

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

Twenty Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF THE WEST TYRONE PASTORAL AREA:

Aghyaran ♦ Ardstraw West & Castlederg ♦ Drumquin

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Drumquin: Website: drumquinparish.com Email: drumquin@derrydiocese.org

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SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

DAY	AGHYARAN	ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG	DRUMQUIN
Monday 14 Sept		Mass, Castlederg: 7.30pm	Mass, 10.00am Rosary, 8.00pm, Grotto
Tuesday 15 Sept	Mass, 10.00am		
Wednesday 16 Sept	Liturgy of the Word, With Holy Communion	Liturgy of the Word, With Holy Communion	Mass, 10.00am, <i>with school children attending</i>
Thursday 17 Sept	Mass, 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon, <i>with school children attending Mass</i>		
Friday 18 Sept		Mass, Castlederg: 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon, <i>with school children attending Mass</i>	
Saturday 19 Sept	Vigil Mass, 7.30pm: <i>Months Mind - Danny O'Donnell</i>	Vigil Mass, Castlederg, 6.15pm	Vigil Mass: 5.00pm
Sunday 20 Sept	Mass, 11.00am	Mass: Dregish, 9.30am Drumnabey, 12.30pm <i>Mass in Castlederg on 2nd and 4th Sunday</i>	Mass, 11.00am

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection:

AGHYARAN: £923 & €65. Church Restoration Fund: £735 & €35.

ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG: £2,014 & €30, made up of:

Castlederg £1,179 & €24, **Drumnabey** £561 & €1, **Dregish** £274 & €5. **DRUMQUIN:** £694.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of £250 donation for church funds in Castlederg. Thank you.

As always, thank you very much to all who contribute by Standing Order.

ARDSTRAW WEST AND CASTLEDERG Parish Draw: Returns for September's draw should be made to the Parochial House this Thursday, 17 September, between 6.00 and 7.30pm. The next draw will take place on Sunday 27 September in St Patrick's Hall, Castlederg.

There are just a few tickets left – if you are not in the draw but would like to join, talk to the promoter in your area or contact Kathleen in the Parish Office. If you're not in, you can't win!

BISHOP MICHAEL ROUTER will be installed as the new Bishop of Derry next Sunday, 20 September, in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, at 3.00pm. As the diocese and parishes prepare to celebrate this joyous occasion, Bishop McKeown has invited the priests of the diocese to hold special times of prayer in our parishes this week, to pray for Bishop Router as he takes up the responsibility of leading and serving the people of the diocese as Bishop. In our Pastoral Area we will have special prayers for Bishop Router at our 10.00am weekday Masses this week - on **Wednesday (Drumquin), Thursday (Aghyaran) and Friday (Castlederg)**. Children from our primary schools will attend these Masses. You are invited to come along, if you can, to join in prayer for Bishop Router at this significant time for him and for our diocese. We will also have special prayers at our Masses next weekend.

This is also a significant week for Bishop McKeown, who will retire as of next Sunday. At this time of transition for him, you are asked to keep Bishop McKeown in your prayers too.

PASTORAL VISITATION OF THE HOUSEBOUND will take place this week as follows:

Monday 14 September: Drumquin Town Area - Segully Road, McCreagh Park, Castlederg Road, Main Street, Creaghmore Road, Fairgreen Gardens and Loughrey Terrace, commencing at 11.00am - Fr Thomas.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL members will meet in the Parochial House, Drumquin this Wednesday, 16 September, at 7.30pm. If you would like to become involved in SVP, you are very welcome to come along to this meeting.

PIONEER MEETING will take place in the Parochial House, Drumquin, this Thursday, 17 September, at 7.30pm.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY reopens for the new academic year on Monday 14 September, with weekday Masses and our semester programme resuming. The first Sunday Mass will be celebrated on 20 September at the new, earlier time of 7.00pm. Find out about what's on, ways to connect and get involved, and student accommodation at Ryan Hall at qubcatholic.org and on our socials. Visit our newly renewed Chaplaincy at 28 Elmwood Avenue for Mass, Confessions or candle-lighting — and call into Mosaic for coffee, hot lunches and home-baked treats.

