

Northern Ireland Foster Care: HSC NI are appealing for more foster families to come forward as the number of children needing looked after continues to increase. There are a wide range of children requiring help for varying amounts of time, including shortterm and long-term foster care, short breaks for children with disabilities and supported lodgings for 16+ years. There is an opportunity to fit in with your family and lifestyle. There is no requirement to have a spare bedroom for each child, however each child will need to have their own bed. Furniture, financial allowances to cover all expenses, training and support are all provided. Info packs are available from Drumglass Lodge in Dungannon, Bocombra Lodge in Portadown or Dromalane House in Newry. Alternatively, T: 0800 0720 137 or E:

adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net for more information. **Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living:** One year programme for those who want a closer relationship with God. Living out faith isn't easy against the backdrop of our fast paced noisy and instantaneous culture. The Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living course will give you the tools and space to become attuned to God's voice in the midst of the clamour. The programme will run over 20 weeks on Monday evenings from 7.15-9.15pm. Commencing Monday 18th September hosted by Drumalis via Zoom. For further details on dates and fee's phone 02828 272196 during office hours or email <u>katrina@drumalis.co.uk</u> **Marriage and Relationship Counselling with ACCORD:** Each year ACCORD help thousands of couples to rebuild and sustain healthy relationships. If you feel that your relationship is in crisis or

need a little guidance and feel that you and your partner could benefit from marriage and relationship counselling either face to face or online contact your local centre.

Call 02890 233002 for all Northern Ireland centres or email info@accordni.com

Violin for Beginners: Traditional violin lessons for beginners are due to commence in September. For further information contact Aaron on 07561 430428. WEEKLY BULLETIN Sunday 27th August 2023 <u>21st Sunday in Ordinary</u> <u>Time</u> Weekly Collection: £1002 <u>Cathedral Fund:</u> £88.56 <u>Online/Card Machine:</u> 18th August-24th August: £57.50 <u>Recent Expenditure:</u> Parish Newsletter £115.64

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for a Special Intention.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE Monday: 10.00am Tuesday: 7.00pm Wednesday: 10.00am Thursday: 7.00pm *(Norena Prayers)* Friday: 10.00am *(First Friday 7pm)* Saturday: 7.00pm *(Vigi)* Sunday: 9.00am & 11.00am CONFESSIONS Thursday before Mass

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

We welcome Jackson, who was recently Baptised into our Parish Family.

Baptisms: Please email the office for a booking form and more details. Baptisms take place the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month directly after 11am Mass and on Thursday evenings at 6pm. At least one month's notice is required, during which parents meet with a member of our Baptismal Team and the family attends the 11am Sunday Mass weekly, prior to the Baptism. If families are unable to complete the preparation or attend Mass, the Baptism will be rebooked to a time when they can. A total of 20 people are permitted to attend.

Weddings: Wedding guests must continue to follow all guidance and adhere to policies and procedures put in place to ensure the safety of all. Couples must contact Fr Declan six months before the date of their wedding to arrange to complete the necessary paperwork. Couples are also required to attend a pre-marriage course. A Wedding Mass is only offered to those who attend Mass in their parish *weekly* during the six-month notice of marriage period.

NB: Parish Staff and volunteers are there to support and help us. Please engage respectfully with them at all times.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gerry McCullagh Bernie Gibson (Nee McGeown) John Murray ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME Seamus Walsh

Desmond Lavery Paul Lavery The Deceased Members of the McKay Family William Mulholland (49) Colm McCartan Sean McKavanagh Kathleen Brankin Sean Campbell (3) Thomas Tinsley (50)

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 27th August at 11am Anniversary Mass on Thursday 31st August at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Saturday 2nd September at 7pm Anniversary Mass on Sunday 3rd September at 9am Rose McPhillips Pat Loughan Georgina Brankin Noseann McStravick

Community Choir: The Community Choir will resume singing at 11am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month commencing Sunday 10th September. There will be a short rehearsal beforehand at 10.15am. New members - adults and children (who have made their First Communion) are invited to join. Additionally, any new musicians are also welcome. Just turn up on the day or if you would like more information contact the office during open hours.

Africa Magazine: If you have a subscription for the Africa Magazine, the latest issue is now ready for collection from the Church porch.

Important days this week

St Augustine (Mem) – Monday 28th August The Passion of John the Baptist (Mem) – Tuesday 29th August St Fiacre (Mem) – Wednesday 30th August St Aidan of Lindisfarne (Mem)– Thursday 31st August Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation– Friday 1st September

Parish Priest: Fr Declan Mulligan Tel: 028 9265 1214 EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS: 07831 934 756 (in the event you are unable to reach Fr Declan on the emergency number) 028 944 595 600

St Vincent De Paul Contact Number: 028 9035 1561 www.svp.ie Lifeline Freephone 0808 808 8000 The Order of The Knights of St Columbanus 028 92 528 916 Diocesan Safeguarding Office 028 9049 2798 Parish Office Tel: 02892651214 Email: parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk. Parish Office open Tuesday – Thursday 10am-4pm. All insertions for the bulletin please leave in the Parochial house red post box, email or phone the parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.