

Rosary at the Grotto: It is hoped the Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at the grotto at St. Patrick's church from Monday to Saturday at 10.30am. If you are willing to lead the prayer please contact the parish office on 028 68641889.

Parish of Lisnaskea/Maguire'sbridge: Novena of Hope and Healing to St. Peregrine, the patron Saint of those with a cancer diagnosis. **Sunday 28th April – Wednesday May 1st, 2024.** Mass at 10am in St. Mary's Maguire'sbridge, and at 7pm in Holy Cross Lisnaskea with guest speakers each night.

Mary's Meals Pray in May: I invite you to join Mary's Meals for our Pray in May campaign this year. During Pray in May, we remember the children around the world who receive Mary's Meals, their families and communities, and all of those living in poverty. This year, in the face of a hunger crisis unfolding in Ethiopia and largely going unreported in the media, we pray in a special way for the families there, and for the international community to hear their cries for help.



LOUGH DERG

PILGRIMAGE SEASON 2024

Three Day Pilgrimage
begins Friday 31st May until Thursday 15th August
(Tuesday 13th last day to begin)

One Day Retreat

May
Sun 5th - Mon 6th - Sun 12th - Tue 14th - Sat 18th - Sat 25th - Mon 27th

August
Sat 17th - Tue 20th - Sun 25th - Mon 26th - Sat 31st

September
Wed 4th - Sat 7th - Tue 10th - Sat 14th - Sun 15th - Sat 21st - Sun 22nd

Faithful to a tradition inspired by Patrick, who himself found hope and new purpose in his time among the mountains, Lough Derg is here to offer opportunities for deep encounter with self and with God in these changing times.

For a parent on the death of child

No one knows the wonder
your child awoke in you,
your heart a perfect cradle
to hold its presence,
inside and outside became one
as new waves of love
kept surprising your soul.

Now you sit bereft
inside a nightmare,
by the sight of a grave
no parent should ever see.

You will wear this absence
like a secret locket,
always wondering why
such a new soul
was taken home so soon.

Let the silent tears flow
and when your eyes clear
perhaps you will glimpse
how your eternal child
has become the unseen angel
who parents your heart
and persuades the moon
to send new gifts ashore.

John O'Donohue

National Pilgrimage for Life: The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on **Saturday 4th May** in Knock Shrine. The pilgrimage begins with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3pm and Rosary Procession after Mass, weather permitting. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

Reflection Day at SMA Dromantine: on **Saturday 4th May** from 9.30am to 5pm. The Theme is **Forgiveness: The Journey from Hurt to Healing, Freedom, Peace, and Happiness.** Led by Fr Des Corrigan. Cost incl lunch £38/€43. email admin@dromantineconference.com or Telephone 02830821964.

Derrygonnelly Harps GFC: Jackpot £10100!. £20 Charlie Jones, online player, Anne Cox, Boho, Jenna Robinson, Belleek. Draw in Doogies tonight. Thanks to everyone who promotes and supports the Lotto. Online entry is available via klubfunder.com. The club's online Foireann system for collecting club membership has proven a very convenient way for players and families to register and pay. We encourage members now to go online at www.foireann.ie to register. Condolences to the Hoy family, Levally on the passing of their sister and aunt Mrs Bridie Cullen in Ballintra last week. May she rest in peace.