

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**Tullylish Parish**  
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**11th May 08**

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Fr. Gerry Powell P.P. 4 Holywell Road Laurestown Craigavon BT18 6AT Tel: 406 24236 Fax: 406 25440	Masses Saturday 6.00pm Gifford Clare 7.30pm	Sunday 10.00am 11.00am	Fr. Martin Mc Donagh C.S.Sp. 2 Hallow's Hill Road Gifford Craigavon BT18 6AJ Tel: 92838 83126
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**Weekday Mass Schedule**

L'wren Gifford	Monday 7.30pm 10.00am	Tuesday 10.00am	Wednesday 7.30pm 10.00am	Thursday 10.00am	Friday 9.30am 10.00am
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**ANNIVERSARIES**

Laurestown	Sat 10th 6.00pm Kathleen, Mary & Paddy Maguire
Sun 11th 10.00am	Shirah, Patrick & Jimmy Sherrill Thomas Cunningham
Wed 14th 7.30pm	James and Sallie Byrne James and Roseann Campbell, Tullylish
Sat 17th 6.00pm	Bridie and Vincent O'Dowd
Gifford	Sun 11th 11.30am Owen Ferguson (O.M.) Bernie McQuillan Edward Robinson
Sat 17th 11.30am	Clare
Sat 10th 7.30pm	Sean McAllister
Sat 17th 7.30pm	Bridie & Vincent O'Dowd

**Recently Deceased**  
 Mr. Joseph McConville  
 Children: Peter, Brian  
 and we offer our sincere sympathy to his wife Christine, son Charles, daughter Cathy and the entire family circle.

**First Holy Communion**  
 Gifford  
 Saturday 31st May  
 11.00am

**Cemetery Sunday 1st June**  
 Laurestown: 2.30pm  
 Clare at 4.00pm

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

L'wren	Gifford	Clare
Sat 10th P. Jordan	S. Moran	S. Moran
Sun 12th P. Moran	K. Conn	J. Cucknell
Sat 17th E. Magee	J. Conacher	
Sun 18th A. Byrne		

**Lourdes Pre-Pilgrimage Mass**  
 Sat 10th May 2008 The Clare 7.30pm  
 Prédica boxes are available in each church.

**PLEASE DONOT PUT MONEY IN THESE BOXES.**  
 If anyone would like Mass offered in Lourdes, please contact Fr. Powell, who is travelling to Lourdes. Candle donations should be given to a member of the Lourdes Committee.

*We send our prayers and best wishes to all who are travelling to Lourdes, especially those who will be staying at the Lourdes Hospital. For those who are not travelling on this year's pilgrimage, you can join in spirit, by reciting the following prayer each day from Sat 17th to Sat 24th.*

**Prayer to our Lady of Lourdes**  
 Blessed be the Holy and Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God.  
 Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.  
 Mary, our Mother, have pity on us.  
 Our Lady of Lourdes, lead us, for the love and honour of the Holy Trinity.  
 Our Lady of Lourdes, lead us, for the conversion of sinners.  
 Health of the sick, pray for us.  
 Success of the righteous, pray for us.  
 O Mary conceived without sin,  
 pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3)

O God, through the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, deign to prepare a fit dwelling for thy son, we humbly entreat thee to grant us, who adore the Apparition of the Immaculate Virgin, health of soul and body. Through the name Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

If you, or a member of your family is ill, housebound or in hospital and you would like Fr. Powell or Fr. McDonagh to call, please let us know.

**BURMA APPEAL**

Trocare has launched an emergency appeal for the people of Burma after a cyclone ripped through the country over the weekend. **Tens of thousands of people are believed to have been killed, and about a million left homeless** by last week's storm.

"Access for aid workers is difficult night now," according to Marnie McQuillan, head of Trocare's emergency team. "Getting into Burma is our main priority so that we can assess the damage and get food, shelter, clean water and medical assistance to where it's needed. Burma is a poor country and will need a lot of help to cope with a disaster of this scale." The storm, called Cyclone Nargis, hit on the morning of Saturday, May 1, destroying tens of thousands of homes and badly damaging infrastructure in Burma's largest city Yangon (Rangoon). "Trocare has been working in Burma since 1997 and we're asking the public to support the people of Burma, who are unbelievably vulnerable at this time". You may donate on-line at trocare.org, call 1850 401 401 to make a donation. Donations will be accepted at the parish office if you may place an envelope in the collection basket marked clearly **BURMA APPEAL**.

