



29th August - 4th September 2021

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MASSES & INTENTIONS
 Our website has our Mass Schedule as well as the link to our online Mass which is streamed on our Facebook page. Readings for Mass are on our Sacred Space page.
www.pastoralareagnr.com

Saturday 28th/Sunday 29th August
 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00pm (Saturday 28th, Vigil Mass) DAMASTOWN
 ✧ Elizabeth Fitzpatrick (A) - Nicky O'Connor (Birth Rem) - Maura O'Connor & DFM

9.20am BALLYBOUGHAL
 ✧ Stephen Dungan (2nd Anniv)

10.30am GARRISTOWN
 ✧ Liam Connell (Anniv) - Anne Wendland (RD)

12 Noon NAUL
 ✧ Missa pro populo

Tuesday 31st August at 10.30am NAUL
 Tuesday of the 22nd week of Ordinary Time

✧ Special intention

Wednesday 1st September at 10.30am BALLYBOUGHAL
 Wednesday of the 22nd week of Ordinary Time

✧ Special intention

Thursday 2nd September at 10.30am GARRISTOWN
 Thursday of the 22nd week of Ordinary Time

✧ Special intention

Friday 3rd September at 10.30am ONLINE
 St Gregory the Great

✧ Special intention

Please contact the Pastoral Area Office by phone or email if you would like to request a Mass intention. Mass cards are also available.

Sacred Space

Visit the Sacred Space page of our website for daily prayer/retreat resources and suggestions for different ways to pray with children.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
 Our churches are open again for private prayer. It is important that you wear a face mask at all times in the church, use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave, stay within the designated area and avoid using the benches, and try to keep your visit as short as possible. If you feel unwell or have any of the COVID symptoms we kindly ask you to stay at home.
If you have any time to help us keep our churches clean & open then please contact us.

Garristown:	Mon - Wed & Fri	10am - 4pm
Ballymadun:	Mon - Fri	5.45pm - 6.45pm
Naul:	Mon	9am - 3pm
	Wed	10am - 4pm
	Fri	12pm - 3pm
Damastown:	Mon - Fri	10am - 4pm
Ballyboughal:	Mon - Thu	9am - 1pm

GATHERING IN CHURCH FOR MASS
 As the COVID restrictions begin to ease we are now able to gather again in church for Mass.
 As before, there are certain conditions in place:

- MAXIMUM of 50 people
 - Social distancing
 - Follow the direction of the Stewards
 - Sanitising hands on entry and exit
 - Wearing mask covering nose & mouth while inside
 - Church doors will also need to be left open to provide the necessary ventilation
- Please keep checking our website for further updates: www.pastoralareagnr.com

SEASON OF CREATION

This is an annual initiative, running each year from September 1 to October 4, where Christians from across the globe come together to celebrate our common home in prayer and action. God gave humanity the role of caretakers of all creation - our wellbeing is interwoven with its wellbeing. This is an opportunity to find ways to care for our common home and our sisters and brothers who share it. This year's theme is **A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God.** For more information please visit: www.seasonofcreation.org

- SOME IDEAS FOR CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION:**
- ✧ Go for a walk & notice the wonders of God's Creation and our common home
 - ✧ Review how you shop - buy local or Fairtrade products where possible
 - ✧ Avoid as much waste as you can: Reduce, Reuse & Recycle
 - ✧ Try reading Pope Francis's Church Encyclical *Laudato Si* during this month (available on the Vatican website: www.vatican.va)
 - ✧ Consider getting involved in your local Tidy Towns group
 - ✧ Plant pollinator friendly plants in your window box or garden
 - ✧ Find ways to be more energy efficient at home - use energy efficient light bulbs, reduce water consumption etc.
 - ✧ Pray this prayer each day:
*All-powerful God,
 you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. AMEN*
 (adapted from *Laudato Si*, 246)

ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES
 Again, current restrictions mean we are unable to gather in person for this year's Blessing of Graves. Private blessings have already been recorded in WESTPALSTOWN, BALLYMADUN, GRALLAGH, BALLYBOUGHAL & GARRISTOWN CEMETERIES (Naul & Hollywood still to come.) Videos are available on the Sacred Space page of our website. All those buried in our cemeteries will also be remembered at Mass.

WELCOME BACK!
 to all the children & staff in our schools. Wishing you every blessing in the year ahead.

Have you ever visited our website www.pastoralareagnr.com? We would welcome your feedback:

- Is it easy to find what you are looking for?
- Does it contain what you need?
- Is there anything missing?
- Do you have any suggestions for improvements?

Please email any thoughts or ideas to pagnr44@gmail.com

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 COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

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