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Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Thursday

6.30pm – 9.30pm

Wednesday

1.30pm – 9.30pm

Third Sunday of Easter

The gospel story contains a wealth of teaching on the meaning of the Eucharist as a celebration of the presence of the Risen Lord. Christ takes, blesses, breaks and gives the bread to his disciples and is known to them in the action, It is in the context of two or three gathered in his name that they come to faith. It is he who opens their minds and hearts explaining their doubts in the light of Sacred Scripture. And it is on the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, that the Lord of Days walks with them in the cool of the evening.

Masses for the Week

Sacred Heart Boho:

Sunday 23rd April 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Agnes McHugh, Drumma; Pat McManus and deceased of the McManus Family, Drumaraw and Carngreen; Joe and Bridget Corrigan, Aghamore; Charles McHugh, Drumma.
Saturday 29th April 2pm First Holy Communion Mass.

St Patrick's Derrygonnelly:

Sunday 23rd April 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Thomas and Mary B Murphy, Drumanane; Tommy Duffy, Rosnarick Close; Maureen McConnell, Rosspoint; Rose and Pat Greene, Rosnarick Close.

Tuesday 25th April **St. Mark, Evangelist** 7pm Mass and Novena to St. Peregrine.

Wednesday 26th April 10am Mass.

Thursday 27th April 10am Mass

Saturday 29th April 11am First Holy Communion Mass.

Sunday 30th April 11.30am Mass. **Anniversary:** Barney Flood, Sillees Grove; Dick and Bea Jones and Deceased of the Jones Family, Drumbeggar; Kathleen McSherry, Enniskillen.

Immaculate Conception Monea:

Sunday 30th April 10am Mass. **Anniversary:** Joe McManus, Drumbeggan.

Eucharist: writing in chapter 11 of the First Book of the Corinthians, St. Paul gives the most ancient description of what he learned about the Lord at the Last Supper. In it, he tells us that he received from the Lord and passed it on to us, that Jesus took the bread, thanked God for it and broke it, saying, *"This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me"*. Going further, Jesus took the cup, saying, *"This cup is the new covenant of my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me"*.

The Eucharist is the source and the summit of all we do as Christians. It is a liturgy of two tables: the table of the Word and the table of the Bread. In earlier times the table of the Word was almost seen as an aside to the Eucharist. The Second Vatican Council sought to allow the scriptures become more accessible to the people and today, we listen to God's word at the table of the ambo before moving to the table of the altar to take bread and wine, consecrate them, allowing them become the body and blood of Jesus.

Each time we gather for the Mass we are invited to listen to God's word and to receive his body in Holy Communion. Perhaps, as we look forward to the celebration of First Holy Communion in our parish this Saturday, we might reflect on our own understanding of it and on what it is that we are receiving – not ordinary bread but the Body of the Lord.

The celebration of First Eucharist will take place this Saturday at 11.00am in St. Patrick's Church for the children of St. Patrick's PS and at 2.00pm in the Sacred Heart Church for the children of Killyhommon PS. In a society largely indifferent, in some ways hostile, to our faith, please pray for these children and allow them, by our example as adults and the practice of our faith, experience what it is to receive the gift of Holy Communion.

Prayer

O Jesus, who hast loved us with such exceeding great love as to give us the ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist, inflame us with a burning zeal to promote Thy glory by preparing worthily the little children who are to approach Thy holy table for the first time.

Protect, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, these young souls from the assaults of evil, strengthen their faith, increase their love and endow them with all the virtues that will make them worthy to receive Thee. Amen.

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**mary's
meals**

a simple solution
to world hunger

Since our humble beginnings, Mary's Meals has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who believe in our mission. As we honour Mary, Mother of God, during the month of May, we hope you will join with us in prayer for Mary's Meals – the charity named after Our Lady – and to ask for God's continued blessing on our work. Please pray that our work will continue to flourish and that children throughout this world will see their lives transformed through the promise of a daily school meal.

Darkness Into Light: Saturday 6th May 2023 – from Castle Park Centre, Lisnaskea at 4:15am. While Darkness Into Light raises much needed funds, it is also about awareness, solidarity and local communities. This year, we are asking those taking part to connect with others at the event. Walkers/runners are encouraged to speak to the person beside them, tell a story or simply say hello, connect and acknowledge one another. Make your presence known. No one should walk alone, this year we need to come together again and walk side by side to say to those in crisis: You are not alone. There is hope. We are here for you. So please, save the date and help us make this the biggest and brightest Darkness Into Light ever! Registration now open www.darknessintolight.ie 🧡🧡 Tel: 028 67723843 or call into the Oak Healthy Living Centre.

Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May: Monday 1st and 29th, Sunday 7th and 14th, Tuesday 9th, Saturday 20th and 27th. €45 per person - Booking essential - at www.loughderg.org - by email info@loughderg.org - Tel: 00353 7198 61518

Vocations: Evangelisation & Vocations Conference led by Archbishop Rino Fisichella of the Vatican Dicastery for Evangelisation taking place on **25th April** in Renehan Hall, St Patrick's College, Maynooth from 10am - 4pm. The conference will serve as a lead into the **Year of Vocation for Diocesan Priesthood – Take the Risk for Christ** – which commences on 30th April 2023. To register for this free conference go to vocations.ie

Inspire Wellbeing's: free mental health sessions which will be held in Fermanagh House on **Monday 24th April** from 10am – 12noon or 2pm-4pm for adults age eighteen. email c.mcfarland@inspirewellbeing.org

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot£4900. £20 The McGlone Family, Boho, John Campbell, c/o Mark McGoldrick, Bridgeen Melanophy, Belcoo. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who promote and support the Lotto.

Thought for the Day

- > The four speeds of prayer are slow, slower, pause and reverse.
- > God promises believers a safe landing but not a smooth passage.
- > Jesus does not just call believers. He calls disciples who will follow him through suffering love to the cross.
- > Prayer is more about trust and hope than about arranging the world to suit me.
- > I cannot work miracles, but by active loving I can work healing all the time.
- > It is always a mistake to do nothing because I can always do just a little.
- > Before you sleep, name one thing for which you are grateful that day.

"Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks and serve him with great humility." St. Francis of Assisi