

Buncrana Parish Newsletter ST. MARY'S HALL & CINEMA

Last week's collection totalled €6,645
Sincere thanks.

Anniversary Masses & Times

ST MARY'S ORATORY
Masses streamed on churchservices.tv/buncrana

Monday 7 April - Mass at 7:15am
Mass at 10am
Oliver Bradley & Nora McGee, plus a Special Intention.

Tuesday 8 April - Mass at 7:15am
Mass at 10am
Gerald Quigg (1st A), plus Charlie Kelly

Wednesday 9 April - Mass at 7:15am
Mass at 10am
Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday 10 April - Mass at 7:15am
Mass at 10am
Special Intention

Friday 11 April - Mass at 7:15am
Mass at 10am
Special Intention, plus Thanksgiving Mass

Saturday 12 April - Mass at 4:30pm
Margaret and Johnny Gallagher

Sunday 13 April - Mass at 9am
Sunday 13 April - Mass at 12.30pm

ST. MARY'S, COCKHILL
Masses streamed on churchservices.tv/cockhill

Friday 11 April - Mass at 7pm
Elizabeth McDauid

Saturday 12 April - Mass at 6pm
Gerry Smith (20th A)

Sunday 13 April - Mass at 11am

STAR OF THE SEA, DESERTEGNEY
Masses streamed on www.youtube.com/@BuncranaParish

Sunday 13 April - Mass at 10am

BAPTISMS
We welcome into God's family the following children who were baptised:
Alfie John Devlin
Prince Nmawokwe
May God guide and protect our children always.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
That those called to serve the Church as priests of the diocese of Derry will, in their ministry, show the mercy and compassion (without condemnation) which Jesus shows to the woman in today's gospel.

EASTER MASS BOUQUETS
Signed Easter Mass Bouquets are now available in the Parish Office at the usual price of €10.

STATION MASSES
There will be a Station Mass this coming week: **Wednesday 9 April** in Maria and Michael Doherty's home, Old Mountain. This will cover the Glebe, Carva, Glackroe, Mullyagharry, Calhame, Sharagore, Mullnaskea, Greenhill, Old Mountain, Gortleck and Drumnacross areas.

Please note Confessions on this evening will begin at the later time of 8pm with Mass at 8:30pm.

Priest on Call 074 9361253
Email: buncranaparish@gmail.com
Website: www.buncranaparish.com
Fifth Sunday of Lent
6 April 2025

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PAPAL NUNCIO VISIT AND UNVEILING OF STATUE
We were delighted to welcome Bishop Donal McKeown and The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, to the parish on Friday past to unveil the statue of Father Séamus (James) Hegarty, O.P. at Fr. Hegarty's Rock. The statue, which is part of the Shore Walk Public Artwork and Refurbishment Project funded by Donegal County Council, is a spectacular addition to the area and will undoubtedly bring many visitors to our beautiful corner of the world. It was a truly marvellous day for us as a parish with the shining sun adding an extra-special touch to the proceedings. It was uplifting to see so many people who made the mini-pilgrimage / Camino walk to Fr Hegarty's Rock itself, and who lined the way with families and children. We sincerely thank the many, many people who helped with organising and facilitating all the various aspects of the visit, and to those who gave of their time and talent on the day. It was a day that will live in our memories for a very long time.
Ni neart go cur le chéile!
Fr. Bradley

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION
The Palm Sunday Procession will take place next Sunday 13 April beginning at 3pm from St Mary's Oratory. All are welcome to join in with this special way to mark the beginning of Holy Week.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025
We congratulate all of our young people from Scoil Íosagáin, St Oran's NS, St Egné's NS, Scoil Naomh Padráig, Scoil Naomh Íosaf, and Gaelscoil Bhun Cran-na who received the Sacrament of Confirmation over the last two weeks.
We keep these young people in our prayers always.

