

# ST. MARY'S HALL & Cinema

(Tel. 9361572)

## Cinema Now Showing

### WONDER WOMAN 1984

12A 151mins  
Saturday 19th to Tuesday 22nd December  
All Showings 8.15pm

CONTINUING WITH  
WONDER WOMAN 1984  
Friday 1st Jan to Thursday 7th  
All Showings 8.15pm

**CANCELLED**

Please Note  
**Limited Availability / 50 Seats  
First come first served!**

### 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 for further details.

### COVID-19 CONFIDENTIAL HELPLINE

Tel 0830107089, providing support to families within Inishowen who are experiencing difficulties due to the **Pandemic**, promoting inclusion & equality. Going LIVE Mon, Wed & Fri from 10am - 1.00pm.

Study Groups meet 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.

ALSO Vacancy Administration Post 19.5 hours per week for the Fahan area, normal CE conditions apply contact [niamh@swillycep.ie](mailto:niamh@swillycep.ie)

Cockhill Park 50th Anniversary DVD on sale in Cullen's Shop & Spar Urricam, €20 for double DVD, Call Hugh Quirke 0860626477

### SAFEGUARDING NOTICE:

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

# Buncrana Parish Newsletter

**Priest on Call 9361253**

Last week's  
Collection was  
€3,260  
Sincerest thanks.

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[www.buncranaparish.com](http://www.buncranaparish.com)

**10th January 2021**  
**The Baptism of Our Lord**

Fr Bradley 9363455  
Fr Walsh 9361393  
Parish Catechist  
0867853726

## NEW ENERGY

Jesus' baptism by John was a special moment – the real coming of God's spirit upon him, the Spirit who had come on Mary at the moment of Jesus' conception, and would be with Jesus at his last moments on the Cross.

The spirit brings him new energy. This feast marks that something new is happening, and that Jesus knows he is the beloved son; from eternity and into time. The Spirit came upon him – but not just for himself. He would send the Spirit later to us, to help us to forgive and to persevere in doing good.

This is a feast about energy. Jesus found a new spirit in himself after his prayer and he heard words he would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to the heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.

The spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. He sends himself forever, sending the love and presence and energy of God.

We know that we can get stuck. We need new infusions of the Spirit to give new energy. Can we be the type of people who others think it's good to meet? Can we be people open to the spirit of God, open to new life, new love, and being really fully the individuals we can be?

*Recall your baptism: imagine water being poured over you,  
and allow this love of God fill you today.  
Lord, thank you for the gift of Baptism.*

*Donal Neary SJ, Gospel Reflections, [www.messenger.ie/bookshop/](http://www.messenger.ie/bookshop/)*

## COCKHILL CHAPEL ORGAN FUND

Sincerest thanks & gratitude to all those who have donated to the Organ Fund. We recently received €1,000, €250, €20, €50, €150, €50 €250 & €500. Your generosity and kindness is deeply appreciated.

**Father Bradley**

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**1st Reading:** Writing about 500 BC the prophet Isaiah announces that after centuries of estrangement from their Lord, the Davidic promises are back on track for Israel. God has come through for his people as promised. He invites everyone, 'while He is still to be found ..... while he is still near', to return to life-giving friendship with Himself, at no cost and 'though your sins be like scarlet they shall be white as snow.' (Isaiah 1:18). In today's 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and Gospel reading, we get a hint of what all this will cost the suffering, utterly obedient servant of his Father, Jesus.

**2nd Reading:** A Christian is baptised into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This is our faith and it gives us victory 'over the world.' That faith begins in the facts of the Gospel story. It is replete with evidence that Jesus has the Father's complete approval. Witness today's gospel reading. Also: 'Whoever sees me sees the one who sent me' (Jn 12:45). Jesus is 'the only Son who is close to the Father's heart'. 'This is my beloved son, whom I have chosen. Hear ye him.' (Lk 9:35). And, above all, Pentecost.

**Gospel:** At his baptism Jesus is anointed by the Holy Spirit as both servant and lord, through whose suffering 'justice and peace will be restored to a dark and tormented world.' (P.S. Minear)

## Anniversary Masses

### St. Mary's Cockhill

Masses streamed on  
churchservices.tv/cockhill

**Sat 9th Mass at 7pm**

Margaret Grant & Annie Nicell

**Sun 10th Mass at 11am**

**Sat 16th Mass at 7pm**

Kieran Henderson

### 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.

### St Mary's Oratory

Masses streamed on  
churchservices.tv/bunrana

**Mon 11th Mass at 10am**

Fanny & Charles Hegarty

**Tues 12th Mass at 10am**

John Cassidy & parents Madge & Harry, plus Special Intention

**Wed 13th Mass at 10am**

Special Intention

**Thursday 14th Mass 10am**

Susan Doherty

**Friday 15th Mass at 10am**

Willie John McDaid

### DEATHS

Your prayers are asked for  
**Kitty McGill, Gavin Bradley,  
Eithne McGrory & Bridie O'Hagan**  
who died recently and for their family &  
friends saddened by their loss.

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into God's family the  
following children who were baptised  
recently:

**Katie Jane Anne Doherty  
Erin Patricia McKinney  
Albie Patrick Caca McDaid  
Grace Mysor**

May God Guide & Protect our  
Children always.

### LECTIO DIVINA IN LOCKDOWN

Join online with other parishioners to pray with the Word of God during these weeks of lockdown. These sessions will take place via Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, starting on Thursday 14th Jan. No experience or materials needed—just an open heart. Email [bunranafaith@gmail.com](mailto:bunranafaith@gmail.com) for the login details or further info.

*"Did our hearts not burn within us when he talked to us and opened the Scriptures to us?"*

### A THOUGHT...

Remember who you are in Christ. Remember who you are in baptism. It's not a check in the box, it's not a membership process at a local parish, it's not just a free ticket to salvation. Like Christ, our baptism is our ordination – it's our commission for ministry, it's our call to newness of life. *Rev. Wesley Jagoe*

### PRIORY INSTITUTE ONLINE OPEN DAY

23 January from 11.30am to 1.30pm. For information contact:  
[enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com) or +353 (0)1 4048124.

Our next semester starts on February 13 and the Open Day is a chance to look into what it would be like to study with us. People attending our online Open Day here in Tallaght will have the opportunity to meet with current students and staff over Zoom, attend a short introductory lecture on theology and find out if studying theology with us is the right thing to do.

### SCOIL MHUIRE PARENTS COUNCIL

are holding a Club 200 Draw in aid of school funds.

Tickets are available at the school reception or any committee member.

Asking all Parents or Past Pupils to Please support our draw.

Tickets €100 or €20 per month for 5 months, payments can be made by Revolut 0862374681 or

Paypal [edelnoone@gmail.com](mailto:edelnoone@gmail.com)

Prizes each month are: 1st €1000 / 2nd €500/ 5 prizes of €100

### ACCORD INISHOWEN

will be hosting a Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (Pre-Marriage Courses) via Zoom on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2021. To book

online: <https://www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation> or email [accordinishowen@gmail.com](mailto:accordinishowen@gmail.com) for more info