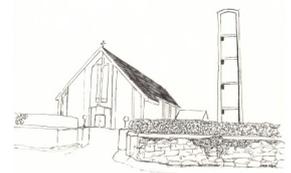




# The Parish of Ardrahan The Parish of Kilchreest



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Items for newsletter to be in by  
12.00 noon on Friday

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**Masses for the Parish of Kilchreest**  
Castledaly - Sat 7.30pm  
Kilchreest - Sun 12.00noon

**Masses for the Parish of Ardrahan**  
Saturday 6.00pm / Sunday 10.30am

**Weekday Mass Ardrahan**  
9.00am Mon-Tue - Thur - Fri

Fr. Joe will be off on Wednesdays

*Phone 635164/840859  
at these times for Baptism,  
Anniversaries Weddings*

### Baptism

To be held on the 1st and 3rd weekend  
in Ardrahan 2nd & 4th weekend in  
Kilchreest \Castledaly

*No Mass may be offered after 4.30pm on  
Saturday other than the Saturday Vigil  
at 6pm/7.30pm.*

No extra Masses on Sunday with the  
exception of a funeral

**2nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
17-01-2021**



Christ was not leaving us; he made a home within our hearts.

O Holy Spirit, thank you.

Please allow us to see the light that you shine upon us in others.



## Anniversaries



**Kilchreest Sat Jan 7.00pm**

**Paddy Joe Burke, James and Nora Brady  
and Bernard and Margaret Lambert**

**Ardrahan Sun Jan 10.30pm**

**Margo Connell**

**Kilchreest Sat Jan 7.00pm**

**available**

**Ardrahan Sun Jan 10.30pm**

**Michael and Dessie Irwin, Mick and Nellie  
Healy, Tom Healy MM**

**Please pray for Aidan Murphy Margaret  
Hanlon and Bridget Gardiner who died  
during the week RIP**



Presentation of the Lord in the  
Temple  
Blessing of Candles will take  
place Ardrahan at 09.00am and in  
Kilchreest at 07.00pm. Candles  
can be left in a designated area,  
clearly marked with your name,  
they can be collected 48 hours  
later.

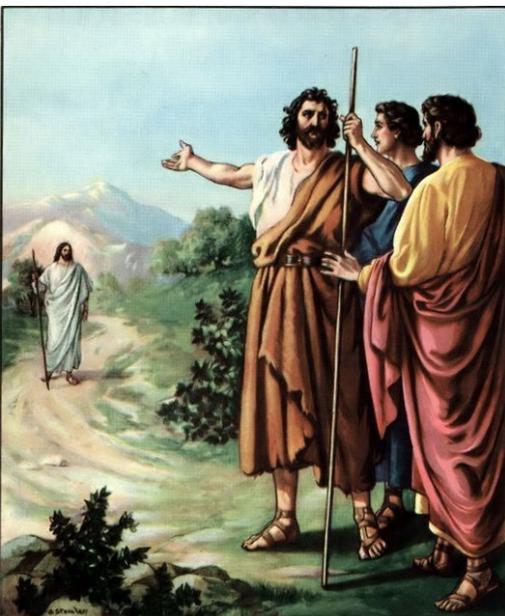
Mass can be viewed on line

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The Feast of St Blaise  
3rd of February

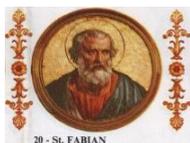
Blessing of the throat will take place Ardrahan  
after 09.00am mass at the main door of  
the Church and in Kilchreest after  
07.00pm in the Church car park.



## Saints of the Week

### 20<sup>th</sup> January St. Fabian

Was Pope for 14 years when martyred under The Roman Emperor Decius. Died 250



**St. Sebastian** Born in Narbonne, became a Roman soldier in 283. He secretly helped Christians in the persecution of Diocletian. Was eventually betrayed and sentenced to be shot to death by arrows. When this failed, he was clubbed to death. Patron of archers, athletes, soldiers and police.

### 21<sup>st</sup> January

St. Agnes Was martyred in the last persecutions in Rome, in the early 4th century. Patron of betrothed couples, gardeners and young girls.



### 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Vincent

Deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain. Martyred in Valencia after prolonged torture during the persecution of The Roman Emperor Diocletian. Died 304.



## Called by Name

We now begin what the Church calls “Ordinary Time.” Christmas season is over, and we begin to see Jesus at work.

We begin with a significant story, found in the [First Reading](#) for this Sunday.

A young man named Samuel is sleeping in the temple. He wakes up instantly when he hears his name spoken out loud. He cries out, “Here I am!” and runs to his master, Eli, who is sleeping in another place in the temple. “You called me, what do you want?”

“I didn’t call you,” Eli rasps. “Go back to sleep.” But the same thing happened again. Samuel runs to Eli, with the same result.

On the third time, the old man at last understands. Wisely, he says “Samuel if this happens again, say these words: ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’”

**Must it always be God or Jesus who calls our name in order for us to become ourselves?**

Samuel goes back to sleep. He hears his name again, “Samuel, Samuel”! Following instructions, he says, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening!” God speaks, and Samuel grows up accompanied by the Lord’s presence.

So much for the First Reading. Another naming is represented in the [Gospel](#). John the Baptist points to Jesus. Jesus is waiting for standers-by to notice him and get interested. They follow and Jesus says bluntly, “What are you looking for?”

There are several layers to this question. The plain meaning is, “What’s up? Why are you following me?” But the depth charge is there too, the same one that finally shook Samuel loose: “Are you looking for God? Is that your hunger? Is there something about me that answers the deep desire of your heart?”

They stammer. They give some kind of reply. “Well, uh, well, um, where, where are you staying?” Jesus replied as he does to you and me:

“Come and see.”

They do go and see, spending the day with him. One of them, Andrew, runs to get his brother Simon, shouting, “we have found the Messiah”! They run back to Jesus and the most important event in Simon’s life takes place: Jesus gives him the name *Cephas* (Peter), a new deep identity for him. The word *Cephas*’ base meaning is “the rock.” Jesus must have seen innermost stability in him.

Peter could never have become fully himself if someone had not named him all the way to his depths. The same goes for Samuel. God can call any of us by a name that reaches all the way down into our souls, to a place that we do not even know about! Our job is to begin hearing and to grow.

Must it always be God or Jesus who calls our name in order for us to become ourselves? Couldn’t a psychologist do it, or a spouse, or a dear friend who believes in us? Yes, of course, each of these know us and beckon us to be ourselves.

But only God can know our very deepest desires, and only God can satisfy the one that is the most precious in each of us: the reaching out for that person we want most and for whose sake we love others.

Jesus God.

Do you sense in your insides a kind voice whispering such an invitation, calling you by your real name, calling you to be an ally of the Christ of God? John Foley, SJ