YOGA CLASS: Aghyaran Development Association in conjunction with HARC is commencing a 6-week Yogo class for over 50's in Aghyaran Centre, commencing Tues 15 September, 11.30am - 12.30pm. Contact Jerry on 078 6492 9344.

LINE DANCING in Garvagh Hall commences on Monday 21 September: Absolute Beginners – 6.00pm - 7.30pm; High Beginners/Improvers - 7.45pm - 9.30pm. Doors open 5.45pm. Adults £7, Children under 10 £5 (must be accompanied by an adult). Wear comfortable footwear and bring a bottle of water.

HOST FOR HOSPICE: October is officially Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning Month. We are calling on supporters to help us raise vital funds by hosting a Coffee Morning. Whether it's at home, work or in your local community, you can support your local hospice by bringing your friends together and putting the kettle on - it's a piece of cake! To request your FREE host pack or for more info, please call Ailbhe McDaid on 028 7135 9888 or email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com

EARLY TO TALK ABOUT CHRISTMAS, BUT TROCAIRE WANT TO KNOW - Could You Help Share the True Spirit of Christmas? Each year, volunteers in parishes across the north of Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell **Trócaire's Gifts of Change** — meaningful gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world. We provide everything you need, including training and support. If you would like to find out more about how you can help, please email Mark at mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org or call **028 9080 8030**.

Season of Creation 2026: 1 September to 4 October

With the theme of 'Living Water' for this year's Season of Creation, we pray:

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning,
we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace.
We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home,
that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city.
We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures.
We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.
Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity.
We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment.
Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.
Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live.
Stir in us a calling to care for the waters and to honour the dignity of the thirsty.
May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.
May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration.
And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

ARDMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday, 13th September 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Thoughts on the Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

The gospel today tells of Peter asking Jesus how many times he should forgive someone who wrongs him. Jesus responds with a parable: a servant forgiven of an immense debt refuses to forgive a fellow servant of a small debt.

The lesson is clear: **those who receive mercy must extend mercy.**

Forgiveness begins with humility, recognising our own frailty and the mercy we have received. It is not weakness, but strength rooted in grace. Humility opens our hearts to God's mercy and enables us to extend that same mercy to others.

Forgiveness also requires empathy. By seeing the humanity of those who hurt us, we can respond with compassion without excusing wrongdoing. In forgiving, we honour the forgiveness we ourselves have received and become stewards of grace.

Ultimately, forgiveness reshapes our hearts, relationships, and communities, making us more like the One who forgives endlessly.

The parable of the unforgiving servant is not just a warning; it is an invitation. It calls us to live with a **HEART** shaped by **humility, empathy, accountability, release, and transformation.**

Forgiveness is not easy, but it is essential. When we forgive, we reflect the very heart of God. And in doing so, we discover freedom, peace, and the joy of a life lived in mercy.

Lord, help us forgive with humble hearts and share your mercy with others. Amen.



Installation of Bishop Michael Router

As the diocese prepares to celebrate the joyous occasion of the installation of **Bishop Router as Bishop of Derry on Sunday 20th September**, parishioners throughout the diocese are invited to participate in a **Triduum of Masses**, on **Friday 18th, Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th September**.

This is an important occasion for all of us in the diocese and people are invited to pray as a community or at home as a family or individually.

We invoke the intercession of the Holy Spirit and the words '**Come Holy Spirit**'. So too, we pray for the presence of Our Lady and protection of St Michael the Archangel and of course the intercession of St John Vianney and St Pio.

Readings for Sun 20th September

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms: 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Saints of the Coming Week

Monday: The Exultation of the Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: St Cornelius, pope and St Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

Thursday: St Hildegard of Bingen, virgin and doctor of the Church, St Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor of the Church

Saturday: St Januarius, bishop & martyr

The Columban Young Adults

The Columban Young Adults are a new group for those aged **18 - 30** in the diocese, who are seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives.

Our September event will be a **Holy Hour and meditation on Thursday 17th September at 7.00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry**, delivered by Fr Declan McGeehan.

The meditation will be followed by Solemn Benediction and light refreshments.

We are actively seeking new members- **please come along and bring a friend!**

Eucharistic Adoration

Derry Diocese is renewing and developing its Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese.

