

Parish of Ardstraw East

5th Sunday of the Year



Chapel - Mary Mother of God

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs 10.00am
(Monday & Tuesday Masses for Parish Mass Cards recipients)
Fri Mass & Blessing of Sick & Carers 6.30pm
Sat 11th Feb - World Day of the Sick
Saturday Vigil (Month's Mind - Maisie Harkin) 6.30pm
Confessions before Masses
Sunday - 10.30am St. Eugene's Glenock
The Sick will be visited on Mon & Tues in the usual order.



5th February 2012



Our Prayers are requested for the Souls of

Laurence McNamee, P J Ward, Ann Harkin and Pat McAnenna

Whose anniversaries occur at this time

On the occasion of the World Day of the Sick, which we will celebrate on 11th February, the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin of Lourdes, I wish to renew my spiritual nearness to all sick people who are in places of care or are looked after in their families, expressing to each one of them the solicitude and the affection of the whole of the Church.

In the generous and loving welcoming of every human life, above all of weak and sick life, a Christian expresses an important aspect of his or her gospel witness, following the example of Christ, who bent down before the material and spiritual sufferings of man in order to heal them.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day". The Eucharist, is above all 'medicine of immortality, the antidote for death' the sacrament of the passage from death to life, from this world to the Father, who awaits everyone in the celestial Jerusalem. The theme this year is, 'Stand up and go; your faith has saved you', also looks forward to the forthcoming 'Year of

Faith' which will begin on 11th October 2012, a propitious and valuable occasion to rediscover the strength and beauty of faith, to examine its contents, and to bear witness to it in daily life.


I wish to encourage the sick and suffering to always find a safe anchor in faith, nourished by listening to the Word of God, by personal prayer and by the Sacraments, while I invite pastors to be increasingly ready to celebrate them for the sick. Following the example of the Good Samaritan and as guides of the flocks entrusted to them, priests should be full of joy, attentive to the weak, the simple and sinners, expressing the infinite mercy of God with reassuring words of hope. To all those who work in the world of health, and to the families who in their relatives see the suffering Face of the Lord Jesus, I renew my thanks and that of the Church.



Benedictus PP XI

World Day of Sick

'Stand up and go; your faith has saved you'.
 Mass with Anointing of Sick, and blessing of carers, in St. Mary's Oratory, @ 6.30 pm on Friday 10th Feb. A cup of tea for all in the meeting room after Mass. All welcome.
Please note time 6.30 pm.

Children in Crossfire sends a  message of thanks for our Donation

St. Eugene's Glenock

We had a specialist church repair firm to look at the pine seats which were showing signs of woodworm attack and opening of joints. They carried out repairs and treatment to all wood work and also fitted padded kneelers. The total cost was £7,150.00. It was necessary work we have got a good job done. It carries a 20 year guarantee.

February Counters

Martina & Melissa Mayse, Eilish Maguire and Barney Comber. Please be at the Parochial House on Mon Evenings @ 7pm.

Altar Society

St. Mary's Annie Josephine Falconer

Readers

St Mary's Anna Harkin
 St. Eugene's Ciara McSorley

Friends of St Joseph's

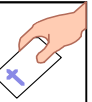
Due to demand a reprint of our book "St. Joseph's High School Plumbridge - Reflections of A Rural School" will be available soon. Details in the next few weeks.

Friends of Gallan

Meeting in the Committee Room, St. Mary's Oratory on Tues 7th Feb @ 7.30pm.

Church Finances

Offertory Collection £ 890.00
 Parish Draw £ 26.00



Parish Draw week 2

£100 David McKane (126)
 £ 50 P J McMenamin (392)
 £ 25 Hugh McSorley (456)
 £ 25 Joseph McNamee (169)
 £10 Coll Prize Hugh Coyle

St. Eugene's GAC

First Aid Course on Saturday 25th Feb for all coaches. Contact Roisin.
 Presentation Night in Castle Hotel on Saturday 18th February.

Well done to Patricia Maguire Solo Singing and the Novelty Act who have qualified for the Scor Semi Final in Dun Uladh on Sun 12th February at 6pm. Thanks to the Quiz Team and to all who helped out at Scor, especially Elish, Deirdre & Pauline for their help with the catering.

Committee Meeting Mon 6th Feb at 8pm in the clubrooms.
 ACCESS NI forms to be returned to Roisin on or before Monday 6th February

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