READINGS FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
First Reading: Is 43:16-21. This is from 'the Book of the Consolation of Israel,' written just before their return to Jerusalem. Like the adulterous woman in today's gospel, expecting only death, they are invited to make ready for a completely new beginning. "No need to recall the past." The Lord is "putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink."
Second Reading: Phil 3:8-14. Paul "accepted the loss of everything" as so much rubbish if only he could have Christ and be given a place in the resurrection of the dead. He no longer counts upon his own efforts but upon his faith in Jesus Christ. Great writing!
Gospel: Jn 8:1-11. The Pharisees thought that by publicly presenting Jesus with a woman caught in the very act of adultery they would surely bring him down, in at least one of two ways. Either he would totally abandon his new-fangled teaching of mercy for the sinner or he would be seen to defy the Law of Moses. But in Jesus a new hope opens up for the poor woman, who was surely despairing. But despair has no place with Jesus. The scribes and pharisees had no conception at all either of the depth of God's love or of his mercy for sinners. 'God does not ask sinners to consent to the cross; only that they should lovingly consent to the fearful death of the beloved' (Balthasar 'Love Alone').

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE: If you have any concerns with regards to Safeguarding Children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 0044 7596500793, or at The Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street BT48 6UJ 048 71362475 or **Garda Síochána**, Buncrana 074 9320540 Letterkenny HQ 074 9123672 or **TUSLA Family & Child Agency** Buncrana 074 9320420 or Letterkenny 074 9123672

Fr Bradley 9363455
Fr Walsh 9361393
Fr Baker 9360151
Parish Office 9361253
Parish Catechist 086 785 3726

GUIDED HOLY HOUR
Each Sunday at 6pm in St Mary's Oratory. All welcome

ADORATION CHAPEL OPENING HOURS
Sunday 2pm - 10pm
Monday - Wednesday 6am - 10pm
Friday 6am - 10pm

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 on Tues 1-2pm in The Oratory.

DO THIS IN MEMORY
The programme will continue next weekend, therefore we cannot have a funeral at the Masses on Sunday 13 April.
Please keep the children preparing for First Penance and First Holy Communion in your prayers.

HEROES OF HOPE LENTEN FILMS
As part of our Jubilee Year programme there will be a series of films screened in Buncrana Cinema on Tuesday evenings at 8:30pm during Lent. We hope this selection will inspire us in the stories and characters they portray. Entry is free to the film. The film on 8 April is The Scarlet and the Black. All welcome

ROSARY ON THE COAST
Sun 6 April at 3pm at Lisfannon Beach. All welcome

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS
will take place on Fri 11 April at 6.15pm in St Mary's Church, Cockhill followed by Mass at 7pm.
All Welcome.
Anyone interested in joining the parish Divine Mercy Group please contact Mickey on 0863267443

MEGA DRAW TICKETS
Tickets for the Mega Draw can be purchased from the Parish Office (Cash Only), St Mary's Hall or online using the QR code here. Proceeds from the draw will go to the renovation and development of parish buildings. The top prize is €50,000 with other cash prizes too.
Tickets are €100 and there are various payment options available.



MEGA DRAW SOCIAL MEDIA
The Parish Mega Draw now has Facebook and Instagram pages! Search 'Buncrana Parish Mega Draw' then follow and share.

PARISH DRAW
Friday 28 March: Week 44
1st Prize: €500
Beth and Hannah Doherty, Slavery
Promoter: Charlotte Crawford
2nd Prize: €300
Marjorie Doherty, Rockfield Tee
Promoter: Marjorie Doherty
3rd Prize: €150
Brendan Murphy, Carraig Fern
Promoter: Noreen Murphy

DERRY DIOCESAN YOUTH Pilgrimage to Fatima. We are inviting young people aged 16 + to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 4 nights from 14-18 July. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with their peers from around the world in a faith context. Cost is £700 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in please contact lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org or 04871264087

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK will take place on **Sunday 15 June**. Further details will be available in the coming weeks.
TERMONBACCA PILGRIMAGE Fr Stephen Quinn O.C.D. will lead a pilgrimage to Krakow and Wroclaw from 17th-24th Sept. The price is £1079 per person sharing. Daily trips to various places including Krakow-Auschwitz-Czestochowa-Wadowice-Kalwaria Zebrzydowska-Czerna-Stary Sazc. For more info contact Joe Walsh tours on 00353 12410800.

