

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2026

Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF THE WEST TYRONE PASTORAL AREA:
Aghyaran ♦ Ardstraw West & Castlederg ♦ Drumquin

REV PAUL FRASER PP, Tel:028 816 71393; REV THOMAS CANNING CC, Tel: 028 82831 225

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Ardstraw West and Castlederg: Charlie Logue, Castlefin Park; Christine Clarke, 120 Lenagh Road, Omagh

Ardmore Parish Newsletter

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Thoughts on the Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21 – The Feeding of the Five Thousand

The miracle of the loaves and fishes begins with **compassion**. Before Jesus fed the crowd, He first recognised their suffering and their need. His heart was moved by those who were tired, hungry, and searching for hope.

In our own busy lives, God gently calls us to notice those around us who may be lonely, discouraged, forgotten, or struggling. A simple word of encouragement, a listening ear, or a small act of kindness may become someone else's miracle.

The disciples looked only at what they **didn't have**. Faced with thousands of hungry people, they saw only five loaves and two fish. Jesus, however, asked them to offer what they already possessed.

God rarely asks us for what we do not have. Instead, He asks us to place before Him our time, our talents, our compassion, and our willingness to serve. However small these gifts may seem, He is able to multiply them beyond anything we could imagine.

Before distributing the food, Jesus lifted everything to His Father in prayer. This reminds us that surrender is not a sign of weakness or defeat. Rather, it is an act of trust. We all carry burdens that feel too heavy or situations that seem impossible, yet when we place them into God's hands, what appears insufficient can become more than enough.

Finally, the twelve baskets of leftovers remind us of God's overwhelming generosity. His blessings are never intended to stop with us but to flow through us. When we forgive generously, encourage freely, and share what we have with others, God's grace continues to multiply in countless lives.

Prayer

Lord, fill our hearts with compassion. Use the little we have to accomplish great things for Your Kingdom. Teach us to trust You completely, to surrender our limitations into Your hands, and to share Your blessings generously with all whom we meet. Amen.

Readings for Next Sunday

Sunday 9th August 2026

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11–13a

Psalm: Psalm 85:9–14

Second Reading: Romans 9:1–5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22–33

Saints of the Coming Week

Tuesday

- St John Vianney, Priest

Wednesday

- The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (Rome)

Thursday

- The Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday

- St Cajetan, Priest
- St Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday

- St Dominic, Priest
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Pope's Prayer Intention for August

For Evangelisation in the City

Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we may discover new ways of proclaiming the Gospel, finding creative paths to build genuine Christian communities.

Prayer for Vocations

We pray for men whom God is calling to the priesthood.

Like Jesus in today's Gospel, may they never turn away from the poor, the hungry, the vulnerable or those most in need, but always reflect the compassionate love of Christ as they nourish His people through the Word of God and the Eucharist.

Parish & Diocesan Notices

Rosary on the Coast

Today (Sunday) at 3.00 pm

 Lisfannon Beach

Praying for **peace, Ireland and our unborn children.**

Everyone is warmly welcome.

Give Blood – Save Lives

The **Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service** will hold a blood donor session at:

Lisneal College

70 Crescent Link

Derry BT47 5FQ

Monday 4th August

- 12.30 pm – 4.00 pm
- 5.00 pm – 7.30 pm

 Freephone: **0808 553 4653** to book.

Franciscan Friary, Rosstown

Monthly Healing Service

Today (Sunday)

- Rosary – **2.45 pm**
 - Mass & Healing Service – **3.00 pm**
 - Confessions – **2.00 pm – 5.00 pm**
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ACCORD Marriage Preparation

Marriage preparation courses are available throughout the year.

Please visit www.accordni.com for dates and booking information.

Monthly Mass for Sr Clare Crockett

Sunday 9th August

7.00 pm

Carmelite Retreat Centre
Termonbacca, Derry

Day of Healing & Prayer

House of Prayer, Clonfert

Saturday 15th August

Led by **Eddie Stone**

A bus will travel from **Letterkenny**, collecting pilgrims in **Ballybofey** and **Donegal Town**.
A priest will accompany the pilgrimage.

 **Contact: 086 393 6547**

Walk in Our Patron Saint's Footsteps

St Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk

Saturday 8th August

9.00 am – 3.00 pm

Downpatrick

Guides:

- Martina Purdy
- Elaine Kelly

Cost: £55

 **028 4461 9000**

Visit www.saintpatrickcentre.com

Youth & Young Adults

Embrace the Grace

Legion of Mary Young Adult Catholic Conference

(Ages 18–40)

Saturday 29th August

9.30 am – 6.00 pm

De Montfort House
Morning Star Avenue
Dublin D07 VA03

Tickets available through Eventbrite (search **Embrace the Grace**).

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

13th–16th August

Newbridge College, Kildare

Young people aged **16–35** are invited to enjoy:

- Inspiring talks
- Workshops
- Daily Mass
- Music and Prayer
- Fellowship
- Free buses
- All meals included

Visit **youth2000.ie** or follow **@Youth2000Ireland**.

Anam Óg Summer Scheme

3rd–7th August

12.00 pm – 4.00 pm daily

Termonbacca, Derry

For children aged **8–14**

Faith, friendship, games, arts & crafts, adventure and prayer.

Email:

termonbaccaderry@ocd.ie

Community & Charity

Mary's Meals

Annual Step by Step Walk

Sunday 9th August

12.00 noon

Starting from:

Sainsbury's Car Park

Strand Road, Derry

Walking the Foyle Bridge and Peace Bridge.

Everyone is welcome—even if only for part of the walk.

Mary's Meals currently provides a daily school meal to **over 3 million children across 16 countries.**

Please keep all participants in your prayers.

Family Carers Ireland

Remote one-to-one support clinics are available **every Tuesday throughout August.**

Carers can speak privately from the comfort of their own homes.

 086 836 3842

 Donegalcs@familycarers.ie

Pro-Life Events

Donegal Pro Life Church Gate Collection

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th August

Countywide Collection

Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

 Margaret:
00353 89 246 9599

Míle buíochas.

Monthly Pro-Life Witness

Friday 7th August
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

Roundabout at Letterkenny University Hospital.

Everyone welcome.

Pilgrimages

Lough Derg Annual Fundraising Draw

Support Station Island and help preserve this special place of pilgrimage for future generations.

Tickets

- Single: **€10**
- Book of 6: **€50**

Those returning a full book will also be entered into the **Early Bird Draw on 28th August 2026.**

Main Draw

23rd October 2026

Prizes

 €10,000

 €5,000

 €2,000

4th – €1,500

5th – €1,000

6th – €500

Lough Derg Day Retreats

As the Three-Day Pilgrimage season concludes (final day to begin is **13th August**), Day Retreats resume on:

- August: **18, 22, 23, 29 & 31**
- September: **5, 6, 9, 12, 15, 19 & 20**

Take time away from the busyness of everyday life for guided prayer, quiet reflection and spiritual renewal.

Advance booking is essential.

Employment Opportunity

Administrative & Financial Officer

Clonmany Parish

The **Derry Diocesan Trust** invites applications for the position of:

Administrative & Financial Officer

Hours: 9 per week

Application packs are available from:

Bishop's House
St Eugene's Cathedral
Derry BT48 9AP

 028 7126 2302

 recruitment@derrydiocese.org

Closing Date: Tuesday **11th August 2026**

Publications

Reflections Through Poetry

A beautiful collection by **Fr John P. Forbes**

Available from the **Pastoral Office**

Price: £10

All proceeds support **Children in Crossfire** and the **Cause for the Canonisation of Sr Clare Crockett**.

Sharing the Good News

Read the latest weekly Catholic e-zine featuring news, reflections and resources from across Ireland.

Visit **theway.ie/ezine-2/**.

Closing Prayer

May the Lord bless us with compassionate hearts, generous spirits, and unwavering trust in His providence. May we recognise Christ in those around us, offer Him the little we possess, and witness His abundant blessings multiplying in our families, our parish, and our community.

May Almighty God bless you, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PARISH OF BANAGHER

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St Joseph's Church, Church, Fincairn: Vigil 7.00pm; Every other Sunday 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am.

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: Every other Sunday 12.00noon

Sunday Morning	Churches
3rd September	St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 12 noon
10th September	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9:15am
17th September	St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 12 noon
24th September	St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9:15am
1st October	St Peter & St Paul's Church, Foreglen: 12 noon
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Sunday Mass times in Neighbouring Parishes:

St Patrick's Church, Dungiven: Vigil 6.00pm; Sunday 9.00am & 11.30am

St Matthew's Church, Drumsurn: Sunday 10.15am

Immaculate Conception, Gortnahey: Vigil 4.30pm

St Patrick's Church, Claudy: Vigil 6.30pm; Sunday 11.30am

Buncrana Parish Newsletter

ST. MARY'S HALL & CINEMA

The collection for Desertegney Graveyard Sunday totalled €7,067. The combined total of the two Graveyard Sunday Collections totalled €20,547. Sincere thanks.	Priest on Call 074 9361253 Email: buncranaparish@gmail.com Website: www.buncranaparish.com Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th August 2026	Fr Bradley 9363455 Fr Walsh 9361393 Fr Baker 9360151 Parish Office 9361253 Parish Catechist 086 785 3726	PARISH DRAW Friday 31 July: Week 7 1st Prize: €500 Pat Doherty, c/o Promoter Promoter: Noeleen Tynan 2nd Prize: €300 Stuart Donaghey, Clonblosk Promoter: Jacinta Coyle 3rd Prize: €150 Gloria McGinley, Millbrae Promoter: Noeleen Tynan	BUNCRANA CINEMA See all show times www.thecinemabuncrana.com SPIDER-MAN: BRAND NEW DAY 12A 145mins Saturday 8th August - 5pm & 8.15pm Sunday 9th - 3pm & 8.15pm Monday 10th - Thursday 13th 8.15pm	BINGO St Mary’s Hall Fridays at 8pm Single book €11 Double €17 Snowball: €4900
Community Corner					
SLIABH SNEACHT CENTRE Drumfries Walking Group (The Walkie Talkies) will be meeting on Friday 14th August at the car park in Ballyliffin village at 10am everyone welcome. We have an all-terrain wheelchair (Hippocampe) here at the centre. This wheelchair is a free service and would be ideal for family/friends visit-ing over the Summer, to access local beaches, scenic walks & festivals, for further information or to book this service please contact the centre 0749361742. THE CHILD BEHAVIOUR CONSULTANCY Roisín Doherty - Behaviour Analyst consults with parents of children 3-12 years of age (with or without a diagnosis) to help their child accept ‘no’, listen, regulate their big emotions etc. Contact 0894511432 to get a consultation set up. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Amazing Grace Group, Buncrana have 5 meetings per week as follows: Sun 8pm, Tues 8pm, Thurs 11.30am, Fri 8pm & Sat 11.30am. If you think you may have a problem with alcohol, come along. Meeting in St Teresa’s Room. AL-ANON GROUP (for anyone whose life is or has been affected by someone else’s drinking) meet in St Teresa’s Room on Thurs at 6:45pm. GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS weekly meeting in St Teresa’s Room each Sun 5pm-6.30pm for anyone struggling with a gambling addiction. GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS HELPLINE Is gambling affecting your life? We would like to help. Pick up the phone and ring 048 7135 1329. THE PLAZA Social Dances: Sat 8 August Peter McCloskey Country Way; Sat 15 August Fanadian; Sat 22 August Michael Cleary and Jackie Bannon; Sat 29 August Trevor Loughery. Doors 9pm, Dancing 9:30pm. Admission €10. Hall available for hire & for children’s birthday parties. Contact Ursula on 0877538317 INISHOWEN MEDICAL Hearing loss? Earache? Blocked ears? It could just be wax. Inishowen Medical can help with that. We can offer both our patients and non-patients microsuction. Microsuction is a newer and more patient friendly way of clearing wax from ears. It is considered comfortable for the patient and can be used in every ear, even if there is a history of perforations. Get your hearing back today by calling Inishowen Medical to make an appointment on 074 93 61800 or 074 76173. DANCE FITNESS CLASS Every Tues 7-8pm in St Mary’s Hall, Buncrana. All welcome to this full body workout to music. PIANO LESSONS Beginner piano lessons available in the Buncrana area, contact Lauren on 0864558483 for more details. LIFELINE INISHOWEN Domestic Violence Support Ser-vices have free counselling sessions available for Women & Children, We also offer support, drop-in and outreach services. Contact us on our HELPLINE 074 9373232 or 086 0065035330 between 10am - 1.30pm SAMARITANS Call Free 116 123, Text 087 2609090.			SLIMMING WORLD Buncrana: The Exchange every Tues 8am, 9.30am & 11am with Ann Marie 0860848705, 6pm with Marie 0877389059. Carndonagh: The Colgan Hall every Thurs at 6pm with Marie 0877389059. Newtowncunningham: The Orange Hall every Wed at 6.30pm with Ann Marie 0860848705. GET THE GRADE English Tuition. Friendly, exam-focused, Junior & Leaving Cert tuition with experienced teacher of English & SEC Examiner (Teaching Council and Garda vetted). Text/Call Mark 0866655334 INISHOWEN INJURY CLINIC Treatment of back, neck and shoulder pain / sports injuries / rehabilitation. Contact Cahir McLaughlin NMT, Maginn Ave 0860753296 HEALTH & WELLBEING PARK RUN Come and join our community of walkers, runners and volunteers every Sat at 9.15am by the shore front play park. All welcome GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS for people living with Parkinson's every Wed at 2pm in The Ex-change. COCKHILL CEILI CLUB Classes have now stopped for the summer months. BUNCRANA PARENT AND TODDLERS GROUP has finished for the summer. We hope to start again on 9 and 10 September 2026. GAELSCOIL BHUN CRANNCHA Give us a call on 074 9361988 or an email at gsbc1999@gmail.com to discuss how an Irish medium education can benefit your child. If you don’t speak Irish, don’t worry. That won’t hold your child back. COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME VACANCIES for a grounds worker for the grave-yard at St Mary’s Cockhill. Contact buncrana@swillycep.ie for more info or application. A FEAST OF FOLK MUSIC in The Cairn, Green-castle every Tuesday at 8pm in July and Au-gust. Limited Seating Tel 0749381104. DOG FREE ZONE A reminder that dogs are not permitted in Cockhill or Desertegney grave-yards. Thank you. SCOIL TRAD BHUN CRANNCHA (School of Irish Traditional Music). Lessons for children (7+); Tin Whistle, Bodhrán, Accordion, Banjo, Mandolin, Fiddle. Registration on Wednesday, September 2nd. 6-7pm, Buncrana Youth Club, Castle Ave. Contact: Jim Woods on 087 4186082 (Classes start back September 9th) RACHEL’S VINEYARD Have you been affected or hurt by abortion? Please contact Michelle on 00447871765181 NOWDOC Phone Number: 0818400911		
SAFEGUARDING NOTICE: If you have any concerns with regards to Safeguarding Children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie O’Kane, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 0044 7596500793, or at dlp@derrydiocese.org or Garda Síochána, Buncrana 074 9320540, Letterkenny HQ 074 9167100 or TUSLA Family & Child Agency 00353 749102233 ROI Vetting Office: 074 93 63108					



Sacred Heart Church

Carndonagh

8th & 9th August 2026
(19th Sunday Ordinary Time)

Mass Times

Friday	7.00 pm
Saturday Vigil	7.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 am & 11 am

Baptism

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	12.00 noon

Rosary

Sunday	6.30pm
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Deaths: We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Owen McGuinness, Malin Rd., his funeral Mass took place on Sunday.

Anniversary and Month's Mind Masses

Sat 8 th Aug	Jim O'Donnell, Glenmakee (1 st Anniv) 7pm
Sun 9 th Aug	Dela Bradley, Gortlarry 9am
Tue 11 th Aug	Patsy Doyle, Benduff 10am
Thu 13 th Aug	Gerard & Katie Harvey 10am
Fri 14 th Aug	Willie John Callaghan, Buildings 7pm
Sat 15 th Aug	Kathleen Hirrell, Tul na Ri (1 st Anniv) 7pm

Anniversaries at this time

Sarah McLaughlin, Bridge St., Jeremiah Gallagher, Glebe & Falduff,
 Joe Doherty, Cregnahorna and Ann & Edward Atkinson, Cloncha Ave.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 15th August 2026

Mass on Friday evening at 7pm & Saturday morning at 10 am.

PARISH DRAW RETURNS are due on Tuesday 11th August at 7 pm in the Parish Office

Weekly Collection amounted to € 3,407.20 & Stg £179.20

Thank you for your generosity.



Baptisms: We welcome into God's family: Aoife Doherty, Camatha, Uisneach Lúic Sperrin-Moran, Ballyloskey, and Cece Noella & Penelope Eve McLaughlin, Meenolin.

Vocations: For our seminarians and the men considering priesthood that, in moments of doubt, they'll hear Jesus say what He says to the disciples in today's gospel, "Courage! It is I. Do not be afraid!"

DONEGAL DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION Annual church-gate collection will take place on the weekend of 29 /30 August. Anyone interested in helping on the day can contact the Donegal Down Syndrome Association office by email at info@donegal.downsyndrome.ie or telephone on 085 787 0075. Your financial support for this important fundraising event would be greatly appreciated and will help in continuing to provide vital services and supports to children and adults with Down syndrome and their families across Donegal.

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock takes place at Knock Shrine from Thursday 13 to Friday 21 August 2026. Novena ceremonies will be celebrated daily at 3.00pm and 8.00pm, with workshops and guided prayer sessions also taking place throughout the nine days. This year's theme is **"Sheltered in God's Love."** See the full programme at: <https://www.knockshrine.ie/national-novena-2026-guest-speakers-and-programme/>

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential Weekend from Friday 2 to Sunday 4 October 2026 at the Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. Visit www.marriageencounter.ie

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Masses and Baptisms: If you wish to book Masses or Baptisms please call into the Sacristy before or after any Masses or telephone **0860577273**. Parish Office, Macartan's, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal. [Tel:\(074\)9374104](tel:0749374104) [Email:sacredheartchurchcam@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartchurchcam@gmail.com)

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Drumquin: Paddy Gallagher, Tattysalagh Road; Finola Scott, Meelmore Drive, Omagh.

Ardstraw West and Castlederg: Charlie Logue, Castlefin Park; Christine Clarke, 120 Lenagh Road, Omagh

Strabane Pastoral Area Newsletter for Sunday 2nd August 2026

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Parishes of Camus, Clonleigh and Leckpatrick

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A – 2nd August 2026

Parish Clergy

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Fr Declan Boland (priest in residence)

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Thoughts on the Gospel (*Matthew 14:13-21*)

The miracle of the loaves and fishes began with **compassion**. Jesus first noticed the crowd's pain before providing for their hunger. In our busy lives, God invites us to see those who are lonely, discouraged, or forgotten. Even small acts of kindness can become someone's miracle.

The disciples focused on what they lacked, yet Jesus asked them to offer what they *did* have. God rarely asks for what we do not possess. When we offer our time, talents, and resources — however small — He multiplies them in ways we cannot imagine.

Before the food was shared, Jesus surrendered everything to the Father. We too carry burdens that feel heavy, but surrender is not giving up; it is trusting God with our limitations. What seems insufficient to us becomes more than enough in His

hands. The abundance left over reminds us that God's blessings are meant to flow *through* us. When we share generously, encourage others, and forgive freely, His grace continues to multiply.

Lord, fill us with compassion, use what little we offer, and multiply it for Your glory. Teach us to trust You and to share Your blessings generously. Amen.

Monthly Mass in Honour of St Pio will be celebrated on Wednesday 5th August at 7.00 pm in Immaculate Conception Church, Strabane. We ask God's blessing on all through the intercession of St Pio. Everyone welcome.

Due to the Current Holiday Period, we wish to notify parishioners that there will be no newsletter until 22nd/23rd August. Apologies for any inconvenience. The office will be open as follows for the following two weeks: 10 am – 2 pm, Monday – Friday. Normal hours will resume on Monday 17th August.

Prayer at Time of Exam Results

Dear Lord, in this moment of uncertainty, I seek Your peace and guidance.

Help me to accept the results of my efforts with grace, whether they meet my hopes or not. Grant me the strength to learn and grow from this experience, trusting in Your plan for my life. May I find comfort in Your love and wisdom.

May Your peace fill my heart as I walk forward in faith. Amen.

Requiescant in Pace We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Harry Mullen, Victoria Rd, Strabane; Bernie Greene, Tipperary.

Anniversaries Tony Boggs, Joseph Colhoun, Willie Curran, May Doherty, Johnny Forbes, Charlie Gallagher, Johnny Gallagher, Kevin Gallagher, Mary Gallagher, Nellie Gallagher, David Kennedy, Susan Lafferty, Anne Maguire, Bernard McDermott, Laurence McDermott, Emmett McGhee, Thomas McGranaghan, James O'Neill, Martin Stevenson, Vincent Sweeney, James McDermott (60th anniversary), Margaret McCay, Anna Morgan. May they rest in peace.

9.45am Mass on Sundays in Murlog Chapel is live on Finn Valley Community Radio.

Thank You for your generosity to last week's collections:

Leckpatrick: £1,372.61;

Clonleigh: €1,925.66;

Camus: £1,420.06.

Thanks to those who pay by standing order.

Readings for Sunday 9th August:

1st Reading: First Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a

Psalm: 85: 9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

2nd Reading: Romans 9: 1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

Readings 15th August (Feast of the Assumption):

1st Reading: Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a,10ab

Psalm: 45:10,11,12,16

2nd Reading: 1st Corinthians 15:20-27;

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Readings for Sunday 16th August:

1st Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

Psalm: 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8

2nd Reading: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

Readings for Sunday 23rd August:

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalm: 137:1-3, 6, 8

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Saints of The Coming Week:

Tuesday: St John Vianney, priest;

Wed: The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome;

Thurs: The Transfiguration of the Lord;

Fri: St Cajetan, priest; St Sixtus II, pope, & companions, martyrs;

Sat: St Dominic, priest

Embrace the Grace Legion of Mary Young Adult (18-40) Catholic Conference takes place on Sat 29th August from 9.30 am – 6 pm at De Montfort House, Morning Star Ave, Dublin, D07 VA03. Tickets from www.eventbrite. Search Embrace the Grace.