You are welcome to an **Information Meeting on Wednesday 30th September at 8 pm** in the **Drummond Hotel, 2 Main St, Ballykelly, BT49 9HP.**

Registration / light refreshments from **7.30 pm.**

All welcome.

Job Opportunity

Derry Diocesan Trust invites applications for the post of **sacristan at Granaghan (Swatragh) parish.**

12 hrs per week

Rate of pay: £12.88 per hr.

Contact: recruitment@derrydiocese.org / 028 71262302

Closing date: 15th September 2026.

IE Human Life International Ireland

Fr L Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland.

Join us for the **Ulster event at Canal Court Hotel, Newry on 29th Sept at 6:45pm** with 1st class relic of St Thérèse.

Season of Creation

Water heals, restores, and makes creation flourish, but it also challenges us to recognise ecological damage, embrace our interconnectedness, and immerse ourselves in the responsibility of caring for and restoring our Common Home.

May this season be a path for the healing of the earth and human well-being to flourish together.

Please visit: <https://youtu.be/xVVZ8LSpcRk>

Blessing of Bikers & Motorcycles

Blessing of Bikers & Motorcycles **today (Sunday) at 1.30 pm in St Aengus' Chapel, Burt.**

Following blessing all are welcome to join the run to **Ned's Point RNLI Station**, to present a donation to RNLI.

Mass will be celebrated on **13th September at 11.30 am in St Patrick's Chapel, DUNGIVEN** for deceased bikers.

All welcome.



Coffee Morning — Foyle Hospice

Coffee Morning in aid of **Foyle Hospice** in **Murphy's on the Green on Friday 25th September from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm.**

Prize draw included at **£1 per line**. A great range of prizes up for grabs.

Draw at 1 pm on the day.

Hope to see you all there.



Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy

Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy reopens on **Monday 14th September**, with weekday Masses and our semester programme resuming.

The first Sunday Mass will be celebrated on **20th Sept at the earlier time of 7.00 pm.**

New or returning student? Find out about what's on, ways to connect and get involved, and student accommodation at Ryan Hall at **qubcatholic.org** and on our socials.

Staff and alumni are always welcome too.

Visit our newly renewed Chaplaincy at **28 Elmwood Ave** for Mass, Confessions or candle-lighting — and call into Mosaic for some of the best coffee, hot lunches and home-baked treats in South Belfast!



Michael English Church Concert

This evening of faith, hope and inspiration takes place on **Friday 2nd October at 7.15 pm**, in **St Patrick's Church, Keenaught, Desertmartin.**

Tickets: £30

Available at:

Heron's Gift Shop, Draperstown, Moneyneena Post Office, Ballinascreen and Desertmartin Parish offices, or online with Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/michael-english-band-fundraising-concert-tickets1996641829460>

Lough Derg Day Retreats

September 15, 19, 20

A day of prayer, reflection and spiritual renewal.

Visit www.loughderg.org

All welcome.

Trócaire

Could you help share the true spirit of Christmas?

Each year, volunteers in parishes across Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell Trócaire's **Gifts of Change**: meaningful gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world.

We provide everything you need including training and support. All we ask is a little time and a big heart.

Last Christmas, **50 parishes took part — and we'd love to grow that number this year!**

If you would like to find out more, please email Mark at mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org or call **028 9080 8030**.

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

marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org

To report a safeguarding suspicion, concern, knowledge or allegation directly to the statutory authorities please contact:

PSNI: 101

Western HSCT Children's Gateway Services: 028 71 314090

WHSCT Adult Gateway Services: 028 71 611366

Regional Emergency Social Work Service: 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:

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marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org

To report a safeguarding suspicion, concern, knowledge or allegation directly to the statutory authorities please contact:

Garda Síochána Buncrana: 074 93 20540

Garda Síochána Letterkenny: 074 91 67100

TUSLA (ROI) Child and Family Agency: 074 91 02233

HSC Adult Safeguarding, Donegal: 071 983 4660

BALLINASCREEN & DESERTMARTIN PARISHES

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No. 46 ~ TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH OFFICES

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9 High Street

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Email: ballinascreenparish@gmail.com

Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8.45 am - 3.30 pm. Wednesday: 8.45 am - 3.00 pm.

