

Buncrana Parish Newsletter

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**Last Week's
Collection
was €4,315
Trócaire collection
was €12,200
Sincerest thanks.**

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**11th April 2021
Second Sunday of
Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday**

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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.

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

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: **087 260 9090**.

DONEGAL HOSPICE are offering bereavement Support, call 0894402787.

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).

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

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 gbsc1999@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 Íosagain

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today the Church marks the moment when Jesus entered the Upper Room eight days after his resurrection. He enters a room of fearful disciples and consoles them, giving them hope. With lock-down and restricted living these past few months, we know something of how these disciples felt. But our faith invites us to welcome the Risen Christ into our lives again so that he can console and encourage us.

Today we are asked to welcome him as Divine Mercy. We all stand in great need of this great gift – nothing else can better console us and encourage us than Divine Mercy. As the inscription on the image of Divine Mercy says, "Jesus, I trust in you." This is all we need say, over and over again. Mercy takes time to work on our minds, hearts and souls. Like the healing it brings, it works slowly but effectively. It heals old wounds, it calms old storms, it touches deep sores within us and makes us better people, healthier in every way.

We need to feel Christ's presence with us every moment. To help us discover his presence, today (Sunday) at 3pm, the Divine Mercy Devotions will be streamed from Cockhill Chapel. Please take a few moments to join us there. As Christ said to Thomas, "Doubt no longer but believe."

THANKS

We want to thank everyone for their kindness and support throughout Lent, Holy Week and Easter. In particular our sacristans, those who read, who produced wonderful music and song, who arranged flowers and helped in any way with the liturgies which were celebrated. We give thanks to the families who led the Rosary on various occasions, those who helped with the Stations of the Cross and the many talented people who contributed to the on-line presentation for St Patrick's Day. We are indebted to you all. Thank you so much.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: The picture put before us in today’s reading underlines two elements which must always be present in the Church. These are missionary witness and the sharing of material goods through personal renunciation, with the aim of union of hearts.’

2nd Reading: A reading from the first letter of St John. Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who has overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth. This is the word of the Lord.

Comment: It is by the outpouring power of the Holy Spirit, the spirit of love, upon the world, that we can have faith in Jesus who is called the Christ, the chosen, the anointed one. This faith both requires and enables the reborn person to keep God’s commandments to love Him and to care for his other children. By the outpouring of water and blood from Jesus's side, our hearts and minds moved by the Holy Spirit, the Church is formed.

Gospel Acclamation: Happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel: ‘Nothing now can stop the risen Lord from joining with his own. He comes to give them the Spirit and the fruits of the Spirit: peace, joy and the power to forgive sins.’ Thomas in his honest incredulity represents us all. Like a sunbeam from Heaven the Spirit enables us to join with Thomas in saying: “My Lord and my God.”

Anniversary Masses

St. Mary’s Cockhill

Masses streamed on churchservices.tv/cockhill

Sat 17th April Mass at 7pm
Sr Bridget Doherty (1st A)
& May O’Donnell (20th A)

Sun 18th April – Mass at 11am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Daily in St Mary’s Oratory
After Mass- 8pm (Mon- Fri)
11am - 8pm Sat

2pm - 7pm (Sun)(except Easter Sunday)
Please consider giving an hour of your time to spend in Adoration.

St Mary’s Oratory

Masses streamed on churchservices.tv/buncrana

Mon 12th April - Mass at 10am
Charles Doherty (10th A)

Tues 13th April - Mass at 10am
The McDaid Family

Wed 14th April - Mass at 10am
Elizabeth McDaid
& Noel Gill

Thurs 15th April - Mass at 10am
Margaret & Johnny Gallagher

Fri 16th April - Mass at 10am
Patsy Harkin (1st A)



THE GREAT MARRIAGE BOOK OF INISHOWEN

Available at Mac’s Bookshop, Buncrana & Callaghan’s, Burt.
215 pages worth of marriage details for the entire Inishowen peninsula during the great Famine and after. How marriages were celebrated then: the horse-ride from the church to the home; the good luck charms; the drinking of the mead; the scattering of coins; the dowry; ‘walking the land’ of the future bridegroom, etc.
Also available by post from www.seoirse.com

A THOUGHT...

Whatever the forecast, live like it’s spring.

AID FOR THE CHILDREN OF YEMEN:

Fr Neal Carlin's new book, *The Eagle, The Tiger and Covid*, is now on sale at €10/£10 and can be purchased by contacting goldenagecentre@hotmail.com

All proceeds are being sent via a direct contact to aid the Children of Yemen

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN RETURNS

As you know, the Trócaire Lenten Boxes are normally returned to the church during Holy Week. Here are some suggestions for returns:

- Online banking (directly to Trócaire). Bank details for Trócaire in ROI are: BIC: AIBKIE2D IBAN: IE-20AIBK93208698861116
- Send a cheque by post to Trócaire at St Patrick’s College, Maynooth, Co Kildare (ROI parishes)
- There is a freephone number, 0800 912 1200 (NI) and 1850 408 408 (ROI) through which payments can be made
- Donate online on the Trócaire website.

For those who are returning their Trócaire box to the church, you are asked to include notes or cheques only, in so far as possible, for ease of counting in general and, in particular, to reduce the level of risk for the counters. Please leave your donations in the black box at the back of The Oratory, clearly marked for Trócaire. Please note: cheques should be made payable to Trócaire (not the parish).