

Porter Funeral Directors Meenagorey

Funeral home now available on request in Buncrana and Carndonagh, contact 0872926917/ 0860794820.

Samaritans Helpline number Call Free phone: **116 123**, Text: **087 2 60 90 90**.

Donegal Hospice are offering bereavement Support, call 0894402787.

New Year! Take the next step to your New Beginning with the WISE Project.

Sometimes taking a step outside of your comfort zone is daunting. We understand this and support you through personal & career development step by step, we can help you accomplish your employment goals for 2021. WISE – Women's Integration, Skills & Employment is a FREE service for Donegal women to assist them into education, employment or self-employment. You can contact us by phone or by our Facebook page – The WISE Project (<https://www.facebook.com/WISE500/>) Call: Penny 086 145 2252 (Inishowen area).

Found A Car key found in the Gransha area, contact Scoil Iosagain on 9362450.

Study Group meets every Monday/ Tuesday evenings at 8 for round-table study of the following Sunday's readings: what they mean, backgrounds, how they complement each other. Join by Zoom or in person. Contact 087 291 3186 for details.

A THOUGHT...

Life is March weather; savage and serene in one hour. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Scoil Naomh Pádraig – Drumfries

2021 enrolment is now open for any pupil who will be starting in the school in September 2021. Enrolment forms are available to download from the school website www.drumfriesns.scoilnet.ie or by calling the office on 074 9363396.

Completed forms may be emailed to the school – admin@drumfriesschool.com or dropped into the letterbox if you prefer.

St Oran's NS

Enrolment for children starting school in September 2021, forms available by emailing: office@storansbuncrana.com or by phoning: 087 409 2668

Scoil Naomh Iósaf

Enrolment - 2021/2022 School Year. Tel: 074 93 62212, forms are available on request by emailing: stjoesias@gmail.com or writing to: Principal, Scoil Naomh Iósaf, Illies, Ballymagan, Buncrana, Co. Donegal. F93 HX30

Gaelscoil Bhun Cranncha

Tá iontráil oscailte anois fá choinne 2021-2022. Tuilleadh eolais ar fáil le fáilte - Enrolment for Junior Infants 2021 is now open at Gaelscoil Bhun Cranncha. For further information please call us on 074 93 61988 or email gsbc1999@gmail.com. We're looking forward to hearing from you as you explore school options for your child. Irish classes via Zoom will be offered to interested parents on enrolment.

Scoil Iósagain

Enrolment forms for September 2021 are now available. Please contact the school by email : principal@scoiliosagain.ie or telephone 0749362450 between 9:30am and 2:30pm to request a form.

Buncrana Parish Newsletter

Priest on Call 9361253

Last Week's Collection was €3,555

We also received a donation of €2,000. Sincerest thanks.

buncranaparish@gmail.com
www.buncranaparish.com

**7th March 2021
Third Sunday of Lent**

**Fr Bradley 9363455
Fr Walsh 9361393
Parish Catechist
0867853726
Parish Office 9361253**

REBUILDING THE TEMPLE

According to John, the Gospel that we hear about today, took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, on the first of Jesus' four visits to Jerusalem. At each subsequent visit the Temple authorities lay in wait for Jesus, increasingly keen to eliminate him, but unable to do so till his Hour had come. The other gospels place both this incident and all other scenes of Jesus in Jerusalem as the final climax of Jesus' ministry. Whichever is correct, the incident is the basic cause of Jesus' arrest and his tortured death. By his action Jesus had demonstrated that the worship carried out in the Temple had become vain in God's eyes owing to its lack of integrity and must be superseded. To the Temple authorities this was intolerable, and he must be removed. Again, Jesus demanded a complete reversal of standards. His puzzling saying about building the Temple anew in his body was at last understood by his disciples after his resurrection when they realised it meant the Temple that was his Body, the Church. The material building which had been the centre of worship was no longer important. Henceforth all worship would take place in any place, but within the Christian community. The community - or the Church - was now the place of sanctification and of prayer to God.

What does it mean to think of the Church as Jesus' Body? What does it mean to you to be a member of Christ's Body, the Church?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR LENT

Mon-Fri 10am Mass in St Mary's Oratory plus
Wed 7:15am Mass on Buncrana Parish Facebook Page

Mon-Fri after 10am Mass Stations of the Cross plus
Friday after 10am Mass Five Minutes of Faith

Mon-Fri 10pm Night Prayer on Buncrana Parish Facebook Page
Sunday 5pm Holy Hour in St Mary's Cockhill

READINGS FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 20:1-17. In the covenant made on Mount Sinai 'God, from the fullness of his love, addresses men as his friends and moves among them, in order to invite and receive them into his own company' (Dei Verbum 2). He wishes to make men holy. He binds himself and his chosen people. In doing so he reveals himself as an extraordinarily jealous but also extraordinarily patient God of love, who allows nothing that would come between him and his beloved people.

