

## A look into the life of Priesthood

Fr Stephen Kearney



“Christians are indistinguishable from other people; either by nationality, language or customs. Their teaching is not based upon dreams or wild ideas inspired by curiosity.

Christians love all human beings, but all persecute them. Condemned because they are not understood, they are put to death, but raised to life again. To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body. As the visible body contains the invisible soul, so Christians are seen living in the world, but their religious life remains unseen. The world hates the Christians, not because they have done any wrong, but because they are opposed to what the world tells them to enjoy.

Christians love those who hate them. It is by the soul, that the body is held together, and similarly, it is by the Christians, detained in the world as in a prison, that the world is held together.”

Wednesday was a normal day for me until I read this passage, as part of the Prayer of The Day. I found my memory jumping back to a Church history class in Maynooth. At that time I was doing a lot of thinking, and having serious unsettling doubts about Priesthood and Ordination. It was the enthusiasm of the “Old” Professor (*about 65!*) and how he was able to find inspiration to encourage us young men, that tipped the balance. Yes I would go on, and I would try to be a good priest, encouraging the young, listening to their parents, trying to give hope to the older people in times where there very little excitement in being a Christian, especially a Catholic. I could not see myself as a Holy Priest, but I would not refuse this call from the people of God to be their leader.

### Recent Baptisms



We welcome through Baptism:  
Eloise Victoria Lally

### Recent Deaths



We pray for the families of:  
Fr Jerry Fitzpatrick, Termonbacca  
Harry Alexander, Gortin Rd  
Eamon McGale, Tamlaght Rd  
May they rest in peace

### THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS VOL1

St Francis of Assisi : Continues...

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May / 8pm / Christ the King Church

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May / 10.30am / Parish Centre, KC

### Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on the Bank Holiday Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May and again on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. In the event of an emergency only, please contact the emergency mobile: 07561838455.

**Bingo** Every Monday at 9pm in the Parish Centre

### Cappagh GAA Lottsodoo:

Winning No's: 15, 18, 24, 25, 29

Jackpot remains at £5,000.

### Thank you for your donation:

Stipend: £5,444

### “Come & See”

“If anyone loves me they will keep my word and my Father will love them.” Do you feel these words addressed to you to deepen your relationship with the Lord as a Priest, Deacon or in the Consecrated life? If you do, contact Fr. Chris Ferguson, Director of Vocations: 07973423152 or email: [chris\\_j\\_ferguson@hotmail.com](mailto:chris_j_ferguson@hotmail.com)

### Celebrating a Golden Jubilee

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in St Mary’s Church, Killyclogher, Fr Stephen Kearney will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his priestly ordination. Afterwards there will be a gathering in the Parish Centre where light refreshments will be served. Everyone is very welcome to attend and join in this wonderful celebration!

### Celebrating an Ordination and First Mass

Rev Declan McGeehan will be ordained to the Priesthood on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 3pm in St Eugene’s Cathedral, Derry; and will celebrate a first Mass in St Mary’s Church, Killyclogher on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. There will be a social gathering in the Parish Centre after Mass with light refreshments served. This is an opportunity for all to wish Rev Declan all of God’s blessings in his ministry. Everyone welcome!

Safeguarding Children Contact Details for Relevant Agencies and Services

PSNI 0845 600 8000 | Gateway Services 028 8283 5043

Alternatively, if you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of church personnel and wishes to report it to church authorities please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will, in turn, report this concern to the relevant statutory authorities.

Noel O'Donnell 075 9650 0793 | Celine McKenna 075 9666 7773

Pope Francis Tweets



God does not reside in the greatness of that which we accomplish, but in the littleness of the poor persons that we meet.

# Mass Schedule

## **St Mary's Church, Killyclogher**

*Sunday Mass:* Vigil: 7.30pm, 9am, 11am.  
*Daily Mass:* Mon-Sat 10am. Tues & Fri: 7.30pm  
*Confessions:* Sat after 10am  
*Rosary:* Mon-Sat 9.10am  
*Adoration:* Fri 3pm-7.20pm  
*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:* Tues 10am  
*Divine Mercy Chaplet:* Sun 3pm  
*Mothers Prayer Group:* Fri after 10am Mass

## **St Mary's Church, Knockmoyle**

*Sunday Mass:* 10am / *Weekly:* as announced

## **Christ the King Church, Strathroy**

*Sunday Mass:* Vigil 6.30pm, 12noon  
*Daily Mass:* Mon & Wed: 7.30pm  
 Thurs morning as announced  
*Confessions:* Mon&Wed: 7-7.20pm. Sat 5.45-6.20pm  
*Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet:* Wed 6.45pm  
*Adoration:* Mon 6-7pm, Thurs 7-8pm &  
 Sun 3.30-6.30pm  
*Pro-Life Prayer Group:* Mon 6-7pm *during adoration)*

