

PARISH OF ARDSTRAW WEST AND CASTLEDERG

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

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SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2020

NINETEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) *St Matthew: 14:22-33*

In His reassuring command, 'Do not be afraid' Jesus acknowledges that faith and trust in God, in the midst of the storms and fears of our lives, takes courage. We gain that courage and confidence through remaining close to Jesus in prayer.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday of this coming week (15 August) is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when we celebrate Mary's assumption, body and soul, into heavenly glory, honouring the fullness and blessedness that was Her destiny. Normally, the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation, but the current Holy Day dispensation means that there is no obligation to attend Mass. Please see the Feast Day Mass schedule for the parish below. *Queen, assumed into heaven: pray for us.*

SUNDAY MASSES:

Vigil: Saturday 6.00pm Castlederg. Sunday: 9.00am Dregish, 11.00am Castlederg, 12.30pm Drumnabey

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: 7.30pm, Castlederg, Friday: 10.00am, Castlederg

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Saturday 15 August) – Booking not required

Vigil Mass (Fri 14 Aug) – 7.30pm, Castlederg. Morning Masses – 10.00am, Dregish; 11.00am, Drumnabey

All our Masses continue to be live-streamed: www.castledergparish.com or www.parihofaghyaran.com

CONFIRMATION: St Patrick's Church, Castlederg, Friday 28 August, at 5.00pm:

Each of the 31 children will be allocated a pew and each child can bring their sponsor and four other guests.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: St Patrick's Church, Castlederg, on Saturday 29 August, at 11.00am:

Each of the 41 children will be permitted to bring two adult guests.

We very much hope that everyone will understand the reasons for the restrictions in numbers at the ceremonies. Both celebrations will be live-streamed and recorded, to enable family members and friends who are unable to come into the church to join in. Please keep the children in your prayer, as they make their final preparations to receive the sacraments.



David (Davy) Bonner, late of 14 Alexander Park, Castlederg

As a parish faith community, we offer our sympathy and our prayerful support to Hannah, to Kathleen, David and Jacqueline, and to the wider family circle and friends of Davy, whose Funeral Mass took place in Castlederg on Tuesday.

Reba Carlin, late of 40 Strabane Road, Castlederg

We offer our sympathy and our prayerful support to Siobhan, Bernadette, Ann and William and the wider family circle and friends of Reba, whose Funeral Mass took place in Castlederg on Thursday.

May they rest in peace.

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection, which amounted to £2,120. Envelopes can continue to be left through the door of the Parochial House, for those who are not attending Mass.

Sincere thanks also for the donations received this week towards the heating project in St Patrick's Church, Castlederg: £100, £100. Your generosity is much appreciated.

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019: A summary of the Income and Expenditure for the parish, for the calendar year 2019, is now on the Notice Boards of our churches. Please take time to read it at your convenience.

ST EUGENE'S HALL, DREGISH: It is hoped to run a few events in the near future, including Irish Language classes, Art & Craft, Cake Decorating, Mental Health for Children and Flower Arranging. COVID-19 restrictions will be observed in all classes. Further details will be published in the coming weeks.

SUNDAY MASSES NEXT WEEKEND – 15 & 16 AUGUST 2020

ST PATRICK'S, CASTLEDERG:

Phone the Parochial House, between 11am and 2pm on Thursday or Friday, to book a place

Saturday 15 August – 6.00pm Vigil Mass:

Castlefin Road, Castlefin Park, Hillview and Churchtown Park, Brooke Park, Harpur Park, Willowcrest, Stoney Heights, Priestsessagh Road, Freughlough Road

Sunday 16 August – 11.00am Mass

Lurganbuoy Road, Lurganbuoy Park, Garag Hill, Burnside Villas, Young Crescent, Hawthorn Park, Crockett Park, Hospital Road, Breezemount Park

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DRUMNABEY:

Sunday 16 August – 12.30pm: Castlebane, Drumnabey Road, Scarvagherin, Goland, Drumnabey Park, Gamble Park

ST MARY'S, DREGISH: Sun 16 Aug – 9.00am: Drumlegagh, Baronscourt, Letterbin, Envagh, Leglands, Tullymuck