

Parish of Ardstraw East 31st Sunday of the Year

4th November 2012

Chapel - Mary Mother of God Weekday Masses

Thurs 7.30pm


Fri (Please note the time - 11.00am)

Confessions before Evening Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday St. Eugene's Glenock 10.30am


Fr Kearney is on Holiday until Thursday. Sick and urgent calls to one of our neighbouring Priests.



Our Prayers are requested for the Souls of

W.J. Morris, John McBride, Fr James McGlinchey, Jeannie Browne, Patsy & Bridie McNulty whose anniversaries occur at this time and

John Doherty, Eugene Gallagher, Jennifer Devanney and Leo McLaughlin recently enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society



Streams and rivers run through every valley and plain. They all have one destination; the ocean.. The one thing they all have in common is the river bank on both sides. This is crucial to the life of the river. If it's not there the river flows out to become a lake or a floodplain. It loses its life and energy, overflows but goes nowhere. The image of a riverbank is one that can best describe God's presence in our lives. Like the river bank God gently guides us on our own daily journeys. We need drive, direction and gentle guidance on our own journey. The bank of a river may seem insignificant or not very important. Remove that bank and the river is helpless. Remove God from our lives and we are also indeed helpless.



*If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil
would I fear, for you are there with me.
The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.*

6th Nov. All Saints of Ireland.

Every age, society and nationality experiences its unique belief in the Gospel and the life of the Church according to the flavours of the events, customs and fashions of their time. We are proud of the particular influence of Irish people, monks, missionaries, social emigrants and 'in more recent times. our peace keeping soldiers and volunteers who have given much, even their lives, for the good of other nations. We count them among the saints, as we count the people who made sacrifices for us, taught us, and guided us along ways that lead to stability, freedom and happiness. As we celebrate All the Saints of Ireland we remember that each one of us can be a saint for someone else.



Parish Christmas Cards

Pack of 8 cards £3, Mass Bouquets £3 each. Available from the Parochial House on Monday Evenings 6.30pm-8.30pm and Chris O'Brien, Pauline Gallagher, Hugh Coyle & Anne McColgan.



Follow the Star IOSAS Centre Christmas Trail

Visit The Celtic Prayer Garden at Derryvane, Muff for a Christmas experience, all the family can enjoy. A guided trail around the Christmas themed houses. The event will include crafts for children and storytelling on Christian traditions. For dates, times : Tel 00353 7493 84866 or Facebook 'IOSAS Centre Christmas Trail'

November Counters

Frank McGillion, Fintan Gallagher & Joe Doherty. Please be at the Parochial House on Mon Evenings @ 7pm.

November Altar Society

St. Mary's Eilish Maguire
St. Eugene's Eithne Conway

November Readers

St. Mary's Cathal Harkin
St. Eugene's Aidan Maguire

The Year of Faith

The renewal of the Church is also achieved through the witness offered by the lives of believers: by their very existence in the world, Christians are called to radiate the word of truth that the Lord Jesus has left us. The Council itself, in the Dogmatic Constitution said this: While "Christ, 'holy, innocent and undefiled' knew nothing of sin, but came only to expiate the sins of the people ... the Church ... clasping sinners to its bosom, at once holy and always in need of purification, follows constantly the path of penance and renewal. The Church, 'like a stranger in a foreign land, presses forward amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God', announcing the cross and death of the Lord until he comes. But by the power of the risen Lord it is given strength to overcome, in patience and in love, its sorrow and its difficulties, both those that are from within and those that are from without, so that it may reveal in the world, faithfully, although with shadows, the mystery of its Lord until, in the end, it shall be manifested in full light. Pope Benedict XVI



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

Church Finances

Offertory Coll. £ 880
Mission Coll £ 253

Parish Draw Winners Week 40

£100 Ebony Rose Tibbs 213
£ 50 Rosemary Devine 416
£ 25 Mary McColgan 420
£ 25 Pascal Devine 246
£10 Collectors Prize Cathy Tibbs

St. Eugene's G F C.

Kevin Gallagher has been nominated for a Team Talk All Star. Vote for Kevin on <http://www.teamtalkmag.com/archives/19274> - voting closes 18th Nov.

Art club for primary school children on Weds 5-6.pm in the clubrooms.£1 per week.

Development Draw Tickets available from committee members. £20 each, 3 for £40, 4 for £50 £15,000 in Prizes.

AGM Mon19th Nov at 7.30pm in the clubrooms.

Commiserations to the U13 boys who were beaten in the semi-final replay by Killeshil. Thanks to all who provided transport on Saturday and throughout the year.

Bulletin Notices

N.B. All notices, including Anniversaries should be delivered in **writing** or e-mail to **ardstrawparochial@btinternet.com** by **12.noon on Thursday**

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