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**PARISH MASSES**

**St Anne's Oratory**

Sunday : 9.00 a.m. and Monday to Friday: 10.00 a.m.

**St Mary's, Drumagarner**

Saturday 6.00 p.m. and Sunday 10.30 a.m.

**St Mary's, Craigavole**

Sunday 12 noon

**READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY YEAR B**

**Drumagarner** : 6.00 p.m. *Sue Anne McKiernan* 10.30 a.m. *Pauline Quigg*

**St. Anne's** : 9.00 a.m. *Bernadette Donaghy*

**Craigavole** : 12 noon : *Eimhear Downey*

**RECENT BAPTISM :**

We welcome as a member of our Christian community : **Allisa Catherine**, daughter of Gabriel and Valene, Craiglea Gardens, who was baptised in St Mary's Church, Drumagarner on Sunday 11th July.

**MONTH'S MIND MASSES :**

The 10.30 a.m. Mass in St Mary's, Drumagarner on Sunday 25th July will be offered as a Month's Mind Mass for the late **Pauline Convery**.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES :**

The 6.00 p.m. Mass in St Mary's Church, Drumagarner on Saturday 24th July will be offered as a First Anniversary Mass for the late **Paul and Varena Creelman**, Coleraine Street. The 10.00 a.m. Mass in St Anne's Oratory on Tuesday 27th July will be offered as a First Anniversary Mass for the late **Phil Hegarty**, Coleraine Street. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES :**

Daniel McGoldrick, Bridie Cuning, Seamus McDonnell, Barney O'Kane, Cassie Nevin, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Martha Flanagan, Patrick Lowrey, Jacqueline O'Kane, Sadie Darragh, Lizzie McGill, Eddie McIntyre, Joe O'Kane, Hugh Turner, Annie Dempsey, Maurice McKenna, Susanna Crawford, Kathleen McWilliams.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION :**

Last Week's Collection : £1605.00. Annual Collection for Papal Charities : £790

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY :**

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25th July on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20). Bishop Denis Nulty, chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family has welcomed Pope Francis' World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, as a timely reminder for the whole Church to be close to all the elderly and grandparents at this time of pandemic. There have been so many unsung heroes and heroines during the pandemic – grandparents and elders, including our older priests and religious – all who are to be applauded for how they have coped with the challenges and uncertainty brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. As a society we have learned a lot from their stoicism and pragmatism in the face of so many challenges. Throughout his papacy Pope Francis has reminded us to value the many gifts of grandparents and the elderly. In his theme chosen for this inaugural year *I am with you always*, the Holy Father is highlighting that promise of closeness that generations share with each other. Our little domestic churches are always enriched by the inclusion of grandparents and elders. In the text of his inaugural message Pope Francis expands on this theme and assures us that he has been close to all those who have felt isolated and alone in recent months and that, even at the darkest of moments, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us that 'He is with us always'. Pope Francis tells us that these angels sent to console us will at times have the face of our grandchildren, while at other times, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us." Bishop Nulty concluded, "The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is being celebrated for the first time this year as part of a special Year on the Family to mark the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)*.

**THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH :**

The path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre.

**A guided walk experience** will be offered *on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July*, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September. For bookings and further information email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone (0353) 71 9861518.

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*Notices for the Parish Newsletter and names of the deceased for the Anniversary List can be emailed to [parishofkilrea@btinternet.com](mailto:parishofkilrea@btinternet.com) before 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday.*