

Continuous Rosary in Ireland for Peace and Charity beginning on Ash Wednesday, 17th February 2021. To make this work there needs to be a minimum of two parishioners per parish, one with surname beginning A-L and one with surname M-Z to say the rosary twelve times per year. For more information visit www.continuousrosary.com

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues until tomorrow. We pray that all Christian people may abide in the love of God and bear much fruit through unity.

Now is the time

More than 50 years ago, in his famous 'I have a dream' speech, Martin Luther King Jr. talked about 'the fierce urgency of now'. He urged people to take positive action and to march forward together to address inequality and injustice, and his energy and conviction brought about massive change.

That sense of 'fierce urgency' seems to grab Jesus and the disciples in today's Gospel. In the opening chapters of Mark's Gospel everything happens 'at once' or immediately. There is a sense of hurry; the time has come, the kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside him. Simon, Andrew, James and John are certainly ready, so ready that they are prepared to leave behind their livelihoods, and even their families, to attend to the urgent business of spreading the Good News.

Jesus asks the same of us, his modern-day disciples: 'Follow me'. We are summoned too. We are challenged to set aside our worldly concerns, to see the world in a new way, and to begin a new adventure with Jesus. For every person in our world who is suffering or oppressed or in need, there is a 'fierce urgency of now'. The work of the kingdom is too immediate to wait.

'This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilising drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children... The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.'

Martin Luther King Jr.



Parish of Clones

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24th January
2021

Third Week
in
Ordinary Time

Masses and Intentions for the Week

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>(Sunday for the Word of God)</i>		
Vigil	7.30pm	Liam Quigley, Newtownbutler Road & Jimmy & Kitty Flynn, Newtownbutler Road & Mick, Mary & Aidan Quigley, Scotshouse People of the Parish
Sun 24th	11.30am	People of the Parish
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Mon 25th	10.00am	The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
Tue 26th	10.00am	Patrick & Mary Rooney & McCarney Family, O'Neill Park
Wed 27th	10.00am	
Thurs 28th	10.00am	St. Thomas Aquinas, priest
	10.00am	Tommy & Catherine Murphy, McCurtain Street
Fri 29th	10.00am	
Sat 30th	10.00am	Majella McMahon, O'Neill Park
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Vigil	7.30pm	Paul Treanor, Knocknagross
Sun 31st	11.30am	People of the Parish

Parish Mobile (in case of emergency): 085 817 6203.

Masses for the week

Saturday 7.30pm Sacred Heart, Clones
11.30am Sacred Heart, Clones

Weekdays: Mon-Sat in Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am

(When there is a funeral in Clones, the Mass will be at 11.00am)

All Liturgies in Sacred Heart Church are broadcast on the Parish website

Baptisms are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on the second Saturday of each month at 4.00pm and in St. Macartan's Church on the third Sunday at 1.00pm.

Sacred Heart Church Readers:

30th Jan Vigil Michael Killen
31st Jan 11.30am Josephine O'Neill

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2021

Because of the continuing restrictions that we are facing due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the scheduled Confirmations cannot take place on 17th April.

Parish Priests and Parish Administrators will be delegated by the Bishop to celebrate the sacraments in their own parishes in small/school groups, as in 2020.

By direction from the Diocesan Office, no sacramental celebrations should take place before the weekend of Sunday 18th April, subject to Covid – 19 restrictions.

We hope to be in a position in a few weeks to publish the dates for Confirmation, First Confession and First Holy Communion..

Schools in Clones Parish

St Comhgall's 55329	St Tiarnach's 51398	St Macartan's 677 51100
Gael Scoil Eois 52162	Largy College 51132	

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD is marked today. This special day was instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 to allow us focus on how we honour the Word of God in our lives and our communities. But it is not a new feast. Each Sunday we proclaim the Word of God in our celebration of the Eucharist. The Word of God is also proclaimed in other liturgies too, by clergy and by laypeople. This Sunday is a time when the community is called to give greater attention not just to the Word of God itself, but to reflect on how we honour that Word in our celebrations, the books that we proclaim the Word from, and how we live the Word in our daily lives. As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity draws to a close, it is worth remembering that for much of the year we share the same cycle of readings as used in other Christian assemblies.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2021. During this week we aim to celebrate through prayer the unique contribution that Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to supporting each other and living out Jesus' message of the gospel. This year's theme is 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience'. This is especially important at a time when school communities have been so affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Their faith and resilience is a great light in these challenging times. Resources for the week can be found on www.catholicschools.ie

A Prayer for Catholic Schools Week 2021

Loving God,
help our school communities to be places of hope,
faith and resilience, especially in these days of challenge.
May we become more and more like your son Jesus who,
by his words and actions,
showed your unconditional love for all people.
May we learn to be like him,
trusting in you and reaching out to those around us.
May your Holy Spirit be the source of inspiration and wisdom as
we journey together in faith, hope and love.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.