Pope's Prayer Intention for August *For evangelisation in the city*

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Rosary on the Coast takes place today (Sunday) at 3.00 pm at Lisfannon Beach, praying for peace, Ireland and our unborn children. Everyone welcome.

Give Blood, Save Lives NI Blood Transfusion Service will collect blood donations at Lisneal College, 70 Crescent Link, Derry, BT47 5FQ on 4th August from 12.30 pm – 4.00 pm & 5.00 pm – 7.30 pm. Please freecall 0800 85534653 to book.

Lough Derg Annual Fundraising Draw to ensure Station Island remains open for future generations. Single ticket: €10. Book of 6: €50. Buy a full book and you're entered into a sellers' draw. Return a complete book for Early Bird draws on

28/8/26. Tickets from www.loughderg.org/store/c3/annualdraw or +353 (0) 719861518 or info@loughderg.org Prizes: 1st: €10,000, 2nd: €5,000, 3rd: €2,000, 4th: €1,500, 5th: €1,000, 6th: €500. Draw date: 23rd October 2026.

Job Opportunity Derry Diocesan Trust invites applications for the post of Administrative & Financial Officer at Clonmany Parish. 9 hours pw. For application pack, please contact Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, BT48 9AP, 02871262302 or recruitment@derrydiocese.org Closing date: 11th August 2026.

Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlagh Monthly Healing Service today (Sunday). Rosary at 2.45 pm followed by Mass / Healing Service at 3 pm. Confessions 2 – 5 pm.

ACCORD Derry Marriage Preparation Courses available at www.accordni.com

Monthly Mass in Memory of Sr Clare Crockett will be celebrated on Sunday 9th August at 7 pm in Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry.

Pray for Vocations We pray for men called to priesthood. Like Jesus in today's gospel, may they never turn away from the poor, hungry, most vulnerable or those in need, but always reflect the love of Christ as they nourish and strengthen them with the Word of God. Visit <https://derryvocations.org>

A Day of Healing & Prayer in the House of Prayer, Clonfert with Eddie Stone on Sat 15th August. A bus leaves Letterkenny, collecting people in Ballybofey and Donegal Town. A priest will accompany the group. Please contact 0863936547.

Sharing the Good News Visit <https://theway.ie/ezone-2/> for the weekly ezone.

Sean Davis 4 Day Outdoor Summer Fun Soccer Academy takes place at Templemore Sports Complex, Derry from 4th – 7th August. Boys and girls aged 5 – 18 welcome. Times: 10 am – 3 pm. Please contact Sean on 07787791880.

Youth 2000 Festival | 13th–16th August Calling all young people (16 – 35). Join us in Newbridge College, Kildare. Free buses. All meals included. Inspiring talks, workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland

Family Carers Ireland are running 1:1 support clinics remotely every Tuesday in August for carers, offering you a space and time to talk over the phone in the comfort of your own home. Contact 0868363842 or Donegalcs@familycarers.ie

Lough Derg As the **3 Day Pilgrimage** season draws to a close soon (final day to start is 13th August), our **Day Retreats** recommence on August 18, 22, 23, 29 & 31 and September 5, 6, 9, 12, 15, 19, 20. Take time away from the busyness of life for a day of guided prayer, quiet reflection and spiritual renewal in the peaceful surroundings of Lough Derg. Booking essential. Please visit www.loughderg.org

Mary's Meals Annual Step by Step Walk takes place on Sunday 9th August at 12 noon from Sainsbury's car park, Strand Rd, Derry, walking around the Foyle Bridge & Peace Bridge. All welcome, even for a mile or two. Mary's Meals currently feeds over 3 million children a daily school meal across 16 countries. For further details / to register, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk/step or contact Caoimhe on 07394564065. Please keep all our walkers in your prayers.

Donegal Pro Life Annual Church Gate Collection takes place on Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th August countywide. If you can help in taking up a collection, it would be appreciated. Please contact Margaret on 0892469599. Míle buíochas.

The Monthly Pro Life Witness / Gathering takes place at the roundabout at Letterkenny Hospital on Friday 7th August from 1 pm – 2 pm. All welcome.

The Contemplative Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 8 pm in the Prayer Room in the Parochial House, Barrack St. All welcome.

Termonbacca Derry Anam Óg Summer Scheme for those aged 8 – 14 takes place from 3rd – 7th August from 12 – 4 pm daily. Faith, friendship, arts and crafts, adventures, games and prayer. Please email termonbaccaderry@ocd.ie

Walk in Our Patron Saint's Footsteps St Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk, Downpatrick with guides Martina Purdy & Elaine Kelly on **8th August 9 am – 3 pm** Cost (£55). Tel 028 44619000. Visit www.saintpatrickcentre.com

Reflections Through Poetry book by Fr John P Forbes available in Pastoral Office. Cost: £10. Proceeds to Children in Crossfire and Cause for Sr Clare's Canonisation.

Parish Bingo & Lucky Four A warm welcome to all to St Pat's Hall every Thursday at 8 pm. Come along for some fun, excitement and slight competition.

Strabane / Leckpatrick Draw July 2026

Prize	Winner	Promoter
£2,000	Philomena & Bosco Gallagher	Siobhan McDevitt

£1,000	Pat Gallagher	Sadie Kerlin
£500	Fr Paul Farren	Fr Michael
£500	Conal Doherty	Colette McKane
£250	Paddy Quinn	Fr Michael
£250	Brian Devine	Gabrielle Dooher
£100	Finola Kerr	Nuala Kerr
£100	Laura Burke	Paul Mullen
£100	Steven Casey	Paul Mullen
£100	Mary Barrett	Patsy Barrett
£100	Sarah McMichael	Ann McCrory

Congratulations to all the winners. Thank you for your support.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception: Saturday Vigil: **4.30 pm**; Sunday: **11.00 am**

Sacred Heart, Derry Road: Sunday: **12.15 pm**

St Patrick's, Clonleigh: Saturday Vigil: **6.30 pm**; Sunday: **9.45 am**

St Joseph's, Glenmornan: Sunday: **8.30 am** (2nd August – alternate Sundays – 16th August)

St Mary's, Cloughcor: Sunday: **8.30 am** (9th August – alternate Sundays – 23rd August)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: **8.00 am:** Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road

10.00 am: St Patrick's Church, Lifford

Tuesday: **10.00 am:** Immaculate Conception Church, Strabane

Wednesday: **8.00 am:** Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road

(followed by **Eucharistic Adoration** until 5.30 pm).

10.00 am: St Patrick's Church, Lifford

Thursday: **10.00 am:** Immaculate Conception Church, Strabane

Friday: **8.00 am:** Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road

10.00 am: Immaculate Conception Church, Strabane

Weddings Please contact the parish office. At least 6 months' notice required.

Baptisms: Parent(s) are asked to contact the parish office.

The Parish Pastoral Area Office, 27 Butcher St, Strabane covers all 3 parishes.

Office hours: Monday – Thursday: 9.30 am – 4.30 pm; Friday: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. Please feel free to call in or phone on 028 7188 2215.

Reminder that the deadline for parish bulletin notices is 2 pm on Wednesdays.

A Small Collection of Candles is available for purchase at the Pastoral Office.

A gentle reminder that we can only accept cash or cheque payments. Thank you.

Safeguarding (Northern Ireland) If you have any concerns with regard to the Safeguarding of Children or Adult at risk of harm or Adult in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) on 07596 500793 or at marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org To report a safeguarding suspicion, concern, knowledge or allegation directly to the statutory

authorities please contact PSNI on 101, Western HSCT Children's Gateway Services on 028 71 314090, WHSCT Adult Gateway Services on 028 71 611366 or the Regional Emergency Social Work Service on 028 95 049999.

Safeguarding (Republic of Ireland) If you have any concerns with regard to the Safeguarding of Children or Vulnerable Adults within the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) on +44 7596 500793 or at marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org To report a safeguarding suspicion, concern, knowledge or allegation directly to the statutory authorities please contact Garda Síochána Buncrana on 074 93 20540, Garda Síochána Letterkenny on 074 91 67100, TUSLA (ROI) Child and Family Agency on 074 91 02233 or HSC Adult Safeguarding, Donegal on 071 983 4660.

Contact Diane on 07761054666 or
diane@groundedsoles.org for more information

**Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

2nd August 2026



Parish of Drumragh

**Sacred Heart Church, Omagh
St Mary's Church, Drumragh
028 82242092**

Weekend Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart Church, Omagh Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday Mass: 10am & 12.30pm	<u>Weekday Mass Times this week</u> 10.00am Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday in St. Mary's, Killyclogher 10.00am Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat. in Sacred Heart Church 7.30pm Wednesday Sacred Heart <u>Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday from 10am until 6.45pm.</u> <u>Rosary before 7.30pm Mass</u>
St. Mary's Church, Drumragh Sunday Mass: 10.30am	
Confessions: Sacred Heart Church: Saturday's after morning Mass unless there is a funeral. Christ the King, Strathroy: Saturday 6.15pm-6.45pm	

REST A WHILE

In our day-to-day life's journey, oftentimes we are overwhelmed with our daily routines, individual tasks as well as duties and responsibilities. It seems that the 24 hours of the day are not enough because we are too busy with so many things. We do not have time to "stop and smell the roses." We do not have time to relax and to take time out of our busy schedules to appreciate and enjoy God's gift of the beauty of life. We need time to rest, to recognise our human limitations that we need essential respite to prevent us from being exhausted and to avoid the possible danger of breakdown. According to the mechanical engineers, even machines need cooling-off time to prevent overheating. When we approach our "hallowed space" like spending time praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament or lighting candles inside the church, we are refreshed and strengthened. We will be inspired to go on despite all the burdens, challenges, and obstacles in life. That is why after the tiresome and successful mission of the Apostles the Lord told them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Following Jesus' command, these first followers were spiritually and physically recharged to do the next job. We also badly need to have some "refreshment" of the Lord and to spend time with Him in silent prayer to find meaning in every life's situation. In this way, we are far from being "worn out" and preventing ourselves from "falling apart." And so, let us all find time to relax and rest for a while with Him.



Mass times for Sat. 15th August (Feast of the Assumption)

Vigil 7.30pm Friday 14th – Christ the King, Strathroy

10am Saturday 15th Sacred Heart Church & St Mary's, Killyclogher

Fr Kevin McElhennon P.P: 028 8225 8108 / k.mcelhennon@derrydiocese.org
 Fr Malachy Gallagher C.C: 028 8225 1055 / malachy.gallagher@derrydiocese.org
 Parish Office, Omagh 028 8224 2092 / info@drumraghparish.com
 Cappagh Parish Office 028 8224 3375 / info@cappaghparish.com

Parish Office Closed until Monday 24th August

Parish email: info@drumraghparish.com

Sacred Heart Church Mass Intentions

Wednesday 5th August	7.30pm	Louise Rodgers - Month Mind Kevin McCrory - 1st Anniversary Martin McDonagh - 5th Anniversary
Saturday 8th August	5.30pm	Marie Chesters - 6th Anniversary
Wednesday 12th August	7.30pm	Brenda Drumm - Month Mind
Wednesday 19th August	7.30pm	Eamon McAlynn - 2nd Anniversary
Thursday 20th August	10.00am	Joseph Martin - 3rd Anniversary

ST. MARY'S, DRUMRAGH Mass Intentions

Sunday 16th August 10.30pm Paddy (Patricia) Doherty – 1st Anniversary

VOCATIONS

We pray for the men called to priesthood. Like Jesus in today's gospel, may they never turn away from the poor, the hungry, the most vulnerable, or those in need, but always reflect the love of Christ for them as they nourish and strengthen them with the Word of God.

Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome new members of our Parish Community who received the

Sacrament of Baptism:

Mabel Frances McGale

Callen Brendan Gray

Tadhg Michael Drumm

Poppy Leslie Paula Marshall

Cadhla Jacqueline Finnegan



Recently Deceased

Patricia Daly

Louisa Brochet (nee Kelly)

May they rest in peace



Recent Weddings

We congratulate the following couple who were married here recently



Kerrie Anne O'Hagan & Ronan Grogan

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them all their lives.



Eucharistic Ministers will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound next **Sunday 9th August**

Derry Diocesan Society

The following names have been added to the list of Deceased Members of the Derry Diocesan Society

Martin Gerard Rodgers

Rene Colton

Charles (Edmund) Fisher

James (Anthony) McCauley

William (Billy) Wilson

Michelle McElhill

Seamus McGlone

Ann Marie Taggart

Alice Oddy

Mary Maguire

Padriag Doherty

Veronica Conroy

Kevin McCaskie

Shareen McNamee

Gary Oddy

Carmel Rippington

Edward McGlinchey

We pray that all who sleep in Christ find in your presence, light, happiness and peace.

BINGO in St. Joseph's Hall continues on Tuesday's during August at 8.30pm

Parish Draw

The July draw takes place this week. Promoters are asked to please make their returns before **7.30pm on Tuesday 4th August**. Please note, the deadline of 7.30pm is strict and late returns may not be accepted.

The List of August winners will be published on the noticeboard in the porch at the main door.

The Royal National institute of the deaf are holding their bimonthly free drop in event in Omagh Methodist church hall on **Thursday 27th August from 10-30 to 12.30**. Come along and have your hearing checked and new batteries provided plus advise on how to get the best from your aids.

Parish Notice – Holiday Closure

During the parish holiday closure, anyone wishing to book an Anniversary Mass, or arrange a baptism or wedding, is asked to please contact **Orla (Monday to Thursday)** in the Cappagh Office on **02882243375** or **info@cappaghparish.com**.

She will be happy to assist with all bookings during this period.

Please note there are **no** available dates in August for Baptisms in Omagh or Killyclogher.

SONGS FROM HOME

Come together with **Harmonise** and fellow local singers as we share Songs from Home. Participants must attend FREE five week choir practice followed by the Final Song Trail 10th October at Ulster American Folk Park. Refreshments provided.

EVERYONE WELCOME - Contact Claire Sharkey for more details 07751371800

Dates

August 19th	7.30pm-9.30pm – Silverbirch Hotel
August 30th	1pm-4pm – Dromore Sports Complex
September 23rd	7.30-10pm – Silverbirch Hotel
September 30th	7.30-10pm – Dromore Sports Complex
October 7th	7.30pm-9.30pm – Silverbirch Hotel

Omagh Library

Tuesday 4th August 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Create your own Comic - whether you're into superheroes or cute animals you can create your very own comic to take home with you.

For children aged 5 - 11 Years old

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Booking Essential

Monday 10th August 9:30am - 5:00pm

Calling all budding detectives! Can you help us solve the library mysteries?

Crack the code, solve the clues, and earn your detective badge.

For children aged 4 - 11 years old

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone Welcome

Weekly Bulletin

Please note that throughout the month of August the parish newsletter will be published on **23rd August only**. The Parish Office will be closed until 24th August.

PUBLIC OPENING 2026 ST JOSEPH'S HALL

The Uniform Exchange will be open to the public in St Joseph's Hall from Wednesday 5th August until Sunday 9th August from 10am – 4pm each day.

For everyone – All schools from Castlederg to Ballybofey.

Good quality pre-loved uniforms, for all ages and all local schools.

NO COST / NO CHARGE The service is completely free
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Alcoholics Anonymous	028 9035 1222
Aware	028 7126 0602
Care for Cancer	028 8224 6599
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Drug Awareness	0800 7766 00
Legion of Mary	07733551846/07864926719
Pioneers	07775 810297
Safeguarding Team	07596 500793
Samaritans	028 8224 4944
SVDP Thrift Shop	028 8225 2000
SVDP Helpline	07738837991

**DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING
REPRESENTATIVE**
Marie O’Kane DLP 07596500793
dlp@derrydiocese.org

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS:

Is gambling affecting your life? We would like to help. Pick up the phone and ring 028 7135 1329.

Walk in the footsteps of our Patron Saint on Saint Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk in Downpatrick with Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly on **8th August**. Begin at Saint Patrick's Centre with the fabulous 180° IMAX film of St Patrick. Price includes entrance fees, internal bus transfers, pilgrimage lunch at the famous Saul Barn, plus a stamped Camino passport and a 6-mile pilgrimage walk, finishing at Saint Patrick's grave. Come and Be Amazed!

(Duration 9am-approx 3pm, all for just £55) To book ring 02844 619000 or go to website www.saintpatrickcentre.com

Celebration of Christian Marriage

Any couple intending to celebrate their marriage in the church are advised to have their

(1) Pre-nuptial Enquiry Forms (canonical church papers) completed no later than 3 months prior to their wedding.

(2) Your pre-marriage course with Accord should also be completed before your papers are signed (info@accordni.com).

(3) The Marriage Schedule (civil documents) (Ref GRO 446 v06/22) should also be “served with the Registrar at least 28 days before the date of the intended marriage”. (It is recommended that all civil and canonical papers are completed no later than 3 months prior to the wedding).

9th August 2026 Dungiven Parish Bulletin No 1855

Fr. Gerard Sweeney P.P. Tel: 777 41219.

Parish Office Tel: 777 40702. Email address

dungivenparish@derrydiocese.org

Parish Website <https://www.parishofdungiven.com>**SUNDAY MASS TIMES****Sat. 4.30 pm. - Gortnaghey****Sat. 6.00 pm. - Dungiven****Sun. 9.00 am. - Dungiven****Sun. 10.15 am. - Drumsurn****Sun. 11.30 am. - Dungiven****THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF
OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN.****SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST****DUNGIVEN****Mass - Saturday at 10.00 am.****WEEKDAY MASS TIMES****St. Patrick's:** Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00 am. **Thursday 7.00 pm.** Friday 10.00 am.**FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS**For Attracta McGuigan on Thursday 13th August at 7.00 pm. in St. Patrick's.**MONTHS MIND MASS**For Eamon McCann today Sunday 9th August at 10.15 am. in St. Matthew's.**CONFESSIONS - Please Note! No Confessions in St. Patrick's on Saturday 15th August.****THE ROSARY** - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 9.30 am. in St. Patrick's.**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £3,111***Thank you to all who contributed.***CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**There will be **no meeting** on Thursday on 13th August.**CLEANERS - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH**

Voluntary cleaners required to clean the church on a monthly rota basis. Please leave your name in the parish office.

**BAPTISM** - We welcome into our Christian Community: Meabh Cait McGowan, Drumsurn Road.**BAPTISM - Godparents must be over 16 years of age, one male and one female and a practicing Catholic.****Baptisms** will take place in St. Patrick's Church at 3.00 pm. **Two weeks' notice must be given for all Baptism bookings.****The Baptism Course:** Places must be booked through the Parish Office. **Next Course: Wednesday 12th August at 7.30 pm. in the Committee Room.****DEATH**

We extend our sympathy to the McCallion family circle on the death of Jimmy McCallion, Finvola Park. May he rest in peace.

LEGION OF MARYThe Legion of Mary hopes to organise a Day Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on **Sun. 28th Sept.**, subject to sufficient interest.If you would like to travel, please register your interest by texting **Mary McKnight** on **07548 887 853**, or by leaving your name with the Parish Office. The approximate bus fare will be **£25 per person.****VOCATIONS**

For our seminarians and the men considering priesthood that, in moments of doubt, they'll hear Jesus say what He says to the disciples in today's gospel, "Courage! It is I. Do not be afraid!"

S.V.P. HELPLINE 079 2792 9923**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES -
PETITIONS**As our Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes begins on **Monday 10th August**, parishioners are welcome to send their petitions to Our Lady.If you would like your petition(s) to be taken to Lourdes, please place them in a sealed envelope and post them into **Fr Sweeney's** post-box before **9.00 pm. on Sunday 9th August.****ALTAR SERVER - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH**

If there are any children (In P5 and those who made their First Communion) who would like to be an Altar Server. Please make contact with Fr. Sweeney.

KEVIN LYNCH H.C.Lotto no's: 16, 22, 23 & 24. Lucky dip: Bridget O'Kane. Jackpot: £2,075. *Bingo: Fridays 8.00 pm. in Wanes World.***PARISH OFFICE****Will be CLOSED on Tuesday
Thursday and Friday.**

Please have all notices for the bulletin in the parish office by Wednesday lunchtime. Thank you.

**THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY
OF KNOCK**Takes place at Knock Shrine from Thursday 13th - Friday 21st August 2026. Novena ceremonies will be celebrated daily at 3.00 pm. and 8.00 pm. with workshops and guided prayer sessions also taking place throughout the nine days.This year's theme is "**Sheltered in God's Love.**" See the full programme at:<https://www.knockshrine.ie/national-novena-2026-guest-speakers-and-programme/>**JOB OPPORTUNITY, DERRY
DIOCESAN TRUST:**Administrative & Financial Officer (18 hours per week), Waterside Parish, Parochial House, 32 Chapel Rd., Derry. Rate of pay: £12.88 per hr. - £13.50 per hr. For application packs please email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org or Tel: 028 7126 2302. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Francis St., Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than 12 noon Monday 24th August 2026.**SOCIAL DANCING GROUP**Thank you to all who supported our recent afternoon Tea Dance, (Wanes World) in aid of local charities. Looking forward to seeing you all again at our next Tea Dance on Wed. 16th September. All welcome.**HOPE SUMMER CAMP - THANK YOU**

The HOPE Summer Camp Committee would like to sincerely thank our parish community for your generosity during our recent weekend collection. Your support helps make our camp possible and is greatly appreciated.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners for your patience and understanding throughout camp week, as our young people participated in services and activities in and around the church. We appreciate that this may have caused some disruption, and we are grateful for your encouragement and support as we help our young people grow in faith, friendship and community.

A special word of thanks to **Fr. Sweeney & Fr. Kelly** for helping us celebrate our faith throughout the week. We are also very grateful to **Annie Jo, Geraldine, Louise and Laura** for taking the time to prepare the chapel facilities and ensure everything was ready for our young people.