Desertmartin:

St Patrick's Keenaught

Phone: (028)79397047

Email: desertmartinparish@gmail.com

Opening Hours: Wednesday and Thursday 10.30 am to 3.00 pm.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Contact Information

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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 (ask for the Duty Social Worker)
 - Gateway Services, Northern HSC Trust: 028 9442 4459
 - Regional Emergency Social Work Services: 0800 1979 995

LIFELINE

Tel: 0808 808 8000 / Textphone 18001 0808 808 8000.

www.lifelinehelpline.info

SVP HELPLINE

Helpline telephone number: 07710838050

GAMBLING HELPLINE

Help is available, phone: 02871351329

SPERRIN FOODBANK

Tel: 07543420639

BALLINASCREEN COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Please click the link <https://www.parishofballinascreen.com/ballinascreen-community-support-gro> for full details of Ballinascreen Community Support Group.

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Bulletin Notes

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

Notices for the Bulletin should be received by 1.00 pm on Wednesday, preferably by email.

Email: ballinascreenparish@gmail.com

Email: desertmartinparish@gmail.com

VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

Holy Rosary: 6.00 pm

St Patrick's, Keenaught: 7.30 pm

SUNDAY MASSES

St Columba's, Straw: 9.00 am

St Mary's, Coolcalm: 10.00 am

St Patrick's, Sixtowns: 11.00 am

St Eugene's, Moneyneena: 12 noon

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday ~ 14 September

10.00 am ~ Holy Rosary Church.

Tuesday ~ 15 September

10.00 am ~ St. Mary's, Coolcalm.

Wednesday ~ 16 September

10.00 am ~ Holy Rosary Church.

Thursday ~ 17 September

10.00 am ~ St Mary's, Coolcalm

Friday ~ 18 September

10.00 am ~ St. Mary's, Coolcalm.

7.30 pm ~ Holy Rosary Church.

Saturday ~ 19 September: Votive Mass of Our Lady, Mother of the Church

10.00 am ~ St Marys Coolcalm

12 noon ~ Holy Rosary

CONFESSIONS

Ballinascreen: Holy Rosary 5.30 pm - before Vigil Mass.

Desertmartin: Keenaught, Saturday 6.30 pm until 7.10 pm.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 14 September: The Exaltation of The Holy Cross.

Tuesday 15 September: Our Lady of Sorrows.

Wednesday 16 September: Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cuprian.

Thursday 17 September: St Januarius & memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary.

TRIDUUM OF MASSES FOR BISHOP MICHAEL ROUTER:

As the diocese and parishes prepare to celebrate the joyous occasion of the Installation of Bishop Michael Router as Bishop of Derry on Sunday 20 September, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated in parishes throughout the diocese, on Friday 18, Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September. All are welcome to attend as we come together as God's people to pray for Bishop Router and the people of the diocese, that we may walk together in faith and hope, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Friday 18 September ~ Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit

10.00 am ~ St Mary's Coolcalm.

12 noon ~ St Columba's Straw.

7.30 pm ~ Holy Rosary.

Saturday 19 September ~ Votive Mass of Our Lady, Mother of the Church

10.00 am ~ St Mary's Coolcalm.

12 noon ~ Holy Rosary

Vigil and Sunday Masses, times listed above, complete the triduum.

CONFIRMATION 2027

Bishop Router will confirm children in Ballinascreen on Friday 9 April at 3.00 pm in Holy Rosary Church and Desertmartin on Wednesday 19 May at 3.00 pm in St Patrick's Church, Keenaught.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

Gaelscoil na Speiríní: 10 April at 11.00 am in St Columba's Church, Straw.

Cullion P.S.: 17 April at 11.00 am in St Patricks Church, Keenaught.

Knocknagin P.S.: 24 April at 11.00 am in St Mary's Church, Coolcalm.

St Mary's P.S.: 24 April at 11.00 am in Holy Rosary Church.

St Columba's P.S.: 8 May at 11.00 am in St Columba's Church, Straw.

