise funds for the voluntary work as part of St. Ciaran's Peregrini.

Lent 2024: 'Let justice flow like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream.' (Amos 5:24)

Too little or too much water is a daily struggle for Malita and her family. Malita is a single mother of six children, including 12-year-old twins Patricia and Patrick, who are featured on the front of the 2024 Trócaire box. Their story is unfortunately one that is typical in Malawi as they struggle every day with the many problems relating to access to water. Malita was already finding it a struggle to support her family before the burden of increased droughts and floods. Living in a small homestead in Machinga district, Malawi, Malita, the twins and two of their siblings, Margaret and Kondwani, have no direct access to clean water for the household. Sudden floodwaters can wash away the crops and any nutrients in the soil, leaving families like Malita's with nothing and no hope for a harvest in the next season. Too little water can be much more of a struggle than too much water. From August to November, every morning and up to five times a day, Malita and/or her daughters, Patricia and Margaret, must make an hour-long round trip on foot to collect water from a stream. Malita is a loving mother with a strong spirit that she has instilled in her children. Her biggest fear is not being able to provide for her family. Trócaire's work in Malawi is focused on supporting communities, particularly women like Malita, ensuring families like hers can continue to survive.

ACCORD

Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service seeking Marriage Preparation Facilitators ACCORD NI Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting people to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Brenda on 02890 233002 or by email to info@accordni.com www.accordni.com

Lough Derg Young Adults' Retreat – 27 April 2024

Calling all 18-30 year olds! Do you want to explore your faith with other like-minded young people in a beautiful and reflective location? Join us for a Retreat for Young Adults at Lough Derg , Pettigo, County Donegal on Saturday 27th April 2024 from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments and Lunch provided. This Retreat is organised by The Knights of St Columbanus Omagh and is free of charge. To register please visit tiny.cc/loughderg or email info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

En Ego

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus
I cast myself on my knees in Thy sight,
and with the most fervent desire of my soul,
I pray and beseech Thee that
Thou wouldst impress upon my heart
lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity,
true repentance for my sins and a firm purpose
of amendment:
whilst with deep affection and grief of soul,
I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate
Thy five most precious wounds,
having before my eyes that which David
spoke in prophecy concerning Thee:
'They have pierced My hands and My feet,
They have numbered all My bones

Forms of Friday Penance

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- Abstaining from meat or some other food
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament
- Making the Stations of the Cross
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy
- Helping the poor, sick, old, or lonely.



Verbum Dei



Sunday Cycle B

Third Sunday of Lent

03 March 2024

First Reading

Ex 20:1-17

and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. (R)

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11, R/ Jn 6:68

Response:

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R)
4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

*Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
whoever believes in me will never die.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!*

Gospel

Jn 2:13-25

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.