

# PARISH OF ARDSTRAW WEST AND CASTLEDERG

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

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**SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2020**

## **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

### **THE PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD (Matthew 20:1-16)**

The core message of the *Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard* is that God's love and mercy are a gift open to all of us. Sometimes we can be judgemental about others; we make judgements on who is 'entitled' to God's love and mercy. As baptised Catholics, God calls all of us to be workers in His vineyard, to help build His kingdom. However, just like the workers in the parable, we don't always pull our weight or give it our best effort. God does not punish us for that, however: He always welcomes us back into His fold when we turn to Him once again and do our best. In summary, in God's eyes, we are all equal and He wants all of us to build His kingdom together, in a spirit of love, generosity and understanding. In particular, today's parable challenges us on *envy* – it asks that we be grateful to God for the blessings He gives us, rather than being resentful of others' possessions and blessings or being judgmental about what others 'deserve'.

### **SUNDAY MASSES:**

Vigil: Sat 6.00pm Castlederg. Sunday: 9.00am Dregish, 11.00am Castlederg, 12.30pm Drumnabey  
Mass in Castlederg on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month (13 and 27 September)

### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

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

All our Masses continue to be live-streamed: [www.castledergparish.com](http://www.castledergparish.com) or [www.parishofaghyaran.com](http://www.parishofaghyaran.com)

## **SUNDAY MASSES NEXT WEEKEND – 26 & 27 SEPTEMBER 2020**

### **ST PATRICK'S, CASTLEDERG:**

**Saturday 26 September – 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Group A** - Castlefin Road, Castlefin Park, Churchtown Park, Hillview Park, Brooke Park, Harpur Park, Willowcrest, Stoney Heights, Priestessagh Road, Freughlough Road

**Sunday 27 September – 11.00am: Group B** - Town Centre, Ferguson Crescent, Main Street, Upper Strabane Rd, Lower Strabane Rd, Castleview Tce, Mount Bernard Drive, Derg Fold, Castlegore, Cashel Road, Ganvaghan Road, Drumquin Road, Castlebane Road

**Parishioners from these areas should phone the Parochial House, between 11am & 2pm on Thurs or Fri, to book a place. If spaces are still available after 2pm on Friday, a Facebook notice will be posted, opening booking by email up to everyone (on a first come, first served basis).**

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DRUMNABEY: Sun 27 September – 12.30pm:** Castlebane, Drumnabey Road, Scarvagherin, Goland, Drumnabey Park, Gamble Park

**ST MARY'S, DREGISH: Sun 27 September – 9.00am:** Drumlegagh, Baronscourt, Letterbin, Envagh, Leglands, Tullymuck

### **Face Masks:**

It is strongly recommended that, with the exception of those who are exempt from wearing them, everyone should wear a face mask in church, for the foreseeable future.

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**Paddy McGoldrick, late of 51 Castlefin Park, Castlederg**

**As a parish community, we offer our sympathy and our prayerful support to Paddy's sisters, Jeannie and Kathleen and to his extended family and friends. Paddy's Funeral Mass and burial took place at Castlederg on Saturday. May he rest in peace.**

**THANK YOU** for your generosity in last week's collection, which amounted to £1,716. Envelopes can continue to be left through the door of the Parochial House, for those not attending Mass. Thank you to those who contribute by Standing Order.

**Sincere thanks** also for a further donation of £200 towards the heating project in Castlederg.

**TRUST FUND FOR RETIRED PRIESTS Collection** – In addition to the weekly contribution envelope, there is an envelope today for the annual Trust Fund for Retired Priests collection.

**THANK YOU** - We remain grateful to the stewards in our churches for the good work they continue to do in helping to keep us all safe while at Mass. Your ongoing co-operation with their guidance will be appreciated. If anyone else would like to volunteer their services as a steward in any of our churches, please let me know.

**THE NET:** The September edition of The Net is now available online, on [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org). As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese. There is a 'Remembering Bishop Lagan' feature and a 'Remembering John Hume' article in the September issue. You are invited to read The Net, on the diocesan website, at your convenience.