St Eoghan's P.S.: 15 May at 11.00 am in St Eugene's Church, Moneyneena.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Derry Diocese is renewing and developing its Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. All welcome to attend an Information Meeting on **Wednesday 30 September at 8.00 pm** in The Drummond Hotel, 2 Main St., Ballykelly. Registration and light refreshments from 7.30 pm.

MONTH'S MIND MASS

The Month's Mind Mass for **Mary Kealey**, Ballymaguigan, Mother of Nicola Brolly, Cahore, will be held on Sunday 13 September at 10:15 am in St. Trea's Church, Newbridge.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

The First Anniversary Mass for **Anna McCullagh**, Moneyneena Rd., will be held on Friday 18 September at 7.30 pm in Holy Roasry Church.

The First Anniversary Mass for **Gerry Donnelly**, Moykeeran Drive, will be held on Friday 18 September at 7.30 pm in Holy Rosary Church.

The First Anniversary Mass for **Mary McGuckin**, Carncose Rd, will be held on Saturday 26 September at 7.30 pm in St Patrick's Church, Keenaught.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ballinascreen:

Mary Bradley, Corrick Rd;

Jim Noonan, Tonaght Hgts.;

Mary McEldowney, The Fold;

Patricia Kelly, Mulnavoo Rd.;

Bernard Rogers, Disert Rd.;

John Bradley, Mulnavoo Rd.;

Bernadette Mullin, Magherafelt Rd.;

John McGuigan, Drumard Rd.;

Bernie Convery, Derrynoid Rd.;

Fr John Downey, Moneyneena Rd.;

Maggie Higgins, Derrynoid Lane;

Felix McAllister, Cookstown;

Kevin Wilson, Oak Park.

Desertmartin:

Frankie Walls, Luney;

John T Higgins;

Eugene Donnelly;

Michael McGurk;

Brendan O'Neill;

Tommy Shiels;

Rois Gribbin;

Rosie O'Hagan;

Pearse Kelly;

Josephine Murphy;

Brian Murphy;

Michelle McDaid.

BAPTISMS We welcome into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Josie Ann Kelly;

Aoibhean May McGuigan.

WEDDINGS Congratulations & best wishes for the future to **Cathy McKenna and Oisín Maguire** who recently married in Holy Rosary Church.

OPENING OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR MASSES

Wednesday 23 September: St Columbs Primary School, Cullion in St Patrick's Keenaught at 1.15 pm.

Thursday 24 September: Knocknagin Primary School in St Mary's Church, Coolcalm at 10.00 am.

Monday 28 September: Gaelscoil na Speiríní in St Columba's Church, Straw at 11.00 am

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Ballinascreen:

Weekly Collection - £3,989

Renovation Collection - £1,680.32

Desertmartin:

Weekly Collection - £1,070

Renovation Collection - £550

Totals shown include August Standing Orders from Ballinascreen Parishioners. Thank you for your generous support.

SUMMER BONANZA DRAW WINNERS ~ WEEK 5 - FINAL DRAW

£2000 ~ Darcie & Hollie McPeake.

£500 ~ Mary Quinn.

£300 ~ Brigid McEldowney.

WARM WELCOME WEDNESDAY

In Workspace Community Hub on Wednesday 16 September from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Join us for a 'Celebrating Harvest' workshop as part of the Nourish and Connect Mid Ulster programme, where you can enjoy sampling and cooking some seasonal produce. No need to book just drop in on the day. Free tea, coffee & refreshments also available.

KILCRONAGHAN CENTRE

Vintage Rally, Craft Fair & Family Fun Day, on Saturday 26 September from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. For details see Kilcronaghan Facebook page or Tel.: 028 79627826.

LAPÓGLANN - TODDLER-INN

Glór na Speiríní are pleased to announce that our parent and toddlers' group has recommenced. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00 am to 10.30 am in Glór na Speiríní centre Straw, directly beside the chapel. £2 per session with refreshments included. Please note that our Irish language session is every Thursday morning from 9.00 am to 10.30 am. Tá fáilte roimh chách - Everyone is welcome! For further info or to register your place at these events please Email conchurglor@gmail.com or Tel.: 07795 536682 Urraithe ag Comhairle Ceantair Lár Uladh

CORNSTONE YOUTH CLUB

Monday to Thursday, from 6.45 pm to 9.00 pm. Tailored programs for different ages groups. All welcome to attend during their designated age nights! Registration £2, & £1 for every night your child attends the youth club.

