

Parish of Ardstraw East

4th Sunday of the Year



Chapel - Mary Mother of God

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs

10.00am

(Mon - Mass for Catholic Schools Week)

(Wed - St. Brigid Crosses will be Blessed at Mass)

(Thurs - Candlemas Candles will be Blessed at Mass)

Fri (Anniversary Charlie Hunter) 7.30pm

29th January 2012



Saturday Vigil

6.30pm

(Mass Celebrated for Deceased Members of Derry Diocesan Society)

Confessions before Masses



Our Prayers are requested for the Souls of

Charlie Hunter, Isobel Quinn, Annie Devine, John Charles McDonnell,

Annie Harkin, John McNamee, Charlie Coyle,

Mary McNamee and Paddy Kearney

Whose anniversaries occur at this time

Presentation of the Lord

(Candlemas)

2nd February



Candlemas celebrates what is now called the Presentation of the Lord, when the infant Jesus was taken to the Temple by his parents according to Jewish custom. Candlemas, the 40th day after Christmas marks the end of the Christmas cycle. The name Candlemas comes from the traditional observance of blessing candles and distributing them to worshippers. The candles recall the lights of Christmas. They also symbolize Simeon's words to Mary and Joseph - that Jesus would be "a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." Simeon had waited all his life to see Jesus. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he

would live long enough. When Mary and Joseph presented the baby at the temple, Simeon said, "Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples." Are the goals we set worth a lifetime of wanting, as Simeon's was?



St Blaise 3rd Feb.

Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

Throats will be Blessed at Friday Mass.



Northern Ireland Cancer

Lourdes Pilgrimage Sun 27th May - Fri 1st June 2012. Pilgrims will be accompanied by a Priest, medical, nursing and Oncology staff. £599 (reduction for Oncology patients) Telephone 07516759646 for enquiries & booking forms.

Pope John Paul II Award



Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, will present the awards on Tues 7th Feb in the Millennium Forum, @ 7.30 pm. **Tickets are Limited** - contact the Catechetical Centre as soon as possible on 02871264087 or admin@thepopejohnpauliiaward.com

Eucharistic Congress 2012

Tickets for the final Mass of the International Eucharistic Congress in Croke Park on Sunday 17th June 2012 are available. Applications forms and information are available from parish Office. Buses are being organised from the Dioceses.

Foyle Hospice



Invite everyone to Leap Into Action on Wed 29th Feb. Go crazy this Leap Year and try something different. For information contact 02871359888, or email michellemcginn@foylehospice.com

Pilgrimages 2012.

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Offertory Collection £ 898.00
Parish Draw £2,946.00



Cheques. For all Parish Accounts should be made payable to

St. Eugene's Parochial Church

Parish Draw week 1

£100 Aileen Devine (414)
£ 50 Margaret Bolton (187)
£ 25 Aiden Maguire (205)
£ 25 Carolanne McNamee (360)

£10 Coll Prize Siobhán McNamee

St. Eugene's GAC



First Aid Course on Saturday 25th Feb for all coaches. Contact Roisin.

Ladies Fundamental Coaching course in Pairc Naomh Eoghain on Saturday 11th February. Contact Roisin 07794881507.

Presentation Night in Castle Hotel on Saturday 18th February.

Last Man Standing starts on 4th February. Contact Gerard McNamee 07798921469.

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