**THE MAY COLLECTION**  
 As mentioned last week, included in the Offertory Prayers Envelopes box for this weekend is an envelope for "Sick and Retired Priests". In an effort to give this collection a deserved priority for the first time it will take place in every church and parish of the Diocese of Down on the same date.

It is hoped that the second weekend in May will attract a final date in future years to focus on what we are calling "The May Collection" for our Sick and Retired Priests.

**We are appealing to parishioners, to seriously consider how they can support the growing number of patients in retirement.**

**PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN**

Some might like to see the form printed below. It offers the option of a donation, a Standing Bank Order or a bequest in your Will.

**THE MAY COLLECTION**  
 I would like to help our Diocese care for priests who are sick and retired, and/or unemployed in supporting **THE MAY COLLECTION**

by making a special donation to:  
 The May Collection  
 by setting up a Monthly Standing Bank Order  
 by including the May Collection in my **WILL**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your completed form to:  
 Bishop's Secretary, c/o Bishop's House,  
 44 Amnagh Road,  
 Henry, Co. Down BT19 9PW

**tullylish g.c.c.**  
 OTTO winners Numbers 7,13,14,17  
**Special Winner-MORE! Next week €2,400**  
 3 No. Winners - J. McDuff, S. McKinnon, R. Doyle  
 Don't miss out on the next draw!  
 www.tullylishgccc.com

**G.C.C. Draw Winner - This week - Bernadette Conlan** Previous winners - Vincent Byrne, Eileen Kennedy

**Dromore Diocese**  
**Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill**  
 Monday 12th May 2008  
 St. Peter's Hall, North Street, Lurgan

**Monday 26th May 2008**  
 Meeting at 7.00pm in  
 Old Tullylish Graveyard  
 (adjacent Tullylish Church in Ireland)  
 for an Historical Outing conducted by  
 President Campbell followed by a  
 tour of Tullylish Catholic Cemetery

The debate on the controversial **Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill** is scheduled to begin in Westminster on Monday 12th May. It is designed to increase expenditure on vulnerable human embryos. It will also extend requirements such as closed embryos and sexual human embryos. In addition, a child's need for a father will not be recognized for tenable babies under this bill. Within the same bill, gay adoption will be used to widen the law on abortion. Please phone your MP at the House of Commons on 020 7191 2000 or write to your MP to vote against this bill. For more details contact SPUV on 028 9091 or e-mail info@spuv.org.uk

Please write to me with them in 3 days of Prayer and Fasting against this bill (12th, 14th & 15th). For further info, contact Patricia 028 90 279484

**The Traditional May Pillar**

Like the May devotions themselves, the custom of the May Altar stems from southern European countries. A report from France in 1842 speaks of Our Lady's seat in May showing off in splendour, while the families also erected and decorated small home altars. "At its nature, devoted to none (it is a superstition, it is credited to honor Mary, who is herself 'rose of Sharon, lily of the valley' (Song of Songs 2:1).

To make a traditional May altar place a statue of Our Lady in your living room and make a little shrine. Place the statue on a pretty cloth and then decorate with flowers - Bushells, pansies, the white Mayflower and other wild flowers are traditional.

Many of our young parishioners are preparing to take their exams. **Be with them well and ensure them of our prayers at this stressful time.**

O God of wisdom,  
 I come to you this day and ask you to illuminate my mind and heart.  
 Let your Holy Spirit be with me as I prepare for exams,  
 guiding my studies and giving me insight,  
 so that I can perform to the best of my ability.  
 Please grant me the strength to handle the pressure of these final days,  
 the confidence to feel secure in my knowledge,  
 and the ability to keep an appropriate perspective through it all.  
 Help me to keep my mind on what is really important,  
 even as I focus all my time and energy on these exams in the immediate future.  
 That I ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.