Mondays: Years 8, 9 & 10: Soccer, Junk Kouture, Art & ICT Club.

Tuesdays: Years 9, 10, 11 & 12: Duke of Edinburgh, Junk Kouture, Costume creating & Beauty.

Wednesdays: Primary 7 & Year 8 (opt): Sport, Art, Dance & Games.

Thursdays: Primary 5 & 6: Sport, Games, Art & Fun.

NETBALL FOR BEGINNERS

Wednesday nights from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm in the Backrow Hall. Over 16 ladies welcome. Come along for fun. No need to register Just turn up on the night. Adm £3. Contact Martina on 07795165999 for more info.

KNOCKNAGIN HALL

Craft Fair: Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday 8 November from 10:30 to 3.00 pm. Vendors: £20 per table or 2 for £30 - £10 deposit to secure a table. Email: knocknaginhc@gmail.com or Tel.: 078 8761 4094.

Irish Classes: Resumes on Monday 7 September. Partly supported by MUDC.

Bunrang (Beginners) 6:45 pm to 8.00 pm. This class is suitable for people who have no Irish and wish to learn,

Meánrang (Improvers) 8.00 pm to 9:30 pm. This class is suitable for people who already have a basic grasp of Irish - such as those who have completed a beginner class, but want to build confidence and fluency. Anyone wishing to join either class please book a place by

Email: knocknaginhc@gmail.com or phone 028 7963 1744 / 078 3516 1927. Cost: 8 wks £40.

Chair Exercises: Tuesday mornings from 10.00 am to 11.00 am. A fun and exciting way to get exercise, improve your fitness, health & wellbeing. Everyone welcome. Admission £4.

Irish Dancing Lessons: Tuesday evenings from 5:30 pm to 7.00 pm. To register, contact Nicola: 07518 207458

Bowling Club: Tuesdays from 8.00 pm. Suitable for all ages - from 9 to 90, everyone welcome.

Line Dancing Classes: Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm, suitable for all ages, from beginners to experts. Adm £5. All welcome.

Acrobats Gymnastics Club: Saturday mornings from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm. Spaces are available across selected classes. To register visit <https://acro-bats.classforkids.io/term/10>

SARSFIELD'S ACCORDION BAND. Band practice on Thursday 10 September at 7:30 pm. Existing members are requested to attend. We warmly welcome new and past members. In remembrance of former band member, Christopher Bradley, a Commemoration Parade will take place to mark the anniversary of his passing, on Sunday 18 October at 3.00 pm, from Moorside Villas to Keenaught Chapel.

COLUMBAN YOUNG ADULTS

New group for those aged 18 - 30 in the diocese, seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. Holy Hour and meditation **Thursday 17 September 7.00 pm** at Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry, delivered by Fr Declan McGeehan.

BALLINASCREEN GAC - LANGUAGE AND CULTURE NIGHT

Irish language and culture night on **Friday 18 September at 7.00 pm**. Special guest **Lynette Fay**. There will be performances by our Junior Scór teams and a ciorcal cómhra on the night. Trad Session from 9.00 pm 'til late.

GLÓR NA SPEIRÍNÍ / OÍCHE CHULTÚIR

In Workspace Hub, Saturday 19 September at 6.30 pm. Join us for an evening of Irish / Scottish Ceilí, Traditional Music, Piper, Highland dancing and Séan Nós dancing. All Donations welcome, and will be donated to STEPS and Mid Ulster Womens Aid. Funded by Workspace.