Finally, thank you to our entire parish community for your continued generosity, support and prayers. Your kindness enables HOPE Summer Camp to provide a memorable and faith-filled experience for the young people of our parish. We are truly grateful.

Rev. Chris McDermott. Adm.

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MASS TIMES FOR THE

COMING WEEK:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass

at 09:15am

Saturday (Vigil) at 4pm

Sunday Mass at 11am

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS: Is gambling affecting your life? *We would like to help you.* Please pick up your phone and make contact - Tel: 028 7135 1329.

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The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock
Takes place at Knock Shrine from
Thursday 13 to Friday 21 August 2026.
Novena ceremonies will be celebrated daily at
3.00pm and 8.00pm,
With workshops and guided prayer sessions also
taking place throughout the nine days.
This year's theme is "Sheltered in God's Love."

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See the full programme:
<https://www.knockshrine.ie/national-novena-2026-guest-speakers-and-programme/>
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Adult Céili Dancing - Fitness, Fun, Friendship
The Marian Hall, Kilrea
Further Details - 07821054402
Wednesday Evenings, 7pm - £5.00 per week

A fun way to keep active, learn Céili dancing & meet new people.

EVERYONE WELCOME

No need to book - Just come along.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 9th August 2026

PARISH OF GRANAGHAN

St Vincent De Paul Helpline: 07927900310

We welcome
Eva Vera Devine
as a member of God's Family



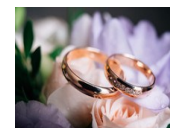
We welcome
Conor Michael McCready
as a member of God's Family



We welcome
Aisling Ellen Brolly
as a member of God's Family



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CONGRATULATIONS to
James Mellon & Mary Ann Tohill
on your recent wedding
Saturday 8th August 2026
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GRANAGHAN & DISTRICT WOMEN'S GROUP

We are delighted to confirm that we will be delivering three sessions of **Mat-based Pilates** and three of **Chair-based Pilates** with local tutor, Janette, **Thursdays AUGUST: 13th, 20th and 27th.** **Mat-based at 9.30 and Chair-based at 10.40ish.** Three places currently available for both sessions but you need to be quick!
Ann McNicholl to enquire / book: 07714757643

KENYA SCHOOL AID PROJECT - Annual Carn Walk on Sunday 16th August at 12 noon. Meeting at **Cotters Row Car Park** before walking the **CARN MOUNTAIN** to support 2 local men travelling to remote Kenya - **September 2026** to build toilet blocks & carry out much needed repairs at **NARA MURO NATIONAL SCHOOL** - Your support is greatly appreciated. Organisers: Pat Mullan & Aidan McGlade - <https://gofund.me/0137727FG>

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For our seminarians and the men considering priesthood that, in moments of doubt, they'll hear Jesus say what He says to the disciples in today's gospel, "Courage! It is I. Do not be afraid!" **Fr. Pat O'Hagan**
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An Carn

Film Screening: TRAD - An Carn is delighted to present **Trad** as part of the **Fleadh at Queen's** programme. This crowd-pleasing film will be screened in **An Coire**; and join us afterwards for a session of Traditional Irish music. Free refreshments for all musicians! **Date: Friday 14 August. Doors at 6:30pm. Cost: £5.**

Live Music: Na Leanai - The children and grandchildren of the **Sands Family**, a name synonymous with **Irish folk music** for generations, are joining us at **An Coire** for a special night of music you don't want to miss!
Date: Saturday 12 September. Doors at 7pm. Cost: £16. Under 16s: Free

Drumnaph Nature Reserve

Forest Bathing - Join us at Drumnaph for an immersive experience through **guided sensory meditations**, reconnect with the natural world and weave yourself back into nature!

Date: Saturday 29 August. Time: 10am - 12pm. Cost: £10

Weekly Collection for Sunday 2nd August 2026 - Weekly: £1,515.09



for your generous support

SUNDAY



Tamlaght
O'Crilly
Greenlough

Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday 21 December



Christmas Message 2025

This week we will celebrate Christmas Day. The birth of Jesus Christ, over two thousand years ago, was a pivotal moment in the lives of many people at that time, and ever since. In a sense, we join the Angels, the Shepherds, and the Wise Men who rejoiced with Mary and Joseph at the birth of the long awaited Saviour of the world.

We join the apostles and the disciples - men and women - who knew Jesus personally, who walked with Him and worked with Him in those early days of spreading the Good News of God's love for us in sending His Son among us.

We join all those who, down the years and right up to our own time, have lived up to their baptismal promises to be God's people, living and handing on the faith to the generations coming behind them.

As we gather with family, friends, neighbours, and fellow parishioners for Christmas Mass and other celebrations, let us pledge ourselves to be a people of Faith, Hope, and Love in a world which needs the presence of Jesus Christ - through our care, our words, and our actions - now more than ever before.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.
Nollaig shona daoibh, agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise.

Fr. Pat



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sunday 21 December 2025

MASSSES for the WEEK



GREENLOUGH

Tuesday 23 December: Mass 9.30am

Rosary: 7.30pm

Friday 26 December: NO MASS

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 27 December: Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Anniversary Mass for Liddy Taggart

Sunday 28 December: 9.00am

BELLAGHY

Monday 22 December: 9.30am

Saturday 27 December: 7.00pm

Sunday 28 December: 11.30am

BALLYSCULLION

Sunday 28 December: 10.15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions

Ballyscullion: Monday 22 December 7.00pm

Greenlough: Tuesday 23 December 7.00pm

Bellaghy: Wednesday 24 December 12.00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER

Greenlough: 4.00pm

Anniversary Mass for Fr. Michael

Mullan, Susan Mullan, Shelley

Mullan, Denise Bradley, Henry Lynn

Bellaghy: 6.00pm

Ballyscullion: 8.00pm



**Christmas
Mass
Schedule**

CHRISTMAS DAY - THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER

Greenlough: 9.00am

Anniversary Mass for Joe (the Gringo) O'Neill

Ballyscullion: 10.15am; Bellaghy: 11.30am

Greenlough Christmas Mass Cards

**ALL YOUR INTENTIONS WILL BE INCLUDED
IN THE CHRISTMAS MASSES.**



Website: www.greenlough.com

Email: greenloughparish@gmail.com

Parish Information

Fr. O'Hagan
028 7938 6259

Parish Office
028 2582 1190

St. Mary's
Primary School
028 2582 1066

St. Conor's
College
028 2582 1370

Neighbouring
Parishes

Bellaghy
028 7938 6259

Lavey
028 7964 2458

Portglenone
028 2582 1218

Baptisms
Contact the
Parish Office

Weddings
Contact the
Parish Office

Confessions
As Announced

Please note No Adoration on Christmas Day
or New Year's Day. Resumes Thursday 8 January 2026.

Collection: Sunday 14 December
Weekly: £1218.31. Counters for January: Pat
Kelly, Lenny Kelly, Francis Lynn & Liam Maguire.
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION - A Special Collection
will be taken up at Masses on Christmas Eve &
Christmas Day. *There is a special envelope in your box.*



VOCATIONS: *In both the First Reading and the Gospel this weekend we hear Jesus called "Emmanuel" - a name that means "God-is-with-us!" We pray for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood, and that the future priests of our diocese will be modern-day Emmanuels - the loving, healing, forgiving, and merciful presence of God in the Church and in the world.*

Continuous Prayer Movement - Marriage & Family Life. Our Parish day of Prayer is on
Monday 29 December. *January Theme:*
Couples getting married in the parish in 2026



*The Parish Office will be closed
until Tuesday 6 January 2026*

There will be a limited newsletter for the
next 2 weekends. Notices/anniversaries
must be submitted by Wednesday in
advance of both weekends.

Happy Christmas Everyone.



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS
*May God bless you all;
may the presence of Jesus brighten your joy,
ease your sorrow, and gather us into unity
in our community and in our families.*
Sonas na Nollag oraibh uilig.



GREENLOUGH

Tuesday 30 December Wedding 1.00pm; Rosary 7.30pm
Wednesday 31 December New Year's Eve Mass 7.30pm
Friday 2 January NO MASS

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday 3 January 5.30pm

First Anniversary Mass for Kathleen Henry
*Anniversary Mass for Bridget McDonnell, Tommy Clarke
Willie Anthony McPeake*

Sunday 4 January 9.00am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Monday 5 January 6.30pm

Anniversary Mass for Willie Lagan & Christopher O'Neill

Tuesday 6 January No Morning Mass Rosary 7.30pm

Thursday 8 January Adoration 9.00am - 5.00pm

Friday 9 January 9.30am

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday 10 January 5.30pm

*Anniversary Mass for Thomas Edward McCloskey, Barry McCloskey,
Felix Rankin, Philomena Mulholland, Una Henry*

Sunday 11 January 9.00am

BELLAGHY

Monday 29 December NO MASS

Thursday 1 January New Year's Day 11.00am

Tuesday 6 January Feast of the Epiphany 9.30am

Saturday 3 January & Saturday 10 January 7.00pm

Sunday 4 January & Sunday 11 January 11.30am

BALLYSCULLION: Sunday 4 & Sunday 11 January 10.15am

Monday 6 January: Feast of the Epiphany: 7.30pm

*Anniversaries: Charles McPeake, Fr. Michael Mullan, Susan Mullan,
Denise Bradley, Shelley Mullan, Joe (the Gringo) O'Neill, Dan Madden,
Hugh O'Neill, Cahal McQuillan, Henry Lynn, Patrick McGoldrick, Patrick
McGoldrick, Snr, Maureen Lynn, Vincent Hamill, Mary Jane Lagan, Liddy
Taggart, James McErlean, Margaret Mackle.*

OUR LADY OF MONTLIGEON PRAYER GROUP- praying for all the souls in Purgatory meets in Termonbacca, on the last Wednesday each month at 12:30pm. Also in St Joseph's Church Galliagh every Monday after 11am Mass.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: Have you been hurt by abortion? Tel Michelle 07871765181.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS: Is gambling affecting your life? We would like to help. Pick up the phone and ring 028 7135 1329.

Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Workshops September 25th/26th November 20th/21st 2026 These courses are now online for booking at www.accordni.com

'Embrace the Grace' Young Adult Catholic Conference - 29 August 2026 - Legion of Mary: 'Embrace the Grace' is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-40) with talks, prayer, Mass, confession, workshops, food and social in the historic Legion of Mary headquarters at De Montfort House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7. It will be a chance to build faith in friendship with young adults from across the country. This event takes place on Saturday 30 August from 9.30am to 6.00pm with a social afterwards. Tickets cost €20 and can be booked on the eventbrite website by looking up 'Embrace the Grace'. Any queries can be directed towards deusetpatria@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential Weekend from Friday 2 to Sunday 4 October 2026 at the Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. Visit www.marriageencounter.ie

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Northern Ireland emergency services PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 028 7131 4090 (and ask for the Duty Social Worker) Gateway Services, Northern HSC Trust 028 9442 4459 Regional Emergency Social Work Services 0800 1979 99

PRIVACY NOTICE The Diocese of Derry complies with GDPR regulations. A privacy notice is available on the Parish Website Live stream and recordings of Mass and Services in Holy Family Church are available on line. Parishioners should note that the first 2 rows of seats are visible on line.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm

Mon ,Wed ,Fri, Sat 10.00am Tues and Thurs 7.15pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 10.30am-11.30am & 5.15pm-5.50pm

Tues ,Thurs 6.45pm – 7.10pm

Divine Mercy 3pm Monday– Friday

BAPTISMS

Saturday at 4.30pm

MARRIAGES

Three months notice and marriage preparation necessary

PAROCHIAL HOUSE

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Email: office@holyfamily-parish.com

Website: www.holyfamily-parish.com

Webcam: Click on website and follow the links

Parish Office 9.45am-1.45pm Mon– Fri

Parish Priest:
Fr Joseph Gormley

Curate
Fr Kevin Mulhern

JESUS IS WITH US IN THE STORMS OF LIFE

Every Christian experiences storms. We naturally ask the Lord to remove our difficulties, yet the Gospel reveals that Jesus often offers something even greater: His presence. Rather than simply calming the storm around us, He seeks to deepen our trust in Him within it.

