

PARISH OF ARDSTRAW WEST AND CASTLEDERG

St Mary's, Dregish · St Patrick's, Castlederg · St Francis of Assisi, Drumnabey

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SUNDAY 4 APRIL 2021 – EASTER SUNDAY

The Easter celebrations form the heart of our Christian living. We have journeyed in Holy week through the darkness of betrayal and abandonment towards the light of forgiveness and new life in the Resurrection of Christ. Our faith finds its real meaning in the Resurrection of Jesus. As Easter people, we pray that the blessings, the joys, the wonders and the challenges of this holy day will renew us in spirit and encourage us to be faithful witnesses and beacons of God's love and mercy in our daily lives. **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Patrick's, Castlederg:

Monday, 7.30pm and Friday, 10.00am

Masses in Aghyaran are also livestreamed on www.parishofaghyan.com:

Weekday Masses in Aghyaran: Tuesday 10.00am, Thursday 10.00am.

NEXT SUNDAY

St Patrick's, Castlederg:

Vigil Mass 6.00pm; Sunday, 11.00am (*second & fourth Sunday of the month, 11 & 25 April*)

Attendance at the Sunday Masses (Vigil & Sunday morning) is by booking only:

please ring the parish office between 11.00am and 2.00pm on Thursday or Friday (028 816 71393)

or email at any time (castledergparish@derrydiocese.org)

All Masses continue to be available via our parish webcam, www.castledergparish.com

St Mary's, Dregish:

9.00am, open to the Dunteague, Glassmullagh and Lisnacreeght areas

St Francis of Assisi, Drumnabey:

12.30pm, open to the Listymore Park, Oakland, Crewe, Garvetagh & Lisleen and Coolcreaghy areas

Masses in Dregish and Drumnabey can be viewed via the parish webcam:

www.castledergparish.com: click the 'mobile' button



Mary McGlynn, late of 29 Castlegore Road, Castlederg

As a parish community, we offer our sympathy and our prayerful support to the nieces, nephews, wider family circle and friends of Mary, whose funeral service and burial took place on Good Friday. May she rest in peace.

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection which amounted to £3,833 and €80. Envelopes can continue to be left through the door of the Parochial House. The new envelope boxes for Dregish can be picked in the church. Thanks very much to those who distributed the envelope boxes in Castlederg and Drumnabey.

TROCAIRE COLLECTION: For those who are returning their Trocaire box to the church or Parochial House, you are asked to include notes or cheques only, in so far as possible, for ease of counting in general and, in particular, to reduce the level of risk for the counters. Please note: cheques should be payable to Trocaire (not the parish). Thank you.

SINCERE THANKS to our Scripture readers, Eucharistic Ministers, to those who provided music and singing and to those who decorated our churches so beautifully and fittingly for our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Thank you to our stewards and cleaners, whose work to keep us all safe in church is very much appreciated. Sincere thanks, as always, to our sacristans for their faithful duty.

DRUMQUIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY will host an online presentation via Zoom on 'Belfast City Cemetery', presented by Mr Tom Hartley, this Thursday, 8 April, commencing at 8pm. For the Zoom code check the Drumquin Through the Years Facebook page. Everyone welcome to join in.

HAPPY EASTER: I take this opportunity to wish you and your families every blessing this Easter. May the joys of the Resurrection fill your hearts and homes with peace these Easter days. Stay safe.

We continue to pray God's blessing and protection on everyone at this time, especially and sick and housebound.

St Joseph, Guardian and Protector of families, pray for us.

Thank you, as always, for your prayers, support, kindness and good wishes to me. They are greatly appreciated.

May God bless you all. Fr Paul.