

Naomh Fionán An Fál Carrach nuachtlitir



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 7TH FEBRUARY 2021

Mass Times and Intentions for the Week

Mass from the Church is available live on:

<https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/falcarragh-parish-church>
& Parish Radio @ 106.5 FM

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE VIA OUR PARISH RADIO OR ONLINE VIA WEBCAM

Sat. 6th	7:00 pm	Martin O'Brien.....	Anniversary
Sun. 7th	11:00 am	Kathleen & Seamus Doogan	Anniversary
Mon. 8th	10:00 am	Carmel Sweeney.....	Anniversary
Tues. 9th	10:00 am	Jerry Carr.....	Anniversary
	7:00 pm	John O'Brien.....	Months Mind
Wed. 10th	10:00 am	Con Doherty.....	Anniversary
Thur. 11th	10:00 am	Brendan McFadden	Anniversary
Fri. 12th	10:00 am	Mary Boyle.....	Anniversary
Sat. 13th	7:00 pm	Private Intention.....	Anniversary
Sun. 14th	11:00 am	Joe Kelly.....	Anniversary

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: The Day Chapel in the church is open each day for private prayer from 1:30 pm – 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS: Available by request only

Jesus the Healer

In today's Gospel we read about Jesus' first healing in Mark's Gospel. Jesus hears of the illness of the mother of Simon's wife and goes to her. Due to the purity laws of his time this scene would have been considered controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told that he touches her, raises her up; he completely restores her to health. Many of his actions here would have been considered inappropriate.

The 'whole city' was crowded around the door as many people wanted to be healed. What a commotion! Jesus, very early on in his ministry is clearly a very popular and attractive figure. Another important aspect of this story is that Jesus does not remain comfortable in this house. He keeps moving, keeps going outward. This requires so much energy and an outpouring of love for those in need. Jesus shows us in today's Gospel what it takes to stay energised for our various ministries: quiet time and space for real encounter with God. Even then, the people hunted for him and said, 'Everyone is searching for you', and still today, everyone is searching.

We too are called to bring healing to others in any way that we can, to those who are seeking, those who are lost, those who are isolated. Jesus shows us that to do this we must be connected to that Divine Presence within us and in our world. Today we can ask ourselves, what do I need healing from? Bring this to Jesus in prayer. And also, how can I reach out, with a healing presence, to others, especially during this time of pandemic?

'I ask God to prepare our hearts to encounter our brothers and sisters, so that we may overcome our differences rooted in political thinking, language, culture and religion. Let us ask him to anoint our whole being with the balm of his mercy, which heals the injuries caused by mistakes, misunderstandings, and disputes. And let us ask him for the grace to send us forth, in humility and meekness, along the demanding but enriching path of seeking peace'. (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 254) Jane Mellett



NOTICES / FOGRAÍ

POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN VISITING THE CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER.



(Use wipes provided and ensure your hands are dry from the sanitiser before lighting candles)

It is VERY IMPORTANT to also remember: Remain safe at home:

- If your health is vulnerable or you feel unsure about coming out
- If you have Covid-19 or have had contact with someone who has
- If you are awaiting results of a Covid-19 test
- If you have a flu or cold like symptoms

ASH WEDNESDAY – 17TH FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday begins a penitential time of forty days or so of preparation for the great feasts of Holy week & Easter. The application of ashes is a symbol of the beginning of that journey, but not vital or necessary for it to start - many of us observe and keep Lent each year without getting any ashes on Ash Wednesday. If churches were open for public Mass, ashes could have been sprinkled on the head of a penitent, however as they are unlikely to be open, we can still all begin our Lenten journey without them.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN - DIOCESE OF RAPHOE

If you have a concern about the welfare and safety of a child, please contact any of the following:

Safeguarding Children Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Monastery Avenue, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Phone 074 9125669 or email: raphoesafeguarding@gmail.com

Designated Liaison Person: Margaret Northage 086 2183011.

Tusla - Child and Family Agency 074 9123672 / 9123770.
Gardaí National Protective Services Bureau 01 6663420 / 01 6663435.

WAYS BY WHICH YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH

I would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge all who are contributing to the parish at this time by dropping in their church envelopes or making payments online or through the bank at this difficult time to help keep the parish going. It is greatly appreciated.

Ways by which you can contribute:

- Placing your parish envelope through the letterbox in front door of the parochial house or to the letterbox on the wall beside the Sacristy door. All these are

checked and cleared each day.

- Direct Debit / Standing Order: Account details: Falcarragh Parochial Account. BIC: BOFIE2D. IBAN: IE09 BOFI 9051 1744 9468 50.

- Online using the idonate button at the top of the Diocesan website, raphoedioces.ie and then choosing Falcarragh Parish.

DONEGAL ETB - COURSES

Donegal ETB are offering FREE Courses across Donegal in welding, Business Admin, Bus Driving, Healthcare support, Hairdressing, etc. Training Allowances payable to those in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment. For more information Contact: Donegal ETB course recruitment: Claire or Tara on (074) 91 20542 or email: coursesdonegaltc@donegalletb.ie

50/50

Congratulations to Kathleen Brady, Meenlaragh who won the 50/50 prize this week of €851. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

WISE PROJECT: TAKE THE NEXT STEP TO YOUR NEW BEGINNING

Sometimes taking a step outside of your comfort zone is daunting. We understand this and support you through personal & career development so step by step, we can help you accomplish your employment goals for 2021. WISE – Women's Integration, Skills & Employment is a FREE service for Donegal women to assist them into education, employment or self-employment. You can contact us by phone or by our Facebook page – The WISE Project (<https://www.facebook.com/WISE500/>) Call Michelle on 086 145 2249

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Local contact number: 087 1443464

SUPPORT LINES FOR OLDER PEOPLE DURING COVID-19

ALONE Open every day: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

SeniorLine: Open every day from 10am-10pm. Freephone 1800 80 45 91

Parish Newsletters is available online on our Facebook site: @falcarraghparish & at: <http://www.parishpress.net>.

Cuimhneacháin Báis:

Annie Sweeney, Carrowcannon, whose funeral took place last Tuesday.

John O'Brien, Well Brae, whose months mind Mass is on Tuesday evening.

Anniversaries:

Martin O'Brien, Kathleen & Seamus Doogan, Carmel Sweeney, Jerry Carr, Con Doherty,

Brendan McFadden, Mary Boyle & Danny McGee.

May They Rest In Peace