

Buncrana Parish Newsletter

ST. MARY'S HALL & CINEMA

Last week’s collection totalled €5,460 <i>Sincere thanks.</i>	Priest on Call 074 9361253	Fr Bradley 9363455 Fr Walsh 9361393 Fr Baker 9360151 Parish Office 9361253 Parish Catechist 086 785 3726	PARISH DRAW Friday 4 September: Week 12 1st Prize: €500 Noel Duffy, Crana View <i>Promoter: Bridget Hepper</i> 2nd Prize: €300 Sheila Doherty, Lisowen Ave <i>Promoter: Marie Henderson</i> 3rd Prize: €150 Edith Doherty Roe, Main St <i>Promoter: Marie Henderson</i>	BUNCRANA CINEMA See all show times www.thecinemabuncrana.com	BINGO		
Anniversary Masses & Times ST MARY’S ORATORY Masses streamed on churchservices.tv/buncrana Monday 14 Sept - Mass at 10am Special Intention Tuesday 15 Sept - Mass at 10am Vera McGrory (50th A) Wednesday 16 Sept - Mass at 10am Thanksgiving Mass Thursday 17 Sept - Mass at 10am John Doherty (Wire) Saturday 19 Sept - Mass at 4:30pm Irene Herbert (burial of ashes) Sunday 20 Sept - Mass at 8:30am Sunday 20 Sept - Mass at 12:30pm William and Sadie O’Donnell	TRIDUUM OF MASSES FOR BISHOP MICHAEL ROUTER As the diocese and parishes prepare to celebrate the joyous occasion of the Installation of Bishop Michael Router as Bishop of Derry on Sunday 20 September, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated in parishes throughout the diocese, on Friday 18, Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September. In our parish, these Masses will be celebrated in St Mary’s, Cockhill at 7pm on Fri 18 September, St Mary’s Oratory at 4:30pm on Sat 19 September, and at any parish Mass on Sun 20 September. All are welcome to attend as we come together as God’s people to pray for Bishop Router and the people of the diocese, that we may walk together in faith and hope, guided by the Holy Spirit.	ADORATION CHAPEL Please consider spending an hour in the Adoration Chapel Sunday 2pm - 10pm Monday - Wednesday 6am - 10pm Friday 6am - 10pm	DONEGAL GROUP 173 Rise and Shine Trust (formerly The Irish Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust and The Irish Pilgrimage Trust) are celebrating 40 years of taking young people with special needs to Lourdes each Easter. We are celebrating with a special Mass on Sat 26th Sept in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny at 12 noon. The Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Niall Coll and Bishop Donal McKeown, Diocese of Derry. We invite all the guests and their families and all the helpers who travelled with us over the years to our Mass to celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes. TRÓCAIRE Could You Help Share the True Spirit of Christmas? Each year, volunteers in parishes across the north of Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell Trócaire’s Gifts of Change. We provide everything you need including training and support. All we ask is a little time and a big heart. Last Christmas, 50 parishes took part — and we’d love to grow that number even more this year! If you would like to find out more about how you can help, please email Mark at mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org or call 048 9080 8030 . BUNCRANA BOWLING CLUB will re-open on Mon 14 Sept at 7:45pm in St Mary’s Hall. All new members welcome WORKABILITY Spraoi agus Spórt’s WorkAbility Programme offers training for people aged 16+ in Inishowen with disabilities or additional support needs. Design with Slí runs Thursdays, 11am–1pm, focusing on Canva and design. Office Ready runs Mondays, 11am–2pm, developing workplace and digital skills. Contact 085 860 1834 or sli@spraoiagussport.ie QUEEN’S UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY reopens for the new academic year on Mon 14 Sept , with weekday Masses and our semester programme resuming. The first Sunday Mass will be celebrated on 20 Sept at the new, earlier time of 7pm. Please note the new time! New or returning student? Find out about what’s on, ways to connect and get involved, and student accommodation at Ryan Hall qubcatholic.org and on our socials. Staff and alumni are always welcome too. Visit our newly renewed Chaplaincy at <u>28 Elmwood Avenue</u> for Mass, Confessions or candle-lighting — and call into Mosaic for some of the best coffee, hot lunches and home-baked treats in South Belfast! SAMARITANS Call Free 116 123 , Text 087 2609090 .	The Death of Robin Hood 16 120mins Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th 8.15pm Monday 14th , 8.15pm & Tuesday 15th, 4pm Wednesday 16th , 2pm & Thursday 17th , 12.30pm	Mystery Matinees PG 90mins Saturday 12th - 5pm Sunday 13th - 1pm & 3pm	Oasis: Don’t Look Back In Anger 15A 125mins Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th 8.15pm	St Mary’s Hall Fridays at 8pm Single book €11 Double €17 Snowball: €5200