The greatest miracle in this Gospel is not that Jesus walked on water, nor even that Peter briefly did the same. The true miracle is that frightened, faltering disciples became worshippers who recognised Jesus as the Son of God.

Perhaps our prayer should be less, "Lord, make my life easier," and more, "Lord, whatever storm I must face, keep my eyes fixed on You." When we do stumble, as Peter did, we can be confident that Christ's saving hand is already reaching out to lift us up

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION Saturday is the Feast of the Assumption and is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be Vigil Mass on Friday at 7.15pm, Saturday 10am and 6.00pm Vigil Mass. Saturday Vigil Mass covers obligation for either Feast Day or Sunday but **NOT** both

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will not take place in August but will resume in September

BAPTISMS Our Parish family welcomes:

Finn Ryan McCleary St, Eithne's Pk, Leo Anthony McCartney, Templegrove
Eden Lura McNeil Grangewood Drive, Kadie Katherine Maguire Beraghvale

ANNIVERSARIES We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Marian McMonagle, Eileen McDonagh, John Paul Stokes, Bishop Edward Daly, Fr Neal Carlin, Denis Hooper, Celine Doherty, Martin Tope, Frankie O'Donnell, Maureen O'Hagan, Philip McDermott

SUNDAY COLLECTION 2nd August £2310.40 Standing Orders £400 and €183.33 Thank you for your generosity

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Fr Gormley wishes to acknowledge anonymous Donation of £500

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD For our seminarians and the men considering priesthood that, in moments of doubt, they'll hear Jesus say what He says to the disciples in today's gospel, "Courage! It is I. Do not be afraid!"

LEGION OF MARY meets on Wednesday evenings at 5.45pm. Anyone willing to do Our Lady's work is asked to call Patricia on 02871417867

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL | 13th–16th August Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

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JOB OPPORTUNITY, DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST: Administrative & Financial Officer (18 hours per week), Waterside Parish, Parochial House, 32 Chapel Road, Derry. Rate of pay: £12.88 per hr - £13.50 per hr. For application packs please email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org or tel 028 7126 2302. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than 12 noon Monday 24 August

MARY'S MEALS – STEP BY STEP WALK Mary's Meals is currently feeding over 3 million children a daily school meal across 16 countries. Our Annual Step by Step to Feed the Next Child 2 Bridges walk (Foyle and Peace Bridges Derry) takes place today Sunday 9th of August. Starting Point is at Sainsbury's Car Park, Strand Road at 12 noon. All Welcome to participate even for a mile or two. For further details and to register online visit www.marysmeals.org.uk/step or contact Caoimhe on 07394564065.

A NEW BOOK IS BEING WRITTEN ABOUT FATHER PADDY O'KANE'S LIFE. Since his death in 2022, many stories have been shared about the impact Father Paddy had on so many people. The book, which is planned to be published next year, will combine stories about Father Paddy, along with his own words through the weekly column he wrote for the Derry News for many years. The author of the book, Ciaran O'Neill, is keen to hear from anyone who would like to share their story of Father Paddy. Ciaran can be contacted at caoneill1971@gmail.com or on 07875904354.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - OUR DIOCESAN DESIGNATED PERSON SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE IS: Marie O'Kane

Telephone: (044)7596500793. Email: dlp@derrydiocese.org

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: After the 10.00 a.m. Mass in Iskaheen on Tuesday until 2.00 p.m. **CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY:** After the 10.00 a.m. Mass in Muff on Wednesday.

PARISH DRAW RESULTS - WEEK 40: €500 - Sieve Haughey, Ardmore, €500 - Brenda Rutherford, Carry, €300 - Audrey Moyne, Drumhaggart, €200 - Michael McGonagle, Bolin, €100 - Sean Bradley, Craig Park.

Songs of Praise in Muff Church of Ireland on Sunday, 2nd August at 6.30 p.m. approximately.

Community Employment Scheme - One Worker needed for Drung Graveyard. If you are interested in this position, please ring (074) 9385875 or 0863400163.

MOVILLE BRIDGE CLUB: Names are now being taken for bridge classes, commencing mid-September. To register for classes or for further information please contact Margaret on 086 3936255 as soon as possible.

UPDATE ON THE TRIP TO BALLYCASTLE: The Men's Shed, Carn is looking for expressions of interest in travelling to the *Ould Lammas Fair* in Ballycastle on Tuesday 25th August. Please email mens.shed.carn@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us on this great day out or call 087 4611571.

The Men's Shed, Carn is hosting "DROP IN WEDNESDAYS" for men every Wednesday from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Email mens.shed.carn@gmail.com or call 0874611571

SIGNED MASS CARDS AND MASS BOUQUETS AVAILABLE IN ISKAHEEN PAROCHIAL HOUSE AND DRUNG SACRISTY.

To book Weddings, Baptisms, Month's Mind Masses, Anniversary Masses, contact Anne at the Parish Office on 9384037.

PARISH OF ISKAHEEN & UPPER MOVILLE

Iskaheen, Drung & Muff Churches
(St. Patrick's, St. Columba's & Sacred Heart)
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Priest: Fr. John Farren P.P. - Tel: 9384037
Parish Secretary: Mrs Anne Clarke 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.
(Tuesday to Friday - Tel: 9384037)

E-mail: iskaheenparish@derrydiocese.org

Websites: www.iskaheenparish.com & www.stcolumbasdrung.net
Live Streaming www.mcn.live

Scoil Naomh Fionán, Principal: Mr Patrick Patton - Tel: 9383228.
Scoil Naomh Bríd, Principal: Mr Gary Foster - Tel: 9384136.
(Drung Saint Vincent de Paul Telephone Number: 086 4079904)
(Muff Saint Vincent de Paul Telephone Number: 086 3040627)

2nd August 2026 - Year A - Schedule for the Coming Week

MASS TIMES:	DRUNG	ISKAHEEN	MUFF
Saturday: (Vigil):	5.00 p.m.	-----	6.30 p.m.
Sunday: (Morning)	10.15 a.m.	9.00 a.m.	11.30 a.m.

DRUNG	ISKAHEEN	MUFF
Monday 3 rd August: -----	-----	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday 4 th August: -----	10.00 a.m.	-----
Wednesday 5 th August: -----	-----	10.00 a.m.
Thursday 6 th August: 7.00 p.m.	-----	-----
Friday 7 th August: 7.00 p.m.	12.30 p.m.	-----
Saturday 8 th August: 5.00 p.m.	10.00 a.m.	6.30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: DRUNG
Before 5.00 p.m. Mass on Saturday

CONFESSIONS: MUFF
Before 6.30 p.m. Mass on Saturday

NB THE ST. PEREGRINE NOVENA MASS & BLESSING WITH THE RELIC WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER IN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, ISKAHEEN AT 7.00 p.m.

Parish of Kilrea & Desertohill

Rev. Christopher McDermott
Parish Secretary: Mrs Kim Convery



Nineteenth Sunday of The Year

9th August 2026

www.parishofkilrea.com

E-mail: parishofkilrea@btinternet.com

Facebook: *Parish of Kilrea & Desertohill*

Telephone: 028 29540343

Errigal: 028 29558251

Vigil Mass (Sat) 7pm at Saint Anne's Oratory – Sunday 10am at Drumagarner – Sunday 12noon at Craigavole

Weekday Masses

Monday, Thursday and Friday at 10am in Saint Anne's Oratory.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) available each Saturday after 7pm Mass in St Anne's Oratory.

In Remembrance of

Susan McKendry, Murt McGill, Kathleen Judge, Helen Fidgeon and Ronnie O'Kane

whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

St Conor's College Kilrea site: School Uniforms

Couples, one of the official Uniform Suppliers will be in school on Tuesday 11th August from 9.30 - 3.00pm for the purchase of uniform.

Alternatively, uniform is available from Tommie McGrath of Maghera.

Kilrea GAC News

Lottery result 30th July: 2, 20, 21, 24.

No Winner £3,700

£50– Odhran Darragh

Next Jackpot is £3,750.

Tickets on Klubfunder.

Last week's collection amounted to £2,150.

July Standing Orders £1,485.

Thank You

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Frankie McEldowey (nee Diamond), Ballymoney** who died recently.
May she rest in peace and rise in glory

Adult Ceili Dancing every Wednesday at 7pm in The Marian Hall Kilrea
New members welcome No previous experience required Fun, Fitness & Friendship
No need to book, PAYG £5 per week.

Our parish family welcomes **Conn Emmett McCamphill, Orla Maeve McAllister & Patrick Eoghan Doherty** who were baptised recently.



May they always walk as children of the light!

Vocations Prayer: For our seminarians and the men considering priesthood that, in moments of doubt, they'll hear Jesus say what He says to the disciples in today's gospel, "Courage! It is I. Do not be afraid!"

Readers for

15th Aug/ 16th Aug

7pm:

Sinead McAllister

10am:

Alice Kearney

12noon:

Pauline McKeefry

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will pause during July & August for the summer break.

Weekly adoration resumes on Monday 7th September.

"Be strong in The Lord" - Strengthen your Catholic Faith!
Human Life International Ireland Mission Night with **relics of St. Thérèse & The Holy Face**. **Tuesday 30th June, 7pm, The Lodge Hotel Coleraine and Thursday 2nd July, 7pm, Marine Hotel, Ballycastle.**



In this weekend's gospel Jesus encourages the men He is calling to priesthood not to be afraid to "...take up their cross and follow [Him]..." and promises them that they will find fulfilment and "life" in Him.

ALL-IRELAND RALLY FOR LIFE takes place in Belfast on **Saturday 4th July**. Please join us to make a stand to protect Ireland's unborn babies. Coaches will be travelling from towns across Northern Ireland. To book your seat contact **02890278484/ 07592280522** or email **info@preciouslife.com**

ATU St Angela's is inviting applications for the following programme beginning Autumn 2026: **Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School, with Online Delivery**. The programme is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply. Closing date for Applications is Friday 14 August 2026. For further information contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, Education Department, ATU St Angelas, Lough Gill, Sligo Email mary.kearns@atu.ie or visit Website: www.atu.ie

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS: Is gambling affecting your life? We would like to help. Pick up the phone and ring 028 7135 1329.

