

Easter Triduum Booklets with all 3 ceremonies are available in the Church. Please do not take them home as they are used each evening.



On Friday we welcomed Bishop Michael Smith where he conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on the boys and girls from 6th Class in Gilson Primary School, Oldcastle & Scoil Mhuire, Moylagh. I can only hope they had a wonderful day and I want to thank all those involved in making the day such a special one. To our teachers, altar servers, sacristan Rolly, children's choir, and the Community Employment Team for all their hard work in getting the Church grounds in order and looking beautiful. To the Parents Association of the school for providing a refreshing cup of tea afterwards. The boys and girls themselves for working so hard throughout the year preparing for the beautiful liturgy and finally to all their parents. Well done everyone.



The **Do this in Memory** programme for the boys and girls of **2nd Class** will continue this week end for **Scoil Mhuire Moylagh** on **Sunday morning 9th April at 10.00am Mass** and for **Gilson N.S on Sunday morning 9th April at 11.30am Mass in Oldcastle.** I ask all parents to please bring your children along.

Creative Kids Easter Art and Craft camp will be in Moylagh Community Centre on **Monday 17th of April and Tuesday 18th of April 10am to 2pm. For children between 4-12 years old**! For more info or book a place please contact Nici on 0861013357.

EASTER WALK; MEET AT MOYLAGH CHURCH 2 HOUR LOOPED WALK; FUNDRAISER FOR OPERATION IRELAND WHO ARE SENDING A TEAM OF MEDICS TO VIETNAM TO REPLACE KNEE AND HIP JOINTS AND TRAIN LOCAL MEDICS IN PROCEDURE; **LOCAL NURSE LAOISE HAND IS VOLUNTEER ON THIS TEAM**

This month's social dance in Moylagh Community Centre will be on Saturday 15th April. Music will be provided by the Moynihan Brothers and dancing will be from 9.30 - 12.30. Admission is €10 and this includes a light supper which will be served throughout the evening.

Moylagh Community Centre & GAA Club Blotto. No Jackpot winner. Jackpot €1,800. Numbers drawn 1,9,26,27. **Next draw on Mon 17th April in Seven Wonders Fore.**

The Ballymacad Hunt are holding their annual Point-to-Point Horse Racing on **Sunday 16th April 2017 at Newcastle**, Oldcastle. This year is a celebration of the event being held in Newcastle for 40 years so entry is free. There is added excitement this year as they are holding a qualifier for the prestigious Dianas of the Chase Side Saddle Race which is held on England. This us a great achievement for the Hunt and promises to be a great spectacle with ladies in traditional side saddle attire galloping over 5 furlongs. There will also be the added thrill of the Mad Hatters Race which features local riders battling it out. The reigning champion local girl Audrey Mc Dermott, daughter of Gerry and Carmel will have to try to keep her title. There us something for everyone to enjoy and everyone is welcome. First race is at 2.30pm.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary & Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division, may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer Amen. Copies of prayer below and are available in the Churches.

The **Mass of Chrism** will take place on **Wednesday 12th April at 7pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King Mullingar.** This is a special moment in the life of the Church when the Priests of the Diocese gather with their Bishop in an act of communion and fraternity. During the Mass, the priests publicly renew their dedication to Christ in the Priesthood and the Holy Oils that will be used in the administering of the Sacraments for the coming year are blessed. For many years now, parents and other members of the immediate families of our priests, immediate family members of those from the parish who are in consecrated life, priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers and all Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Sacristans and all others involved in the ministry of the Church are invited to attend. As in previous years all are invited to refreshments in the Parish Community Centre in Cathedral grounds after the ceremony.

Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. The Church asks all the faithful to refrain from eating meat. Adults are restricted to one full meal and two snacks

Holy Week in Oldcastle & Moylagh

Confessions:- Reconciliation Service on Tuesday 11th April at 8.00pm in Oldcastle. A number of priests will be available. Also Thursday (after Mass of the Lord's Supper) Good Friday (after Stations of Cross)

	<u>Oldcastle</u>	<u>Moylagh</u>
<u>Holy Thursday:-</u>		
Mass of the Lord's Supper at	8.30pm	7.00pm
concluding with procession to the Altar of Repose. Adoration will conclude at 12 midnight preceded by night prayer at 11.30pm. Note there will be no Adoration in the morning time or afternoon in Oldcastle.		
<u>Good Friday:-</u>		
Stations of the Cross	3.00pm	
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion Service at	8.30pm.	7.00pm
<u>Holy Saturday:-</u>		
Easter Vigil	9.00pm.	7.00pm
Blessing of fire, announcement of Easter, Mass of Resurrection.		
<u>Easter Sunday Masses</u>	11.30am	10.00am