Community Corner							
STAR OF THE SEA, DESERTEGNEY Masses streamed on www.youtube.com/@BuncranaParish Sunday 20 Sept - Mass at 9:45am Special Intention				SLIABH SNEACHT CENTRE Names are being taken for an Oil Painting Art Class starting on Thurs 24 Sept from 7-9pm. This is an 8 week course and costs €80, which includes a small starter kit. Booking essential 0749361742. A new block of Pulmonary Exercises (Seated Exercise Class) starts on Mon 14 Sept at 10am. This class is suitable for anyone with breathing issues looking to improve fitness and mobility. Please call the centre on 0749361742 to book. The Inishowen Walking Festival is taking place from 12 to 20 Sept. This event showcases a number of scenic walks throughout the peninsula. The Sliabh Sneacht Centre is hosting the Drover’s Trail walk on Fri 18 as part of this festival. This free guided 6km walk will leave the centre at 10am - it’s mostly uphill on a blue stony path. THE CHILD BEHAVIOUR CONSULTANCY Roisín Doherty - Behaviour Analyst consults with parents of children 3-12 years of age (with or without a diagnosis) to help their child accept ‘no’, listen, regulate their big emotions etc. Contact 0894511432 to get a consultation set up. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Amazing Grace Group, Buncrana have 5 meetings per week as follows: Sun 8pm, Tues 8pm, Thurs 11.30am, Fri 8pm & 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. GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS weekly meeting in St Teresa’s Room each Sun 5pm-6.30pm for anyone struggling with a gambling addiction. GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS HELPLINE Is gambling affecting your life? We would like to help. Pick up the phone and ring 048 7135 1329. THE PLAZA Dance Classes Tues from 10:30am. From Wed: Junior Line Dancing & Jiving Class 5pm-6pm. Beginners Line Dancing 6:15pm-7:15pm. Advanced Line Dancing 7:30pm-8:30pm. Mon: A Beginners Line Dancing and Jiving Class at the Laurentic 7:30pm-9pm. Hall available for hire & for children’s birthday parties. Contact Ursula on 0877538317 INISHOWEN MEDICAL Hearing loss? Earache? Blocked ears? It could just be wax. Inishowen Medical can help with that. We can offer both our patients and non-patients microsuction. Microsuction is a newer and more patient friendly way of clearing wax from ears. It is considered comfortable for the patient and can be used in every ear, even if there is a history of perforations. The fee is €60 for all patients including medical card & GP Visit card holders. Get your hearing back today by calling Inishowen Medical to make an appointment on 074 93 61800 or 074 76173. CHARITY SWIM – WORLD GO DAY To mark World GO Day (raising awareness of gynaecological cancers) and in memory of Bridie McDermott, her swim friends have organised a charity swim at Linsfort Beach on Sun 20 Sept at 3pm. All welcome - bring a friend! Funds raised go to Cancer Care West. NOWDOC Phone Number: 0818400911			
BAPTISMS We welcome into God’s Family the following children who were recently baptised: Hallie Anna Bradley Elsbeth Gabrielle Irwin Lara Kate Devlin McDonagh <i>May God guide and protect our children always.</i>				SLIMMING WORLD Buncrana: The Exchange every Tues 8am, 9.30am & 11am with Ann Marie 0860848705, 6pm with Marie 0877389059. Carndonagh: The Colgan Hall every Thurs at 6pm with Marie 0877389059. Newtowncunningham: The Orange Hall every Wed at 6.30pm with Ann Marie 0860848705. INISHOWEN INJURY CLINIC Treatment of back, neck and shoulder pain / sports injuries / rehabilitation. Contact Cahir McLaughlin NMT, Maginn Ave 0860753296 PARK RUN New Couch to Parkrun Programme starting on September 12th . Come and join the six weeks programme on Saturday morning at 9am on the shore front by the play park. GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS for people living with Parkinson's every Wed at 2pm in The Exchange. COCKHILL CEILI CLUB Classes resume on Thursday 10th September 8pm-9.30pm Beginners Welcome. GAELSCOIL BHUN CRANNCHA Give us a call on 074 9361988 or email gsbc1999@gmail.com to discuss how an Irish medium education can benefit your child. If you don’t speak Irish, don’t worry. That won’t hold your child back. COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME VACANCIES for a grounds worker for the graveyard at St Mary’s Cockhill. Contact buncrana@swillycep.ie for more info or application. BUNCRANA PARENT AND TODDLERS’ GROUP will reopen on Wed 9 and Thurs 10 September from 10am to 11:45am in St Mary’s Hall. DOG FREE ZONE A reminder that dogs are not permitted in Cockhill or Desertegney graveyards. Thank you. GENTLE HATHA YOGA CLASS beginning on 7 Sept at 7pm in Angler’s Centre. Contact Anne Nelson 086 2586864 for further information. DUNREE YOGA CENTRE Classes re-commencing Tuesday 8 Sept at 10:30am, and 8pm (Men), and Thursday 10 Sept at 8pm. Contact Anne-Marie McGlinchey on 0868196636 SWILLY GARDENING CLUB Our next Meeting is on Mon 21 Sept at 8pm in the Buncrana Youth club (Boy's Club) F93 HW6K. Guest Speaker is Paul Mc Laughlin, Ballaghderg Gardening Centre. Plants and bulbs for sale on the night as well as a raffle on the night with a chance to win a garden related prize. New Members welcome. Any queries contact Anne by text on 087 9560134 BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS Learn to play bridge from scratch. Classes begin on Wed 23 Sept from 7:30pm-9:30pm in Buncrana Youth Club. For details contact John 0870562188 or Mary 086060858.			
DEATH Your prayers are asked for Michael Gill who died recently and for his family and friends saddened by their loss.				DO THIS IN MEMORY PROGRAMME We are delighted to be commencing our 2nd Class First Penance and First Holy Communion Programme, <i>Do This In Memory</i> , at the 4:30pm, 9:45am, 11am and 12:30pm Masses next weekend (19 & 20 September). This is an important time for the 2nd Class children, their families, and for the parish community as a whole. It is an opportunity for all of us to be renewed and nourished in our own faith journey and experience. At these Masses next weekend, the children and their parents will formally enrol in the programme and commit to participating in it. They will <u>not</u> lead the Liturgy of the Word or bring up gifts at this Enrolment Mass. It also means that no funeral Masses can be celebrated on Sunday morning. We wish all our children preparing to receive these sacraments next year every blessing in the months ahead, and ask that you keep them in your prayers. <i>There will be an information meeting for all parents/guardians of 2nd Class on Tuesday 15 September at 7pm in St Mary’s Oratory.</i>			
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS In today's gospel Jesus teaches a powerful lesson on forgiveness. We pray for the men called to priesthood that, as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their people, they will help them to know and experience the Lord who "...is compassion and love, slow to anger, and rich in mercy." (Responsorial Psalm).				LEGION OF MARY Pilgrimage to Knock on Sun 27 Sept leaving from Buncrana. For more details contact Mary on 0862145405 or Vera on 0863084935.			
THE COLUMBAN YOUNG ADULTS are a new group for those aged 18 - 30 in the diocese, who are seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. Our Sept event will be a Holy Hour and meditation on Thurs 17 Sept, 7pm at our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry, delivered by Fr Declan McGeehan. The meditation will be followed by Solemn Benediction and light refreshments. We are seeking new members- please come along and bring a friend!				COCKHILL TEMPORARY CLOSURE St Mary’s Cockhill will be closed from Mon 14 Sept until 7pm Mass on Fri 18 Sept to facilitate painting work. We apologise for any inconvenience.			
SICK VISITATIONS Fr Bradley will visit the remainder of the sick and housebound in his care in both areas on Mon 14 September				SEASON OF CREATION 2026 REFLECTION This year’s theme, <i>Living Water</i> , invites us to give thanks for the gift of water and renew our care for God’s creation. <i>‘We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (Gen. 2: 7): our very bodies are made up of her elements; we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.’ (Pope Francis: LS 2)</i>			
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.				SAFEGUARDING NOTICE: If you have any concerns with regards to Safeguarding Children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie O’Kane, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 0044 7596500793, or at dlp@derrydiocese.org or Garda Síochána , Buncrana 074 9320540, Letterkenny HQ 074 9167100 or TUSLA Family & Child Agency 00353 749102233 ROI Vetting Office: 074 93 63108			