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIM PATH WALK @ Lough Derg. Join the Team at Lough Derg for a guided walk along the ancient Pilgrim Path around Lough Derg on Mon 21 April @10.30am. 8km & 12km option available. Free event. Booking essential. More information www.loughderg.org
BUNCRANA-MEDUGORJE PILGRIMAGES 2025 A small number of places remain available for this year's pilgrimages - earliest enquiries advised. Dates: 14-21 May ex. Derry; 2-9 July ex. Belfast; and 24 Sept-1 Oct ex. Knock. Price €875pps. Please contact Marie Furey on 9361625.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: CARE FOR CREATION ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP The Parish of the Three Patrons Care for Creation Group wishes to express its sincere thanks to all involved in the planting of many saplings and new trees in the grounds of Pennyburn Church. Several parishioners, joined by Buncrana parishioners who are members of the Wild Inishowen Volunteers group, gave generously of their time and energies recently on two Saturday mornings to complete the plantings. It was hard work but good fun. We look forward to seeing the flourishing of their efforts to protect biodiversity as well as to enhance the ambience of the church grounds. Well done to all!

PRIVACY NOTICE: The Diocese of Derry complies with GDPR regulations. A Privacy Notice is available on the Parish Website or by contacting The Parish Office. Live stream and recordings of Mass and Services in St Mary's Oratory and St Mary's Cockhill are available online. Parishioners should note that the first two rows of seats are visible online in St Mary's Oratory and the first seven rows of seats are visible in St Mary's Cockhill.

BUNCRANA CINEMA See all show times www.thecinemabuncrana.com

Black Bag 15A 100mins Fri 4th April - 9.30pm Sat 5th & Sun 6th - 8.15pm Mon 7th - 8.15pm Tue 8th - 4pm Wed 9th - 8.15pm Thurs 10th - 4pm	Mufasa: The Lion King G 120mins Sat 5th - 5pm Sun 6th - 1pm	COMING NEXT WEEK ... A Minecraft Movie From Next Friday 11th - 17th April
MOVIES & TEA PROGRAMME Tues 8 April 1pm-4pm		

