

Granaghan Parish News

Sunday, 4th October 2020 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SPECIAL MASS

Pregnancy and Infant/Child Loss Awareness Week 9th-14th October.

Mass of the Angels will be Monday 12th October at 7.30pm.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no lighting of candles this year

Gran Tots playgroup

Do you have a child born July 17-June 18 Pre-school or July 18-June19 Pre-Preschool? To express an interest in your child attending a 'High Capacity Playgroup' as recognised in their latest

Congratulations

Firstly, to all the children who were confirmed over the last three weeks. May they be effective witnesses to the life of Christ in our midst. Secondly, congratulations to all the girls and boys who made their First Holy Communion over the last two weeks. We pray that they will return often to receive Jesus in this great Sacrament.

Feasts during the Week

Wednesday - Our Lady of the Rosary Today's feast urges us to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of Mary who was in a special manner associated with the Incarnation.

Friday - St. John Henry Newman He is associated with the establishment of the Catholic University of Ireland. The Church in Ireland is deeply aware of St. John Henry's gentle scholarship, deep human wisdom, and profound love of the Lord.

Family Rosary Crusade

Archbishop Eamonn Martin is asking families to pray the rosary together for the month of October in what is called the Family Rosary Crusade. On Saturday October 10th, the Hail Holy Queen Conference will be live and exclusive on Radio Maria Ireland, beginning with the rosary from 12.30pm. Guest speakers include Dana, Marino Restrepo, Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill, and more. On Sunday October 11th, the Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith in Ireland will take place. This year we will again join in with many other countries from around the world. We are invited to gather safely (respecting social distancing) on our coasts, at our grottos, our churches, our river banks, our homes, or wherever we can, to pray the rosary

safely together, at 2.30pm. See www.coastalrosaryireland.ie to see locations near you or to register a location.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8 am – 8 pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

QUB Catholic Chaplaincy

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's reopened on Monday 21st September. Our liturgies, faith events and social gatherings are popular with students and alumni. We have a range of groups and societies whose activities appeal to a wide range of interests. Our Chapel, Food Bar and study space are open throughout the academic year. Wherever you are on your faith journey, know that we are here for you. For more visit qubcatholic.org or drop by for a coffee and chat at 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast.

Day for Life

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's Day for Life is celebrated in Ireland today (Sunday) and will focus on the theme: 'Choose Life'. On this twenty-fifth anniversary of St John Paul II's letter *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), we renew the call for respect and celebration of all life. The parish is a 'family of families' (*Amoris Laetitia*, 87). We ask our parishes to be places of welcome, where we can support pregnant women and celebrate the precious gift entrusted to them. We recognise that family is often 'a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems' (*Amoris Laetitia*, 57). We want to provide support for women and men who face difficult circumstances, as well as those who have experienced abortion and seek comfort in the Lord and their community.

Access the Day for Life Resources on: www.councilforlife.ie

The Net

The September edition of The Net is now available online, on www.derrydiocese.org. As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting interviews, articles, and photos from parishes across the diocese. There is a 'Remembering Bishop Lagan' feature and a 'Remembering John Hume' article in the September issue. You are invited to read The Net, on the diocesan website, at your convenience.