Ps 18. "The commands of the Lord are more to be desired than gold, than the purest gold."

1 Cor 1:22-25. The mystery of our Creator submitting himself to crucifixion by those he has come to save, would defeat all human understanding and belief were it not for God's gracious gift of his own Spirit. "For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength."

Jn 2:13-25. Jesus could not tolerate the very first of the Commandments of the Covenant being adulterated by the worship of commerce and greed. After his Resurrection Jesus, true God and true Man, himself will take over as the new place of meeting and uniting with God. "I am the way, the truth and the life." (Jn 14.6)

Anniversary Masses

St. Mary's Cockhill

Masses streamed on
churchservices.tv/cockhill

Sat 13th March - Mass at 7pm

Mary Matthews (1st A)

Sun 14th March – Mass at 11am

St Mary's Oratory

Masses streamed on
churchservices.tv/buncrana

Mon 8th March - Mass at 10am

Winifred Roddy (1st A)

Tues 9th March - Mass at 10am

Bernard Doherty & Joe Murphy

Wed 10th March - Mass at 10am

Fr Desmond Donnelly & a Special Intention

Thursday 11th March - Mass at 10am

Doherty & Donnelly Families
& Maureen McKinney

Friday 12th March - Mass at 10am

Anne & Paddy Neary

Buncrana Parish Facebook Page

Wed 10th March Mass at 7:15am

Special Intention

COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

Due to the current Covid-19 Restrictions,
the Parish Office is closed to the public.

Blessed candles are available in
St Mary's Oratory.

For other queries, please call
07493 61253.

DEATHS

Your prayers are asked for
**Pauline Breslin &
Philomena McCarron**
who died recently and for their family &
friends saddened by their loss.

Easter Online Retreat : Towards New Life 21st to 27th March 2021 (L'Arche Commu- nity).

The retreat includes five pre-recorded
talks given by Hazel Bradley, Curt Armstrong
and Tina Bovermann. For full details, visit
[https://www.lafermedetrosly.fr/en/session/
towards-new-life](https://www.lafermedetrosly.fr/en/session/towards-new-life) or register on
welcome@lafermedetrosly.com

ROSARY FOR PRIESTS

Please come and join us in our Rosary to pray
for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious
life. Three Rosaries are prayed each Tuesday
between 1pm & 2pm in The Oratory.
Everyone Welcome

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Trócaire Boxes are available in the porches
of each of the churches if you would like
one for your home or workplace. Please sup-
port this appeal during Lent if you can.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Daily in St Mary's Oratory
After Mass- 8pm (Mon- Fri)
11am - 8pm Sat
2pm - 7pm (Sun)

***Please consider giving an hour of your time
to spend in Adoration.***

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE:

If you have a concern about safeguarding in
this parish, please contact Noel O'Donnell
on 048 71362475 or 00447596500793

ROSARY RELAY—WE STILL NEED YOU **There are plenty of slots still available for Rosary Recordings. Please consider taking part in this during Lent:**

During the season of Lent, we would love
to have the Rosary prayed every day in
the parish, for the parish and by the par-
ish. We would like to do this by having
audio recordings of different people, fam-
ilies, groups etc just simply praying the
Rosary as they normally would. You can
have your family named, or you can re-
main anonymous if you wish.

If you would like to do this for us, please
email Máire at buncranafaith@gmail.com
and we will send you any information
you need.

THE DERRY DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CENTRE

**working in Partnership with Saint
Mary's University, Twicken-
ham,** offers the Masters in Catholic School
Leadership. The next intake will be Autumn
2021. For more information, please contact
the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on
004428 71264087 or email
tferry@derrydiocese.org.

ST PATRICK'S DAY VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

This year, we would love to have a virtual
celebration of all the talent from around
our parish, from the young and young at
heart!

We're asking for a short videos (**max 2-
3mins**) of singing, Irish dancing, Ceili
dancing, playing an instrument, saying a
poem or anything else that shows the
spirit of St Patrick's Day, and we'll put
them together in one big video. Please
email videos by 14th March at the latest
to Máire at

buncranafaith@gmail.com or via
Whatsapp to 0867853726