Indoor Car Boot Sale, Saturday 18 July 2026 at Our Lady and St Patrick's Church Hall, Ballymoney, 10am-2pm (sellers from 9am). Price per table £10.
All table fees will be donated to Apostolic Work to help the missions.
For further details contact 07547073239.

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PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101
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Gateway Services, Northern HSC Trust 028 9442 4459



28 June 2026

Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME FOR **WEEK COMMENCING Monday 29 June 2026**

Monday 29 June - Friday 3 July		
	10.00am	Mass: Christ the King Church (streamed)
Saturday 4 July		
	4.30pm	Vigil Mass: Christ the King Church (streamed)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: St Finlough's Church (streamed)
Sunday 5 July		
	9.00am	Mass: Christ the King Church
	10.30am	Mass: St Mary's Church
	12.00 noon	Mass: Christ the King Church
	3.00pm to 5.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Christ the King (with Confessions)

Baptisms

To arrange a Baptism, you **MUST** complete a Baptism Card in the Parish Office. Tel: Parish Office - 028 777 62522 between 9.00 am - 1.00pm (Monday to Thursday)

Month's Mind Masses and Anniversary Masses

To arrange Anniversaries, Month's Mind Masses or First Anniversary Masses, please contact the Parish Office. Tel: 028 777 62522 between 9.00 am - 1.00 pm (Monday to Thursday)

Parish Bulletin

The bulletin is available online. Visit: www.limavadyparish.org
All notices should be emailed to parishoflimavady@btinternet.com or left in the post box outside the parish office before Wednesday at 1.00pm.

Telephone Numbers

Msgr. McCanny 028 777 29759
Fr Harkin 028 777 63944
Parish Office 028 777 62522 (Monday - Thursday:
9.00 am - 1.00 pm)

Email: parishoflimavady@btinternet.com

Website: www.limavadyparish.org



In these difficult times please remember the SVP Red Box.
Helpline 07512360388



Deaths

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:
James Strawbridge, 38 Riverview, Ballykelly
Marie Quinn, 18 Bell's Hill, Limavady.

Anniversaries

Gerard McCann, May McGowan, Hugh Kerr, Marian Ferris, Edward Ferris,
 John and Bridget Canning, Mary McLaughlin, Bernadette O'Kane,
 Dennis and Molly Henry, Anne McCorrison, Brian Guy, Kathleen Kelly,
 Mary McCormick, Frank McWilliams, William and Eamon McGinnis,
 Tom O'Connor, Bernadette McGinnis, Patsy Mullan, Mary Higgins.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Month's Mind Mass

The Month's Mind Mass for **Michael Brolly** will be celebrated
 on **Saturday 4 July** at 6.00pm in **St. Finlough's Church.**

First Anniversary Mass

The First Anniversary Mass for **Mary Mackle** will be celebrated
 on **Friday 3 July** at 10.00am in **Christ the King Church.**

The First Anniversary Mass for **Paddy Kealey** (Drumrammer) will be
 celebrated on **Sunday 5 July** at 10.30am in **St. Mary's Church.**



We welcome into God's family

Poppy Jayne Lennox
Coby Michael Smyth

CEMETERY SUNDAY



St. Finlough's 3.00pm Sunday 28 June 2026



Please bring Holy Water to sprinkle on the graves of your loved ones.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH CONFESSIONS
in CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
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LED BY MSGR. BRYAN MCCANNY AND FR. FRANCIS BRADLEY

13-20 JULY 2026

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Cost: €1,300 per person sharing (double/twin room)

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PARISHES OF BUNCRANA AND LIMAVADY

PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHERN ITALY—13-20 July 2026

There will be an information evening for the upcoming Pilgrimage on
Monday 6 July at 7pm in The Fowler Hall, Burnfoot, Tooban, (in the car
 park directly across from **St Mura's National School. Eircode: F93 KD70)**
 for all travelling to Padua on 13 July.
 If you have not already left a copy of your passport and EHIC/GHIC card
 with the Parish Office, please bring these with you on the night to be copied,
 or leave them with the Parish Office before the meeting.
 Looking forward to seeing you there.



PARISH DRAW

The next draw will take place on **Monday 29th June.**
 Collection in **Bethany Community Centre** from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.
Everyone welcome!

Readers for July

Weekdays:

Monday Marie McAteer
 Tuesday Karen McCloskey
 Wednesday Patricia McIvor
 Thursday Mary Lea
 Friday Veronica Herron

Weekends:

Christ the King 4.30pm Vigil Declan Toner
 St. Finlough's 6.00pm Vigil Lucille Loughrey
 Christ the King 9.00am Leona Kealey
 St. Mary's 10.30am Mary Calhoun
 Christ the King 12.00noon James McGuinness

Weekly Envelope Collection

Weekly Collection: £4,835

Thank you for your continued support.



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The Parish of Moville

St Pius X, Moville St Mary's, Ballybrack

St Columba's, Ballinacrae St Joseph's Oratory, Shrove



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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 9th For Elijah, the Lord was not the mighty wind but the gentle breeze. Peter's faith fails in the face of the of the wind and the sea. 'Lord! Save me' is a prayer for all in times of fear and opposition.

Monday 10th St Lawrence, deacon, one of the most venerated saints of the Church of Rome. Remembered for his generosity to the poor and for his faithfulness as a martyr.

Tuesday 11th St Clare (1193-1253). Born in Assisi, she followed St Francis in his life of poverty and founded the Poor Clares

Wednesday 12th St Jane Frances de Chantal (1572-1641) at the age of twenty married Baron de Chantal but after nine years was left a widow with four children. Her friendship with St Francis de Sales led to the foundation of the Congregation of the Visitation.

St Lelia, who is said to have been baptized by St Patrick.

Thursday 13th St Pontian and St Hippolytus, Martyrs. Pontian became bishop of Rome in 230; Hippolytus was a Roman priest and a learned and influential theologian. Both were exiled to the mines of Sardinia at a time of persecution.

Friday 14th St Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941), a Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan. He returned to Poland in 1936 but was later arrested by the Nazis and sent to Auschwitz. There he offered to take the place of a married man with a family who had been sentenced to death. He died in Auschwitz on 14th August 1941.

Vigil Mass of the Assumption in Ballybrack at 7.30pm.

Saturday 15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the end of her life Mary was glorified by God in body and soul, conformed completely to the risen Christ. Today's feast celebrates her blessed state in all its fullness. Holyday of Obligation. **Mass in St Pius X at 10am and Vigil for Sunday at 7.00pm.**

Sunday 16th 11.30am Mass will be celebrated in Ballybrack.

Mass this week in St Pius X: Monday to Friday 10am. Saturday 6.30pm; Sunday 10am. **Confessions** in St. Pius X Church: Saturday 5.45pm to 6.15pm. **The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be recited in St. Pius X Church, Moville, at 7.30 pm every day, from Sunday – Friday. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Monday, 2-9pm; Wednesday, 6-9pm.

Thank you for your generous financial support to the parish in the past week, which amounted to €3425.

Baptism: We welcome into God's Family **Sophie Ella Treacy Daly**, Gulladuff and **Rían Oscar Gillespie**, Gulladuff Heights who were baptised recently.

Prayer for Vocations: For our seminarians and the men considering priesthood that, in moments of doubt, they'll hear Jesus say what He says to the disciples in today's gospel, "Courage! It is I. Do not be afraid!" We pray to the Lord.

"It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, sister or brother? Anyone interested in serving the Church as a priest of the diocese of Derry should contact the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP Bellaghy and Greenlough, at 0487938 6259 or at pgoh2111@gmail.com

Music continues on Thursday evenings at 8pm in Moville Men's Shed. Love Music? Just Show Up! Singers, players, and socialisers alike are all welcome for a relaxing evening at one of the few Shed activities open to both men and women.

A Feast of Folk with Patsy Cavanagh and friends in The Cairn, at 8pm every Tuesday during July and August. Ballads and Folk songs from Ireland and further afield as seating is limited, please call 9381104.

Summer Teas in the Glencrow Hall on Saturday 22 August from 11am to 4.00pm. Scones, cakes and good company. Also, a stall of pre-loved items for sale. Admission €8, children free. Proceeds to ongoing work in war-torn Myanmar.

Donegal Down Syndrome Association Annual church-gate collection will take place on the weekend of 29 /30 August.

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock takes place at Knock Shrine from Thursday 13 to Friday 21 August. Ceremonies celebrated daily at 3pm and 8pm, with workshops and guided prayer sessions. This year's theme is "Sheltered in God's Love." Full programme at: <https://www.knockshrine.ie/national-novena-2026-guest-speakers-and-programme/>

Carrowmena Community Centre (9367061) Cream Teas every Tuesday during August from between 2 and 4pm. Cost €5. Special summer dance (The Holiday Hop), for regulars, holiday makers and visitors, on Sunday 16 August at 8pm. Admission €5, including supper. All welcome. Carrowmena Community Centre, Carrowmena Residents Association and Tremone Historical Society will hold an afternoon celebrating the heritage, people and stories of the area on Sunday 30 August at 2pm. It will include a guided historical walk, talks about the memorial garden and a draw for a painting by Jenny Craven followed by tea in the Centre. Proceeds to the Residents Association and the Memorial Garden Renovation Fund. Tickets €10. Booking essential.

Congratulations to the winners of the August Parish Draw.

Prize	Number	Name	Promoter
€700	253	Ellie McDermott	Agnes Cavanagh
€400	227	Seamus & Mary Bovaird	Agnes Cavanagh
€250	108	Fr Pat O'Hagan	Bridget McGhee
€150	147	Margaret Lynch	Helen Gillen
€100	188	Siobhan Price	Kay Doherty

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A short reflection on today's Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

In today's Gospel, the disciples find themselves struggling against strong winds while Jesus comes to them, walking on the water. At first, they are filled with fear, but Jesus reassures them with the simple yet powerful words: "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid." Like the disciples, we all encounter storms in our lives - times of uncertainty, anxiety, illness, or loss. Peter's experience reminds us that faith is not about never doubting, but about keeping our eyes fixed on Christ. When Peter focuses on Jesus, he walks on the water; when he focuses on the wind and waves, he begins to sink. Yet even then, Jesus immediately reaches out His hand to save him. This Gospel is a beautiful reminder that the Lord is always present, even when He seems distant. He does not promise a life free from storms, but He does promise that we will never face them alone. As we gather around the Lord's table this Sunday, may we hear His reassuring voice, trust in His presence, and reach out to Him in faith, knowing that His hand is always extended towards us.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: For our seminarians and the men considering priesthood that, in moments of doubt, they'll hear Jesus say what He says to the disciples in today's gospel, "Courage! It is I. Do not be afraid!"

On Saturday 15th August, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. We gather to give thanks to God for the gift of Our Lady, who was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory, and to renew our hope in the promise of the Resurrection. Mass times are as follows:
Friday 14th August – 6.15pm and 7.30pm
Saturday 15th August – 7.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, and 12.30pm.

The Collection on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be for Parish Youth Ministry. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to join us in celebrating this joyful feast.