BINGO
St Mary's Hall
Fridays at 8pm.
Single book €11
Double €17
Snowball €4450

Community Corner

SLIABH SNEACHT CENTRE Drumfries walking group will be meeting on Fri 11 April at Ned's Point Car Park at 10am, new members always welcome. **Chair Yoga** with Marie on Wednesday mornings at 11am For further info, or to book a place contact Marie (087)2962646.
Mick O Toonz Flipaclip Workshop, Wed 16 April 2-4pm (Age 7+). To book text Mick via WhatsApp only (086) 2127923.
THE CHILD BEHAVIOUR CONSULTANCY Is your child between 3-12 years of age and you need help with their behaviour? Contact Roisin Doherty - Behaviour Analyst at the Child Behaviour Consultancy to get advice regarding listening and following instruction, accepting 'No', and help with general behaviour. Contact 0894511432 to get a consultation set up.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Amazing Grace Group, Buncrana have 5 meetings per week as follows: Sun 8pm, Tues 8.30pm, Thurs 11.15am, Fri 8.30pm & Sat 11.30am. If you think you may have a problem with alcohol, come along. Meeting in St Teresa's Room.
AL-ANON GROUP (for anyone whose life is or has been affected by someone else's drinking) meet in St Teresa's Room on Thurs at 6:45pm.
THE PLAZA Beginners Line Dancing 7.30-8.30pm. *Tues* Morning Line Dancing at 10.30pm. *Wed* Line Dancing Class at 7.30pm. *Thurs* 7.30pm Fowler Hall.
GLENDA DOWLING KINESIOLOGY & BREATHWORK. Healing for gut, hormones, low energy and mood. Helping relieve physical and emotional stress from the body. Book via www.glendadowling.com or send a message on WhatsApp to +353852288253
SWILLY COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME have a position available in the Fahan, Inch & Burt area and also in Buncrana/Cockhill area. If interested contact: 087 9392767 or email: Buncrana@swillycep.ie
INISHOWEN MEDICAL are able to offer both our patients and non patients micro-suction. This is a newer and more patient friendly way of clearing wax from ears. Get your hearing back today by calling us to make an appointment on 074 93 61800 / 074 76173. This is available to both Inishowen Medical patients and non patients. The fee is €30 for our own medical card patients and €60 for private patients and medical card patients from other clinics.
AMAZING GRACE SUNSET SING Join us to sing the world's most famous hymn on the anniversary of John Newton's arrival in Lough Swilly on Tuesday 8th April at 7:30pm at the Amazing Grace Viewing Point, Cahir O'Doherty Ave, Buncrana.
BUNCRANA PARENT & TODDLERS every Wed and Thurs from 10am to 12noon in St Mary's Hall, €4 per family with refreshments for children & adults.
THE NET MAGAZINE The March edition of 'The Net' is available in print in parishes as well as on the Diocesan website. For coverage of faith related stories just email editorthenet15@gmail.com
SAMARITANS Call Free 116 123, Text: 087 2609090

SLIMMING WORLD Buncrana: The Exchange every Tues 8am, 9.30am & 11am with Ann Marie 0860848705, 5.30pm & 7pm with Marie 0877389059. **Newtowncunningham:** The Orange Hall every Wed at 6.30pm with Ann Marie 0860848705.
GET THE GRADE English Tuition. Friendly, exam-focused, Junior & Leaving Cert tuition with experienced teacher of English & SEC Examiner (Teaching Council and Garda vetted). Text/Call Mark 0866655334
INISHOWEN INJURY CLINIC Treatment of back, neck and shoulder pain / sports injuries / rehabilitation. Contact Cahir McLaughlin NMT, Maginn Ave 0860753296
2-HAND DANCING Mon nights at 8pm in Cockhill Hall.
COCKHILL CEILI CLUB on Thurs 8pm-9:30pm in Cockhill Hall. All welcome.
SCOIL NAOMH ÍOSAF, The Illies, F93 HX30. Now Enrolling for: September 2025. Forms are available on request by contacting the school: Email: stjoesias@gmail.com / tel 074 93 62212
SCOIL NAOMH PADRAIG, DRUMFRIES Enrolment is open for any pupil starting school in Sept 2025. Enrolment forms are available to download from www.drumfriesns.scoilnet.ie or by calling the office on 074 9363396. Email completed forms admin@drumfriesnschool.com or dropped into the school if you prefer.
ST. EGNÉ'S NS, DESERTEGNEY Enrolment is now open for any pupil starting school in September 2025. Forms are available on request by contacting the school office on 07493 62008. Email: stegneys@gmail.com
GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS for people living with Parkinson's every Wed at 2pm in The Exchange
CRANA COLLEGE Upcoming Centenary 2025 Events. **Photographic Exhibition** on Sun 6 April from 2-6pm. Join us for a delightful afternoon to meet old friends and enjoy a cup of tea and some treats. **Centenary Gala Dinner** on Fri 11 April at 7pm in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel. Dress as you would for a wedding! Call 074 9361113 for tickets. (Cash payments preferred at the school office).
BABY MASSAGE CLASSES Help relieve baby's digestive issues, bond with your baby and connect with other new Mummies. Facilitated by Bridget the Midwife. Tuesday mornings at 10am, The Anglers Centre, Buncrana. For more details check out *Baby and Beyond with Bridget* Facebook page.
NOWDOC Phone Number: 0818400911. Have your Eircode handy!