**QUB CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY** - The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University has now re-opened. There is a number of groups and societies whose activities appeal to a wide range of interests. The Chapel, Food Bar and Study Space are open throughout the academic year. *'Wherever you are on your faith journey, know that we are here for you.'* For more information, visit [qubcatholic.org](http://qubcatholic.org) or drop by for a coffee and chat at 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast. Please see *Welcome Video* on: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=613457662659672&extid=VWuGAapdA2czXP2q>

**SLIABH TROIM (BESSIE BELL) WALK** – Today, Sunday 20 September. Registration at 10.30am at St Eugene's Hall, Dregish: Three sections to the walk – 1. St Eugene's Hall to the Ulster Way marker on the Baronscourt Road: 1.37miles, 22 mins walking and a rise of 132 ft. 2. Baronscourt Road to the Cashty Road: 1.61miles, 28 mins walking and a rise of 390 ft. 3. Cashty Road to the Donal Gorm's Cairn: 1.91 miles, 40mins walking and a rise of 625 ft. Walkers can start at any of the three points, but must register at the hall first. There is an option of visiting the Holy Well, Tobarneill. An archaeologist will be present to provide a history of Sliabh Troim.

**SEASON OF CREATION: 1 September - 4 October 2020 Theme: Cultivating Hope**

**As we journey through the Season of Creation, a time set aside by Pope Francis for all of us to reflect on and accept our individual and collective responsibility to care for all of God's creation, we pledge our commitment to the care of our common home, in prayer:**

Almighty God, we praise You!

All creatures came forth from Your all-powerful hand; they are Yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.

Son of God, Jesus, You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,

You became part of this earth, walked the land with Your holy feet and gazed upon this world with human eyes.

Holy Spirit, You accompany all creation, dwell in our hearts and inspire us to do what is good.

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, as we contemplate You in the beauty of the universe,

show us our place in this world as channels of Your love for all the creatures of this earth,

for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, give for the poor and all who cry in distress and care for this world in which we live.

O Lord, seize us with Your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to You! Amen.

**ST PATRICK'S, CASTLEDERG: WEEKEND MASS BOOKING ROTA - SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2020**

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
Sat 5 September, 6pm Sat 26 September, 6pm Sun 11 October, 11am	Sat 12 September, 6pm Sun 27 September, 11am Sat 17 October, 6pm	Sun 13 September, 11am Sat 3 October, 6pm Sat 24 October, 6pm	Sat 19 September, 6pm Sat 10 October, 6pm Sun 25 October, 11am
Castlefin Road Castlefin Park Churchtown Park Hillview Park Brooke Park Harpur Park Willowcrest Stoney Heights Priestsessagh Road Freughlough Road	Town Centre Ferguson Crescent Main Street Upper Strabane Rd Lower Strabane Rd Castleview Tce Mount Bernard Drive Derg Fold Castlegore Cashel Road Ganvaghan Road Drumquin Road Castlebane Road	Killeter Road Dergview Park Alexander Park Ashburn Park Kilclean Road Ashleigh Court Oakleigh Grove Kilcroagh Road Cavan Road Whiterock Park Mucklehill View Kilcurragh Park Greystone Avenue Moneygal Road Pollyarnon Road	Lurganbuoy Road Lurganbuoy Park Garag Hill Burnside Villas Young Crescent Hawthorn Park Crockett Park Hospital Road Breezemount Park

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A). The Gospel we will listen to is St Matthew 21:28-32. In the Parable of the Two Sons, *actions speak louder than words*. Familiarising ourselves with the Word of God before we hear it at Sunday Mass is a good way of giving ourselves an opportunity to better understand what God is saying to us in the Sunday Scriptures. If you are interested in looking at the Scripture Readings in advance of Sunday Mass, you can access them on website: [www.catholicbishops.ie/readings](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/readings). (The weekday readings are also available on this site).