“Bishop Daly - A Man for all Seasons” 2026 Exhibition celebrates the life, influence, work and legacy of Bishop Edward Daly opens on Saturday 8th August at 11.00am. Exhibition times are 11.00am to 4.00pm in the Conference Room above the Sacristy in Saint Eugene’s Cathedral, Creggan Street, Derry, BT48 9AP. The Exhibition will run until 18th August and everyone is welcome.

On 14th August, the Church celebrates the Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan priest and martyr of charity. Imprisoned in Auschwitz during the Second World War, he freely offered his life in place of a fellow prisoner who had been selected to die. His extraordinary act of self-sacrificing love reflects Christ's own words: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). St Maximilian had a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and dedicated his priesthood to spreading the Gospel through prayer, the media, and missionary work. His courage, faith, and love continue to inspire Christians throughout the world. As we honour St Maximilian Kolbe, may we ask for his intercession, that we too may grow in faith, charity, and the courage to bear witness to Christ in our daily lives.

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Mary Theresa (Maureen) O’Doherty
Seamus Mullan
Cissie McLaughlin
Brother Gabriel McKinney S.J.
Richard Gillespie
Peggy Carlin
May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as a member of God’s family:
Cora Doyle
To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate
Cara McLaughlin & Alexander Gittings
who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral
May God bless you abundantly in love, joy and happiness

Collection

Weekly Collection: £5,362
Parish Development: £ 986
Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:
Smile Train: £20 £60 £20
Sightsavers: £100
Mary’s Meals: £60
Trócaire: £10
SVdP: £20

Readers for 14th/15th August

6.15pm Mary Feeney
7.30pm Mary Morrison
9.30am Marie Canning
11.00am Helen Sweeney
12.30pm Eilish Friel

Readers for 15th/16th August

6.15 pm Claire O’Kane
7.30 pm Amulya George
9.30 am Barry McDaid/
Caragh McSheffrey
11.00 am Angela McCallion
12.30 pm Rosemary Finan
7.00 pm Anna Begley

Lunchtime Concert - Grúpa Ceoil Beag, a group of young traditional Irish music students and performers will be performing in The Cathedral Hall on Wednesday 12th August at 1.30pm. Entry is free, and everyone is welcome. With thanks to Derry City & Strabane District Council for supporting this event.

Job Opportunity, Derry Diocesan Trust: Administrative & Financial Officer (18 hours per week), Waterside Parish, Parochial House, 32 Chapel Road, Derry. Rate of pay: £12.88 per hr - £13.50 per hr. For application packs please email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org or telephone 028 7126 2302. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop’s House, St Eugene’s Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than 12 noon Monday 24 August 2026. *Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.*

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock takes place at Knock Shrine from Thursday 13th to Friday 21st August 2026. Novena ceremonies will be celebrated daily at 3.00pm and 8.00pm, with workshops and guided prayer sessions also taking place throughout the nine days. This year's theme is "Sheltered in God's Love." See the full program at www.knockshrine.ie.

Mary's Meals – Step by Step Walk - Mary's Meals is currently feeding over 3 million children a daily school meal across 16 countries. Our Annual Step by Step to Feed the Next Child 2 Bridges Walk (Foyle and Peace Bridges Derry) takes place on Sunday 9th August. Starting Point is at Sainsbury's Car Park, Strand Road at 12 noon. All Welcome to participate even for a mile or two. For further details and to register online visit www.marysmeals.org.uk/step or contact Caoimhe on 07394564065. Please do keep all our walkers in your prayers.

Accord Derry – Marriage Preparation Workshops 2026 - Accord Derry is pleased to announce upcoming Marriage Preparation Workshops taking place in 2026. These courses are designed to support couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

The remaining available dates for 2026 are as follows:

- **September:** 25th–26th 2026
- **November:** 20th–21st 2026

All courses are now available for online booking at: www.accordni.com.

Please note that **Accord Derry will not be facilitating Marriage Preparation Courses during October or December 2026.** Couples are encouraged to book early to secure a place on their preferred date.

ATU St Angela's is now accepting applications for the Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School (online delivery), beginning in Autumn 2026.

The programme is open to qualified primary school teachers, qualified post-primary teachers wishing to transfer to primary teaching, and parents, sacramental preparation teams, and parish catechists with an interest in primary religious education. The closing date for applications is **Friday, 14th August 2026.** For further information, contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, Education Department, ATU St Angela's, Lough Gill, Sligo, at mary.kearns@atu.ie, or visit www.atu.ie.

St Eugene's Cathedral is monitored by CCTV cameras and by two live streaming cameras. Live streaming can be viewed online at www.churchservices.tv, www.watchmcnmedia or the parish website. The Diocese of Derry Privacy Notice is displayed on the parish website and Cathedral notice board, or you may obtain a copy from the Parish Office.

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9th August 2026*

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

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Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday 28th June 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Welcoming the People of God”

Throughout the Old Testament readings that we hear during the year, there are many instances of hospitality shown. In many ways this was seen as an essential part of the culture of the time. This is not just hospitality for immediate family and friends, but also in a more special way caring for the stranger. Without knowing who he was, we hear in this Sunday's readings that the prophet Elisha was welcomed by the stranger as a Holy Man of God.

Significantly, on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul which we celebrate this Monday (29 June), in this parish we mark forty years since the late Bishop Edward Daly rededicated St. Columb's Church following its renovation in the previous years. It is worth reflecting on this, the Church as our spiritual family home. We think of the tears of the funerals and maybe also at a wedding! The joys of celebrating the sacraments of First Holy Communion, baptisms, marriages, confirmations and ordinations that many of us attended in the years before and since and for many years to come.

But our parish churches, while a special and beautiful place of solitude, prayer, worship and many memories, are only the place where we receive our spiritual nourishment in Word and Sacrament of the Body of Christ. Yet the 'Body of Christ' is more than only receiving Holy Communion at Mass. By our baptism, we the people and those gone before us in faith of the Parish, the Diocese and the whole Church are the Body of Christ. We are sent out to live what we receive in our words and actions. In our time as we gather for Mass, as a parish community welcome all the people of God, familiar faces and the stranger alike who make up the Body of Christ around us. When we truly welcome any of the people of God, we trust that we welcome Christ and indeed we welcome the one who sent him.

Baptisms – We welcome into the family of God **Hallie Grace McCartney**, Whitethorn Drive and **Eva Sophie Crossan**, Birch Hill.

Deaths – We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Tom Frawley**, Rosswater and **John Doran**, Violet Street.

Anniversaries – We are asked to remember in our prayers – Frank Henry, John McConomy, George Faulkner, Sheila Coyle, Bridie McKinney, Anne Deehan, William McGrath, Mary Mullan, John Carlin, Brian Owen, Damien Doherty, John & Sadie McConomy, Bernard Hannaway, Rose Walker, William Hegarty, Marie McGinn, Josephine O'Connor, Joe Mc Dermott.

Offertory Collection: Glendermott: £3,723.00 Strathfoyle: £520.00

Thank you for your generosity to the parish collections.

Vocations – In this weekend's gospel Jesus encourages the men He is calling to priesthood not to be afraid to " ...take up their cross and follow (Him)..." and promises them that they will find fulfilment and "life" in Him.

Vocations Society of St Joseph (Waterside Parish) We continue to pray for priests, vocations to priesthood and religious life and support seminarians. The Rosary on Thursday mornings at 9.30am offered for this intention and everyone welcome.

Lectio Divina – Join us on **Thursday** evenings at 8:00pm in St Columb's Church for our weekly praying of the Sacred Scriptures.

Are you interested in volunteering to help children and adults in our parish to prepare to receive the Sacraments? If you have a basic knowledge of Catholic teaching and some teaching experience (not essential), please contact the Parish Office Tel. 02871 342303. You will join a small parish team and be supported in preparing and delivering sessions. The time commitment would be around 2 hours per week from end of September to May. Safeguarding checks will be carried out.

Diocese of Derry – Lough Derg Pilgrimage 2026: The Diocese of Derry Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from **Friday 24th July** to **Sunday 26th July 2026**. A bus will travel from St Eugene's Cathedral, via Strabane and Lifford. Cost: £95 / €110 including bus transport. You are welcome, of course, to use your own means of transport. Booking form and full details available at: derrydiocese/lough-derg.

Concern Derry Group - the annual Scalp Challenge in aid of Concern's worldwide development work will take place today **Sunday 28th June** at Henry McLaughlin's farm (from Derry turn right at Burnfoot). First walkers should set off at 12noon and the last at 2.00pm. Check the weather forecast and wear suitable clothing. All support greatly appreciated.

Accord Derry - Marriage Preparation Workshops - September and November 2026. September 25th/26th 2026 – November 20th/21st 2026. These courses are now online for booking at www.accordni.com

Please note that Accord Derry will **NOT** be facilitating courses during October or December 2026.

Man and Woman, He Created Them - The Priory Institute is running an online summer school in August again this year. The course will examine a selection of Pope John Paul's writings on the human body, man and woman, love and sexuality and marriage. The Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from **10th August 2026**. The course includes four recorded presentations and one online zoom discussion and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online prioryinstitute.com

Fr Mike Schmitz Parables Tour for Young People 20th July – Dublin: Derry Youth Ministry are inviting young people aged 16+ to join them for the Fr Mike Schmitz Parables Tour taking place on **20th July 2026** in the National Stadium Dublin. Fr Mike is an American priest and digital evangelist, who will present the message of the Gospel, in a novel, energetic and engaging style that speaks into young people's lives today. Cost £45 for ticket and transport. Bus departs Derry at 12noon, with pick-ups in Strabane and Omagh. To secure your place or for more information contact bethanydoherty@derrydiocese.org or call 02871264087.

Thought for the Day

We are rarely asked for a cup of water. But the rewards promised by Jesus extend beyond individual almsgiving to those who work for others in a thousand hidden ways, for instance maintaining a city water system, or caring for public hygiene, as civil servants, plumbers, engineers, scientists, streetcleaners or parents of families. We live in a more complex society, but the same care and generosity are found in all walks of life, wherever people devote themselves to the service of others.

Thank you, Lord, for the opportunities I have to serve others.

Mass & Confession Times

Sunday

St Columb's Church	10.00am, 12.30pm & 6.00pm
Church of Immaculate Conception	10.15am & 12.15pm
St Oliver Plunkett's Church	11.15am
St Mary's Oratory	9.15am

Monday – Friday

St Columb's Church	10.00am & 7.30pm
Church of Immaculate Conception	9.15am (Monday – Friday)
St Oliver Plunkett's Church	11.00am (Mon, Tue and Thursday)
St Mary's Oratory	11.00am (Wednesday only)

Saturday

St Columb's Church	10.00am & 7.00pm (Vigil of Sunday)
Church of Immaculate Conception	6.00pm (Vigil of Sunday)
St Oliver Plunkett's Church	6.00pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Confessions

St Columb's Church	Monday – Friday 7.00pm – 7.25pm Saturday after 10.00 Mass
Church of Immaculate Conception	Saturday 5.30pm – 5.55pm
St Oliver Plunkett's Church	Saturday 5.30pm – 5.55pm

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