

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A Week 3)

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*St. Patrick's Church* - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am*Star of the Sea Church* - Saturday 8pm Sunday 12 noon*St. Mary's Church* - Sunday 9am**Weekday and St. Patrick's Day Masses:***St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:* Thursday at 6pm . Mass on Friday at 10:30am will be in Irish.*Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:* Thursday at 8pm and Friday at 12noon*St. Mary's Church Lagg:* Wednesday at 9:30am and Friday at 9am**Connolly Foundation Oratory:** No Mass**Stations of the Cross:** Today Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March in St. Patrick's Church.Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March in St. Mary's Church. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March in Star of the Sea Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Roger and Mary Anne Doherty, Lower Braghey on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Tommy & Sadie Gallagher, Magherard on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Ellen Nora Doherty, Bree on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Brigid Doherty Ballynahona on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Bridie Mc Geoghegan, Crackna, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in St Patrick's Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Barbara Doherty (Babby) on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.**First Anniversary Mass:** Mary Mc Laughlin, Ballyheeney on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.**First Anniversary Mass:** Joe Gorman, Carnmalin on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Isabella Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghey on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.Anniversary Mass: Rose Gallagher, Francistown on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am in St Mary's Church.**Parish Collections for the last week: Thank You.**

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	490	280	215
<i>Restoration</i>	490	275	210

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€985</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€975</b>

**Parish Draw: February Winners:**

	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>5/2</b>	340 Brid O'Neill	300 Betty Houten	259 John Houton
<b>12/2</b>	257 Anne Marie & Celine Doherty	414 Diane & Paddy Doherty	147 John Reilly
<b>19/2</b>	276 Monica Walsh	410 Mary & Jimmy Mooney	368 Pearse Mc Laughlin
<b>26/2</b>	192 Teddy & Max Doherty	184 Rose Gallagher	226 Ayla Faulkner

**Parish Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March we once again pray as a parish for Marriage and Family Life. Our theme this month is 'All Mothers'. The joy of love: (Pope Francis). A mother joins with God to bring forth the miracle of a new life. Motherhood is the fruit of a "particular creative potential of the female body, directed to the conception and birth of a new human being". (168) Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centred individualism. It is they who testify to the beauty of life. Dear mothers, thank you. Thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world. (174) A mother who watches over her child with tenderness and compassion helps her or him to grow in confidence and to experience that the world is a good and welcoming place.

**Confirmation:** *Pledge to Avoid Alcohol and Illegal Drugs* for those confirmed on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30am Mas.s in St. Patrick's Aughaclay.

**Parish Draw** begins again in April. New cards are available this week. Promoters are asked to make returns on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in the Parochial House, Drumcarbit.

**Meeting of Parishioners to plan a Malin Parish Charity Shop:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8:30pm in the Parish Hall

**Liam Collins Funeral Directors Limited:** We have moved our funeral premises to Unit 4, Carndonagh Business Centre, Station Road, Carndonagh. (Up past council office)

**The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre**, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. An information session via ZOOM will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm. If you require any further information, or wish to register for the information session, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org)

**Malin GAA-The Big St. Angela's College, Sligo:** Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) with Online Delivery, Autumn. The programme is open to: Qualified primary & post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious

education may also apply. Closing date for Applications is Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June. Contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, School of Education, St. Angela's College, Lough Gill, Sligo E. [mkearns@stangelas.ie](mailto:mkearns@stangelas.ie). Website: [www.stangelas.ie](http://www.stangelas.ie).

**Glengad Community Centre:** Good as New Shop, Pound Street Carndonagh. All donations and support greatly appreciated. See Facebook for more info on: PMG Coaching for all ages, Coyle School of Irish Dancing, Réalta Academy of Drama and Performance and Glengad Youth Club.

**Breakfast:** GAA Centre on St. Patrick's Day from 9:30 – 1pm. €8 Adult €5 Child. All Welcome

**The Carndonagh Group of Alcoholics Anonymous** meets in the IDP Building, Pound Street, Carndonagh on Mondays and Thursdays at 8.30pm. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

**Gospel: John 4:5-42 *Jesus offers living water, the gift of the Holy Spirit***

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

**Slaking our thirst at the fountain of life**

The thirsting soul: Our need to drink regularly is obvious; without water we would quickly die. Not so easily recognized is the soul's thirst for meaning, for vision and purpose in life. We can be fully preoccupied with the surface of things, and quite neglect our spirit's obscure longing for eternal life. Like the Israelites, we worry constantly about physical needs, but are often unmindful of God who supplies them. Today, Jesus offers us the refreshing water of eternal life, a power of faith and union-with-God which is our deepest need, and can satisfy the thirst of our soul. How the desert blossoms, when water is brought to it. (We may cite dramatic examples of successful irrigation in Israel, Egypt, California.) The same miracle of growth can take place in the parched soul, if God lets his Spirit flow over me. All the ravages of doubt, fear and sin will yield to the new life of grace. A sacramental washing: Already in baptism, the sacramental washing with water by the Christian Church was a first contact with the grace of Christ. I was given a good start, planted well in the garden of God, with room to put down roots, and draw vital nourishment from the living spring of the Saviour. Yet, I need continuing help, to keep my spirit alive and pleasing to God as life goes on. Like the desert-wandering Jews, I suffer from thirst; I grow weary in confronting problems and temptations, Jesus guarantees me the "living water" I need. His own Spirit is always at hand, as a force of encouragement and fidelity. "To dwell in the house of the Lord": Our deep desire remains, something not confined to Christians but shared by the mystic tradition in other religions: namely, the yearning to come into the presence of God, and be welcomed by God. All of us are called by him to drink of that "fountain of water, springing up to everlasting life." In times of widespread religious scepticism, the hope of heaven as eternal life after death is often cast in doubt as wishful thinking. But we cling to this hope, relying on the word of Jesus. For Paul and the early Christians, the hope of eternal life breathed joy into all their efforts and sacrifices. Fidelity until death seemed well worthwhile, "for the weight of glory that will be revealed in us." Our part to play is turning aside from

sin, and trying to live by the gospel. God can be absolutely relied on to fulfil his promise, and will in time satisfy the deep thirst of our spirit.