

ST. MARY'S HALL & Cinema

(Tel. 9361572)

Cinema Now Showing

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (15A) 95 mins
Saturday 26th September - 8.15pm

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN (PG) 104mins
Sunday 27th September - 3pm & 8.15pm

CINEMA CLOSED 28TH - 30TH SEPTEMBER

SAVAGE (18) 99mins
Fri 2nd October - 8.15pm, Sat 3rd - 8.15pm
Sun 4th - 8.15pm, Mon 5th to Thursday 8th - 8.15pm

100% WOLF (PG) 95mins (Matinees)
Sat 4th October - 3pm, Sun 5th - 3pm.

**Please Note
Limited Availa-
bility / 45 Seats
First come first
served!**

A thought..... "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words and never stops at all." – *Emily Dickinson*

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.

Donegal Hearing, Moville, next clinic will be Friday 11th December from 10.30-2pm by appointment only. Ring Mike on 074 93 85758

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.

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.

ALSO Vacancy Administration Post 19.5 hours per week for the Fahan area, normal CE conditions apply contact niamh@swillycep.ie

Buncrana Parish Newsletter

Priest on Call 9361253

Last week's
Collection was
€2,570

Sincerest thanks.

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29th November 2020
First Sunday of Advent

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

'God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.' (1 Corinthians 1:9)

This great line from today's second reading is a good first step into our Advent journey. The Bible is a detailed record of God's search for us. The first question in Genesis 3:9 from God is addressed to Adam. He is playing his own version of hide and seek in a garden: 'Where are you?' Advent is a time to answer God's question that is addressed to each of us.

In the Gospel, Mary Magdalene is in another garden. She discovers that the risen Lord has found her. She hears her name in a new way and is asked to proclaim the resurrection. She is asked to 'Go and tell' as an apostle to the apostles (John 20:17). How did she hear her name? Was it a gentle whisper? Was it an excited exclamation? Was it in astonishment? Was it a determined declaration?

Saint Augustine (354-420) in his *Confessions* probes his experiences with a restless search for meaning. Here, Augustine gives us a good example of a personal memoir, which we may think is an exclusively modern kind of writing for politicians, celebrities and sports stars alone. None of these, however, focus with detail on what Augustine calls his 'twisted and tangled knottiness'.

*But then unknown to me you caressed my head
and when you closed my eyes lest they see things
that would seduce me,*

*I began for a little while to forget myself.
But what I saw was not seen with the eye of the body.
(Confessions 7, 14; translated by Benignus O' Rourke, OSA)*

Advent is a graced time to unravel the twisted and tangled threads of the fabric of our own lives. Augustine is illuminated by the light of God that only the inner eye of the heart sees. We light the first candle on the Advent Wreath as a symbol of the kindly light that gives us 'the resolve to run forth to meet Christ' (Today's Collect in the Mass) whose presence dispels our personal and collective winter darkness.

Answer the Advent waiting call now.

Fr John Cullen, editor of Intercom

READINGS FOR 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Today begins the 2nd of the three year-long cycles of Sunday readings. As usual the first reading hits the ground running. Unlike all other religions Christianity puts us in relation to God as children to their father. All the dynamics of a family are in play, even with an obstinate, atheistic and downright hostile world. 'And yet, Lord, you are our Father, we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.'

Second Reading: Paul is very affectionate towards his converts in Corinth, who had come mostly from among the poor. In this short reading he commends the teachers among them who have helped them become strong in the Spirit and united in Jesus Christ. They need have no fears about being found ready when returns.

Gospel: A few interesting comments on this reading:
Our endeavour to remain alert always for the Master's return 'teaches us the weight of eternity borne by every moment of time.'
'Christians thus become the watchdogs of the world, a thorn in their century's side, overcoming sleep and igniting hope. 'Come, Lord Jesus.'"

Anniversary Masses

St. Mary's Cockhill

Sun 29th Mass at 9am

Special Intention

Mon 30th Mass at 7pm

Phil Joe O'Donnell (10th A)

Tues 1st Mass at 10am

Cathal Doherty

Wed 2nd Mass at 7pm

Mary & James McLaughlin

Thurs 3rd Mass at 10am

Bill McHugh

Noel Quigley (2nd A)

Fri 4th Mass at 10am

Teresa O'Donnell

Fri 4th Mass at 7pm

Rosemary Doherty (2nd A)

Sat 5th Mass at 7pm

Anna Kelly (1st A)

Fr Michael Kelly

Sun 6th Mass at 9am

Shaun Duffy (MM)

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

This Sunday concludes the Rosary and Benediction at 5:30pm.

This can be viewed on the webcam
churchservices.tv/cockhill

Due to Stage 5 restrictions there will be no congregation at any of the Masses.

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churchservices.tv/Cockhill*



BUNCRANA CHURCHES TOGETHER

Online Alpha is continuing via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm and lasting one hour. Anyone over 18 who is interested in exploring the deeper questions of life and faith is welcome to join with us. Please email alphabuncrana@gmail.com for registration.

ADVENT PRAYER BOOKLET AND RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

Family activities for Advent including prayers, how to create a Jesse Tree, an Advent Wreath and lots more are available to view on the Catechetical Centre website at: <https://catecheticalcentre.org/family-resources/preparing-our-hearts-for-christmas-advent-resources/> A family prayer booklet has been compiled specifically with families in mind. The Gospel for each Sunday of Advent is accompanied by a family activity, prayers and a reflection. The booklet can be downloaded at this link: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/advent-prayer-service-for-use-at-home>

ACCORD INISHOWEN

will be hosting a Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (Pre-Marriage Courses) via Zoom on Saturday 30th January 2021. To book online: <https://www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation> or email accordinishowen@gmail.com for more info

COCKHILL CHAPEL ORGAN FUND

Sincerest thanks & gratitude to all those who have donated to the Organ Fund. Your generosity and kindness is deeply appreciated. This week we received €100 & €100.

Father Bradley

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 St Mary's Oratory. Everyone Welcome.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 30th November: St Andrew, apostle

Thurs 3rd Dec: St Francis Xavier, priest

Fri 4th Dec: St John Damascene, priest and doctor of the Church

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

These are available from the Parish Office priced at €10

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul urgently require funds this Christmas and have collection box at the back of the Oratory (in the porch), if you are able to make a donation, please do so there or at the SVdP shop on Main Street or to any member.

Thank You.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Daily in St Mary's Oratory

9am - 9pm (Mon—Sat)

9am - 7pm (Sun)

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