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Stations of the Cross today Sunday in Star of the Sea Church at 6pm

St. Patrick's Day and Weekday Masses:

St. Mary's Church: Monday at 9am*St. Patrick's Church* Monday at 10:30am in Irish*Star of the Sea Church* Monday at 12noon and Friday at 7:30pm*Connolly Foundation:* Friday at 10am**Anniversary Mass:** Maryanne & Rodger Doherty on Saturday 15th March at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Ellen Nora Doherty, Bree on Saturday 15th March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Sadie and Tommy Gallagher, Magherard on Sunday 16th March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Bridie Mc Geoghegan, Crackna, Malin on Saturday 22nd March at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.**Month's Mind Mass:** Patsy Jordan, Carrowmore on Sunday 23rd March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**Month's Mind Mass:** Ann Marie Mc Laughlin, Glengad on Sunday 23rd March at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.**First Anniversary Mass:** Majella Gibbons on Saturday 29th March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Philomena Mc Callion, Francistown on Sunday 30th March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**First Anniversary Mass:** Joe Curley Magherard on Saturday 5th April at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Owen Mc Cullagh, Malin Town on Sunday 6th April at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Patrick and Isabella McLaughlin on Sunday 13th April at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**First Anniversary Mass:** James Douglas, Beaugh, Malin on Saturday 3rd May at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Seamus Mc Closkey on Sunday 4th May at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Kathleen Mc Laughlin, Dreenagh Road, Malin Head on Sunday 18th May at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**Anniversary Mass:** Donal Mor Family, Shantla on Saturday 31st May 6pm St. Patrick's Church.Please e-mail your anniversaries to malinparish@hotmail.com or leave them in the sacristy after mass.Parish Collections for Last Week: **Thank You.**

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<i>Parish</i>	725	235	190
<i>Restoration</i>	725	240	190

Parish Fund	€1250
Restoration Fund	€1255

Listen to Jesus only

The scene is traditionally considered as Jesus' transfiguration. It's not possible to reconstruct with certainty the experience that led to this surprising story: we only know that the Gospel writers give it great importance, since it is told as an experience that gives a glimpse of Jesus' true identity.

At the beginning, it notes the transformation of his face, and though Moses and Elijah come to speak with him "representatives of the law and prophets respectively" only Jesus' face remains transfigured and shining at the centre of the scene.

It seems that the disciples haven't grasped the reality of what's going on around them, since Peter says to Jesus: "*Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three booths, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah*". He puts Jesus on the same plane and at the same level as the two great biblical figures. Each one is to have his booth. Jesus doesn't yet occupy a central and absolute place in his heart.

God's voice will correct him, revealing Jesus' true identity: "*This is my Son, the Chosen One*", the one who has his face transfigured. He mustn't be confused with Moses or Elijah, whose faces are darkened. "*Listen to him*". To no one else. His Word is the only decisive one. The rest should take us to him.

We need to recover in today's Church the decisive importance of this Gospel story about Jesus as told in the bosom of the Christian communities from the beginning. These four writings constitute for Christians a uniquely basic source that we mustn't equate with the rest of the biblical writings.

The Gospels aren't teaching books that set out academic doctrines about Jesus. Nor are they biographies redacted to give detailed information about his historical trajectory. There is something that we can only encounter in them: the impact caused by Jesus on the first ones who felt themselves drawn by him and following him. They are "stories of conversion" that call for a change, for a following of Jesus and for an identification with his project.

That's why they need to be listened to with an attitude of conversion. And it's in that spirit that they should be read, preached, meditated on and kept in the heart of each believer and in every community. A Christian community that knows how to listen each Sunday to the Gospel story about Jesus in an attitude of conversion, that community begins

to change. The Church doesn't have any power for renewal more vigorous than that contained in these four small books.

Parish Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life: Next Thursday 20th March. Our theme is that of All Mothers. It is a call to spend time and attention on thinking about our mothers, praying for them, and affirming them for their amazing goodness in so many ways. It should be much more than the one day in March, Mother's Day Sunday 30th, that we focus on this. We have an opportunity to spread this focus throughout the month and so substantially build up the wonder that is our 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. (175) Some Thoughts: Sunday, March 31st is Mother's Day, or as it is traditionally called, Mothering Sunday. While it is largely a commercial occasion when prices go up, and hype is increased, it is also a real family occasion. Children are busy making special cards for their mothers. Plans are made to have a special meal to celebrate each mother. Flowers are a must! It is so important that we keep these prayers going today as we face so many challenges in the Church and in society, so many of them in relation to aspects of marriage and of family life. Our prayer, leading to positive action, can bring us through all these situations.

Note from Bishop McKeown. SSPX Resistance Ireland is a group holding Masses within the territory of the Diocese of Derry. Given their presence here in the Diocese of Derry, I find it necessary to stress the following:-
· The priests associated with SSPX Resistance Ireland are not in full communion with the Catholic Church and they do not accept the full teaching authority of the Church.
· The priests of SSPX Resistance Ireland administer sacraments, but do so illicitly—that is, without the necessary faculties and approval of the Church.
· The Catholic Church has no supervision whatsoever of the priests or ministers of SSPX Resistance Ireland, who have no connection with the Diocese of Derry in terms of Safeguarding practices and policies and are not overseen by the Bishop of Derry. Considering this information, I urge all the faithful to remain steadfast in communion with the Church, united with the Holy Father and the bishops who share in full communion with him. Let us continue to pray for the unity of the Church and for those who have distanced themselves from full communion, that they may one day be reconciled.

Bishop Donal McKeown

Vocations: We ask God's blessing on those being called to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry, that they will have the faith and trust of Abraham and St Patrick, and that they will listen to Jesus, the Son of God, the Chosen One.

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

Diocese Of Derry Pilgrimage To Lourdes: 30th June - 4th July. £849pps. Open Thursdays and Saturdays: 11am - 1pm. Tel: (028)71260293. Email: derrypilgrim@outlook.com. Payments for the pilgrimage are acceptable by online payment or cheque

A Theology Course for Lent: An exploration into Theology - Reading the signs of the times: a theology course presented by Fr. Brian Brady will take place on the Tuesdays of Lent at 7pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral Hall. St. Eugene's Cathedral Hall is just a few yards outside the cathedral grounds. All are welcome.

Malin Parish Draw will begin again in April. Promoters have their cards now. New members are very welcome.

Accord Inishowen is running a Face to Face Pre-Marriage Course on Friday 27th & Saturday 28th June, in Carndonagh. Book online: accord.ie or e-mail: inishowen@accord.ie.

Teach us to Pray Booklet –It can be downloaded at: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/teach-us-to-pray>.

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima: We are inviting young people aged 16 + to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 4 nights from 14th to 18th July. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with their peers from around the world in a faith context. Cost is £700 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in please contact lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org 00 44 2871264087.

Blessed Shamrock Boxes: At the St. Patrick's Day Mass(es) in our church(es), boxes of Blessed Shamrocks will be available at the entrance to the church and can be picked up on a 'donation' basis. This is a fundraising appeal by the Cuan Mhuire Addiction Treatment Centres. Sr Consillio founded Cuan Mhuire from humble beginnings in 1966, to help those suffering from addiction to alcohol, gambling, drugs etc. Cuan Mhuire has now grown to become one of the leading treatment centres in Ireland, especially catering for the less-well-off, who need help. The money raised from the Shamrock Fundraiser will go directly to Cuan Mhuire. Thank you.

Scoil Cholmcille Glengad Silver Circle Draw Winners: €120 Cathy Mc Colgan , €50 Jennifer Houton and €30 Josephine Cunningham.