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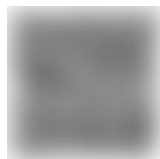
Glór na Speiríní are delighted to announce recommencement of our adult Irish language classes on Thursday 1 October from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm in Straw, Ballinascreen. Cost for this block of 10 lessons is £40 and there are 5 levels to cater for everyone's needs. For information on booking and payment please contact Conchúr via Email: conchurglor@gmail.com or Tel.: 07795 536682. Urraithe ag Comhairle Ceantair Lár Uladh

MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT ~ SPONSORSHIP

Any business or company who would like to be one of the sponsors for the Michael English Fundraising Concert should please contact Fr Madden: Tel.: 028 79628376 or Email either Parish [Office \[desertmartinparish@gmail.com\]\(mailto:Office_desertmartinparish@gmail.com\)](mailto:Office_desertmartinparish@gmail.com) or ballinascreenparish@gmail.com. All sponsorship will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

MICHAEL ENGLISH & BAND LIVE CONCERT

Enjoy a rare and intimate evening with Michael English, one of Ireland's most popular entertainers. This exclusive acoustic performance of uplifting music filled with hope, faith and community spirit takes place on Friday 2 October, at 8.00 pm in St. Patrick's Church, Keenaught. All proceeds from this special fundraising concert will go to towards the Parish of Desertmartin, Church Renovation Fund. Tickets £30 each are now available to buy from Heron's Gift Shop, Moneyneena Post Office, both Parish Offices, or online (**Click Here**) with Eventbrite or use this QR code:



LOCAL YOUTH USHERS REQUIRED

We are seeking local youth ushers to help with the upcoming Michael English Fundraising Gospel Concert on Friday 2 October in St Patrick's Church, Keenaught from 6.30 pm to 10.30 pm. If you are interested, please give your name to any of the priests, parish offices or sacristans. Thank you in advance for all your help and support.

SIXTOWNS CROSS COMMUNITY GROUP

- A special 25th Anniversary celebration event will be held on Friday 9 October at 8.00 pm in Sixtowns Hall. A great night of music & entertainment has been arranged with special guests Country Harmony, Patsy O'Hagan, Justin McGurk, Hugo Duncan and Brendan Quinn. Tickets are £20 and available from Heron's Gift Shop, Ballinascreen Credit Union, Straw Service Station & Committee Members.

PARISH BAPTISMS 2026

Ballinascreen Parish:

All bookings to be made via Ballinascreen Parish Office on 02879628248 or Email: ballinascreenparish@gmail.com

Baptisms will be held at 3.00 pm on the following dates:

4 October, Holy Rosary.

17 October, Sixtowns. (**Saturday**)

1 November, Straw.

Desertmartin Parish:

To book a baptism, contact Fr McCaul on 02879632196 or Desertmartin Parish Office on 02879397047. Baptisms can be held in either church and are held at 1.30 pm on the following dates:

September 27 2026

October 4 & 18 2026

November 8 & 22 2026

December 6 & 20 2026

January 10 & 24 2027

February 7 & 21 2027

March 7 & 14 2027

April 4 & 18 2027

PIANO TUITION

Beginners, Intermediate & Advanced lessons available. Learn for fun or grades. Further info contact Edward Gribbin BA(Hons); 07835161927

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

Notices should be received by **1.00 pm on Wednesday**, preferably emailed to ballinascreenparish@gmail.com

PARISH ANNIVERSARY MASS & MONTH'S MIND MASSES

If you wish to have a deceased loved one prayed for at any Anniversary Friday Mass, please email their name to the Parish Office by **1.00 pm on Wednesday** of the relevant week. Notices for First Anniversary and Month's Mind Masses should be received before **1.00 pm on Wednesday of the previous week** so that, they may be printed in the Bulletin the weekend before the Anniversary Mass.

PARISH OF BANAGHER

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th September 2026

Mass Times Mass

Times:

Monday: St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Tuesday: St. Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am

Wednesday: St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen: 7.00pm

Thursday: St. Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.00am

Friday: St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 9.30am

Weekend Mass Times for Sunday 20th September 2026

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: 7.00pm Vigil; 9.15am

St. Mary's Church, Altinure: 10.30am

Confessions

St. Mary's Church, Altinure: Thursday 10.30am

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Saturday 6.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

St. Mary's Church, Altinure: Thursday 10.30am – 11.30am.

St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn: Friday 10.00am – 11.00am.

Baptism We welcome into God's family Mason Tommy Feeney and Aoife Marie O'Kane.



Banagher Parish Monthly Cash Prize Draw ~ Tickets on Sale!

