

ST. MARY'S HALL & Cinema

(Tel. 9361572)

Cinema Now Showing

THE NEW MUTANTS

15A 93mins
Saturday 12th September - 8.15pm
Sunday 13th - 8.15pm
Monday 14th - Thursday 17th - 8.15pm

BILL & TED FACE THE MUSIC

PG 91mins
Friday 18th September - 8.15pm
Saturday 19th - 8.15pm
Sunday 20th - 8.15pm
Monday 21st - Thursday 24th - 8.15pm

**Please Note Limited
Availability / 45 Seats
First come first
served!**

A thought..... People say, "It's impossible to do nothing." Some people manage to do the impossible every day.

Music Classes are back at The Music Box in The Exchange and the Sliabh Sneacht Centre Starting from Tue 15th - Guitar Academy 7yrs+, Singing/Music 7yrs + and Boogie Bugs 3-6yrs. Booking is essential as places are limited in line with Covid precautions. Please check the website or FB for modifications to classes/times etc.. www.themusicboxireland.com or FB www.facebook.com/themusicboxschool OR PH: 086 3068655.

Vacancies

SCCI Community Employment Scheme require Groundspersons for local football pitches/ Youth Club Assistants and Tidy Towns workers. Please contact David Healey on 0749361264 for details.

Buncrana GAA Car Bingo Sunday, 13th September. New start time at 5pm. Gates open at 4.15pm. Eyes down 5pm sharp. Single book €10/Double Book €15.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2020 will be broadcast live on Sunday 13 September at 3.00pm from the Basilica at Knock Shrine. Grandparents and their families are invited to join online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch

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.

Buncrana Parish Newsletter

Priest on Call 9361253

Last week's
Collection totalled
€2,285
Sincerest thanks.

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13th September 2020
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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FORGIVING OTHERS

We hear in the Gospel today that we must forgive seventy-seven times (or sometimes the translation is seventy times seven). This is not an actual number or a tally chart that we mark off each time we forgive until someone has used up all their chances with us. It is a number representing a perpetual giving of our mercy. Why does Jesus ask us to do this? It is simple. Because God does it for us. Yes, it can be hugely difficult to forgive deep hurts and wrongs done to us, but we are asked that we keep our hearts open to the possibility, or the grace, that we would find it within ourselves to forgive those who have wronged us.

Pope Francis said to a group of young people in 2016:

"Is it possible to forgive totally? It is a grace we must ask of the Lord. We, by ourselves, cannot: we make the effort, as you have done, but forgiveness is a grace that the Lord gives you. Forgiving your enemy, forgiving those who have hurt you and those who have done you harm. When Jesus in the Gospel tells us, 'If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also', it means this: leave this wisdom of forgiveness, which is a grace, in the hands of the Lord. But we must also do our part to forgive. And there is also another attitude that counters this terrorism of language, whether they may be gossip, or insults: it is the attitude of meekness. Stay silent, treat others well, do not respond with something else that is bad. Like Jesus: Jesus was mild of heart. And we live in a world where we are used to responding to an insult with another. We insult each other and there is a lack of meekness. Ask the grace of meekness, of meekness of heart. And there we also find the grace that opens the way to forgiveness."

COCKHILL CHAPEL ORGAN FUND

Thanks to all those who have donated to the Organ Fund. The following donations have been made this week €200, €200, €100, €200, €600, €200. Thank you. Father Bradley

New Weekday Mass Schedule

St Mary's Cockhill – 7pm Monday & Friday.

St Mary's Oratory – 10am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

Desertegney – 7pm Wednesday.

Please do not come to any Mass without having booked a ticket. Thank you.

READINGS FOR 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Eccles (Sir) 27:30 - 28:7. Penned about 190 BC by Ben Sirach, a faithful Jew who had devoted his life to the pursuit of wisdom. "Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner." It is a non-negotiable element of the covenant with the Most High that to be forgiven we must forgive.

Rom 14:7-9. We are social beings. Our education, our entertainment, our media, our elected government, our laws, our commerce, our worship – most of our day-to-day concerns involve others. Hence we all affect one another. "Alive or dead we belong to the Lord."

Mt 18:21-35. The 10,000 talents mentioned would amount to over €50 million today (Jer. Bible)! The debt of gratitude we owe the Lord for re-opening to us the gates of paradise is likewise fantastic. The debt of 100 denarii would amount to less than a day's wages. If we don't forgive paltry human debts neither will our own offences against God – to whom we owe everything - be forgiven

Anniversary Masses

St. Mary's Cockhill

Mon 14th Mass at 7pm

Special Intention

Fri 18th Mass at 7pm

John Gill (MM)

Sat 19th Mass at 7pm

Teresa McGilloway (2nd A)

St Mary's Oratory

Tues 15th Mass at 10am

Special Intention

Thurs 17th at 10am

Sarah Doherty & Jim McLaughlin

Fri 18th Mass at 10am

Special Intention

Sat 19th Mass at 7pm

Gerry Doherty (1st A)

Star Of The Sea Desertegney

Wed 16th Mass at 7pm

Sun 20th Mass at 10am

Weekend Mass Times

St Mary's Church Cockhill

Saturday Vigil at 7pm

Sunday at 9am & 11am

St Mary's Oratory Buncrana

Saturday Vigil at 7pm

Sunday at 9am & 11am

Star of the Sea Desertegney

Sunday at 10am

FACE COVERINGS

The use of face coverings is recommended and encouraged at all Masses and Liturgies in our Chapels, other than for those who are exempted from the wearing of face coverings even in situations where it would otherwise be mandatory.

PARISH OFFICE RENOVATIONS

The Parish Office will be temporarily moved to St Teresa's Room from Monday 14th September, in order to facilitate renovations.

Mass tickets and other office business will be available from there at the usual hours. The Safeguarding Office will also be located in St Teresa's Room during the course of the work.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the Leaving Cert students on their recent exam results. We wish them every success and blessing in all their future endeavours.

GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING:

Drumalis, Larne – commencing Mon, 14 September (online by Zoom) This course aims to give you the tools and space to become attuned to God's voice in the midst of the clamour. Takes place over 30 Mondays from 7pm – 9.30pm by Zoom. When circumstances permit, the option to take part in the Drumalis Centre will also be available. Contact 048 28276455/48272196 (Mon-Fri, 9am – 5pm) or email maura@drumalis.co.uk

SEASON OF CREATION 2020

The parish online discussion and prayer sessions on this year's theme of *Cultivating Hope* continue on Thursday evenings of September (17th, 24th) from 7pm – 8:15pm. These sessions will take place on Zoom and pre-registration is required.

To join and take part please contact Máire at buncranafaith@gmail.com or on 0867853726

SEASON OF CREATION 2020

Deaths

Your Prayers are asked for
Ken Keeney
Hugh O'Donnell
who died recently
and for their families & friends
saddened by their loss.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St Mary's Oratory as follows: 9am - 9pm (Mon & Wed),
11am - 9pm (Tues, Thurs & Fri)
9am - 6.45pm (Sat)
12 noon - 7pm (Sun)

NOTICE

As Coronavirus restrictions are staying in place for another while, it would be helpful to have more parishioners to volunteer to serve as stewards at Mass, and to help in the Parish Office with ticket bookings.

If you'd be willing to help at any Mass during the week or on weekends, or during office hours in the Parish Office, please get in touch on 93 61253. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

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