

# PARISH OF GRANAGHAN

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy  
to the family and friends of  
**EAMONN McMAHON**  
who has died recently.  
May he rest in peace.



St Vincent De Paul Helpline: Tel:07927900310



That those called to serve the Church as priests will treat everyone with the compassion Jesus shows to the woman in today's gospel because, as St Paul tells us in the second reading, "...God desires to show mercy to all mankind."

We pray, during this Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood, for our own diocese, for our deacon, Stephen Ward, as he prepares for ordination next month, for our seminarians, for those who are hoping to begin their formation this year, and for all those discerning a vocation at this time. Mary, Queen of Priests, pray for them.

**Indoor Bowls:** We are starting on Thursday 14th September in Michael Davitts Gaa hall from 7.30 until 9.30. All new members welcome.

**BLESSING OF BIKES - St Aengus' Church, Burt, Co. Donegal:** All bikers are very welcome to the annual blessing of motorbikes and scooters on Sunday 17 September, at 1.00pm. There will be a short service in St Aengus' Church at 1.00pm, followed by the blessing of the bikes. During the service, prayers will be said for all our biker friends who have died since this time last year. Names can be emailed to gerardsweeney@ymail.com. A collection will be taken up for the RNLi. After the blessing, there will be a run to the RNLi Station at Ned's Point, Buncrana. Light refreshments will be available for all. A Mass will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road, Strabane at 11:30am, on the same day. The Mass will be in remembrance of all deceased bikers. We will leave immediately after Mass to go to St Aengus, Burt.

## 'BUILDING PARISH LIFE' -

Talk by Mr David Wells in St Columb's College, Buncrana Road, Derry: **Tuesday 29 August, 7.00pm - 8.30pm.** You are invited to a talk on building parish life with catechist, international speaker and author David Wells. David has worked with parishes and dioceses internationally, encouraging and inspiring people to share the Joy of the Gospel, through the lens of building parish life. He invites us to be witnesses to the Gospel and to encourage others on their journey of faith, in the context of taking up opportunities, ministries and responsibilities at local parish level. This is a free event. Booking is not required. We hope this talk, will be an inspiration to renew the work of building parish and help discern the way forward in changing times in our parishes. We hope to see you there.



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AT  
MICHAEL DAVITT SWATRAGH**

**WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST  
from 7PM TO 8.30PM**



£3 ENTRY



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Everyone Welcome

Derry U14, U16 & Senior All Ireland  
Champions Swatragh Girls will be visiting



**Weekly Collection: £936**  
**July Standing Orders: £1,240**  
**Donations to work on Trees in Graveyard:  
additional £110**  
**Grand Total received to date: £10,825**