## **Corpus Christi Church, Mountfield**

*Sunday Mass:* 10am

### **Baptism Team Require Volunteers**

The Parish Baptism team urgently require new members. If you feel you could offer to help 2hours, once a month, we would greatly appreciate your support. Contact Orla for info: 028 8224 3375

### **Knockmoyle Hall Committee**

Wish to thank everyone who generously supported or contributed in any way to the Coffee Morning on St Patrick's Day and the Charity Dance on Easter Tuesday. A total of £900 was raised in aid of Marie Curie. Thank you for making these events such a great success!

### **Knockmoyle Hall Committee A.G.M**

Takes place in the hall on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm. All welcome.

### **Mountfield News**

Spring design floral art evening with Milton Porter on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Tickets, £5, can be purchased in the shop.

### **St Mary's Creggan : 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of it's Dedication**

Following an extensive programme of refurbishment , Bishop McKeown will re-dedicate the church at a Mass celebrated at 7.30pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Everyone is welcome and the Mass can also be watched live at: [www.churchservices.tv/creggan](http://www.churchservices.tv/creggan)

### **Transfer 2020 : GLA Information Evening**

### **Christian Brothers Grammar School / Loreto Grammar School**

For parents of Primary 6 children. Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30pm. In Christian Brothers Grammar School, Omagh, Sports Hall. Parking in Henderson's Car Park.

### **National Eucharistic & Marian Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**

Friday evening 14<sup>th</sup> June and or all-day Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. There is a full programme organised for all age groups. Programmes run separately on the day with talks, adoration, workshops, anointing, Holy Mass and more. For details: [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie) or email: [info@eucharisticadoration.ie](mailto:info@eucharisticadoration.ie) or text 0035387 2478519.

### **Omagh Comhaltas**

Fleadh Launch is taking place in Strule Arts Centre at 7pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

4-9<sup>th</sup> July 2019. There are a limited number of places left. Cost:£679 per person sharing. Anyone interested in travelling, please contact the Lourdes Office - open Tuesdays/Thursdays/Saturdays 11am-1pm. Tel: 028 7126 0293. Email: [derrypilgrim@outlook.com](mailto:derrypilgrim@outlook.com).

### **Annual Buffet and Dance**

North West Regional P.T.A.A and Friends invite you to their Annual Dance in Shepherd's Rest, Sixtowns on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 at 8.30pm. Dancing to Cascades. Admin, by ticket only, £15. For information contact Michael Livingstone: 07808395338.

### **Anniversary Mass**

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> May:** 1<sup>st</sup> Aniv: Mary McGlinchey, McIvor Villas / 7.30pm / KC

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> May:** Gerry McCann, Strathroy Rd / 7.30pm / CTK

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May:** Dominic Earley, Mullaghmore Drive / 7.30pm / KC

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Jun:** Tommy & Cathal McNamee, Knockmoyle Grove / 6.30pm / CTK

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Jun:** Mark Ewing, Tormore Rd, Arvalee / 7.30pm / KC

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun:** Frances McCann, Glengawna Rd / 10am / KM

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun:** Felix McAleer Snr, Arleston Rd / 11am / KC

### **JOB OPPORTUNITY – FAITH FORMATION CO-ORDINATOR**

*Derry Diocesan Trust*, in the parishes of *Culmore and Steelstown, Derry City*. Full Time (37 hours) Fixed Term One Year Contract (*with possibility of extension*). The employee will facilitate the growth of the faith of parishioners of all ages and form an effective team to help implement the vision and parish goals for faith formation, working in both parishes, which currently [have three primary schools and one post-primary school](#). For application packs please email [payroll@derrydiocese.org](mailto:payroll@derrydiocese.org) or telephone 028 71262 302. Completed applications must be returned to Derry Diocesan Trust, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, or via email, to be received no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Interviews will be held on the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

*Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.*

Contact the parish office to book Baptisms, Weddings, Mass Intentions, (month's minds and 1<sup>st</sup> anniversaries take precedence - booking is subject to change) Notices for CPN must be received by Wednesday at 12noon.

Parish office opening times: Mon-Thurs: 9am-3.45pm. | Fri: 9am-2.45pm | Lunch daily: 1-1.30pm

**Parish Office** 028 8224 3375  
**Fr Kevin McElhennon PP** 028 8225 8108  
**Fr Stephen Kearney** 028 8225 2643

**Emergency mobile** 07561838455  
**Fr Daniel McFaul CC** 028 8225 1055  
**SVP KC** 07738837992 | CTK 07738838066