✕ Money raised will go towards the ongoing refurbishment and ✕
✕ maintenance of our Churches ✕

Draws for 10 Cash Prizes will take place in **October, November and December**.
30 chances to win! Tickets cost **£30** and are now on sale and available from our
Church Sacristies and Parochial House and from Feeny Spar, Park Vivo,
Mace Derrychrier and Sperrin View Bar. Thank you very much for your support.

Visitation of the Sick & Housebound will take place on the following days this week:
Monday 14th September – Foreglen and Carnanbane. **Thursday 17th** – Park.
Friday 18th – Feeny. Please let Fr. Dermot know if you would not like a visit by contacting
the Parochial House on 028 7778 1223.

Readers for Foreglen: We are looking for some more readers to offer to read at Sunday
Mass in St. Peter's & St. Paul's, Foreglen. Your presence would be very welcome and would
add to the celebration of our Sunday Masses. If you would like to help our church community
and be a church reader, please contact Fr. Dermot or one of the other readers in the church.

Prayer for Vocations: In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches a powerful lesson on forgiveness.
We pray for the men called to priesthood that, as they celebrate the Sacrament of
Reconciliation with their people, they will help them to know and experience the Lord who
'is compassion and love, slow to anger, and rich in mercy' (Responsorial Psalm).

St. Vincent de Paul Banagher: The Social Justice Committee has advised SVP that The
Home Heating Scheme is open for application from Wednesday 9th September. To apply,
contact Home Heating Oil Scheme Advice N.I or present for support at local Jobs and
Benefits office to get your £100. Thank you for the kind donation received on the weekend
of 22nd/23rd August. It is very much appreciated. Thank you also to everyone that came
with us on our 'day out' in Donegal on Thursday 20th August.

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connect and get involved, and student accommodation at Ryan Hall at qubcatholic.org and
on our socials. Staff and alumni are always welcome too. Visit our newly renewed
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Donegal Group 173 Rise and Shine Trust (formerly The Irish Handicapped Children's
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people with special needs to Lourdes each Easter. We are celebrating with a special Mass
on Saturday 26th September in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal at
12 noon. The Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Niall Coll and Bishop Donal McKeown
and many of the priests who travelled to Lourdes with us over the years. We invite all the
guests and their families and all the helpers who travelled with us over the years to our
Mass to celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes.

Eucharistic Adoration: Derry Diocese is renewing and developing its Diocesan Adoration
Lay Committee in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes
throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting on Wednesday
30th September at 8.00pm in The Drummond Hotel, 2 Main Street, Ballykelly, BT49 9HP.
Registration and light refreshments from 7.30pm.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Derry Diocesan Trust: Sacristan

Hours of work: 12 hours per week. Place of work: St. John the Baptist Church, Granaghan (Swatragh) Parish. Rate of Pay: £12.88 per hour. 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 on Tuesday 15th September 2026**.

Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

5th & 6th September 2026

St Joseph's Church, Fincairn: £1,015 St Mary's Church, Altinure: £1,405

Please consider online contributions and Gift Aid. Online Contributions to: **Parish of Banagher Sort Code: 950306 A/c 51052659**
Thank you for your continued generosity.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Learmount Community Development Group (PARK): Week commencing Monday 14th September: **Monday 14th:** Time For Me Ladies (10.30 am - 12.30 pm) Painting with Sheila: (7.30 - 9.30 pm); Ladies' Yoga (7 - 7.45 pm); Men's Yoga (8 - 8.45 pm); **Tuesday 15th:** Men's Hobby Workshop (10.30 am - 12.30 pm); Craft and Crochet Club (10.30 - 12.30 pm); Advice NW (2 - 4 pm); Funky Feet Kids dance class (5 - 6 pm); Slow Sewing (7 - 9 pm); **Wednesday 16th:** Dementia Social Group: Ulster Orchestra in Derry for World Alzheimer's month (bus at 10.30 am); Thursday 17th Sept: Post Office Outreach Service (9 am - 12 pm); Painting for Pleasure (10.30 am - 12.30 pm); Park 60+ Club (12 - 2 pm), Funky Feet Kids dance class (4.30 - 5.30 pm); **Friday 18th:** Learmount Walking Group (10.30 am). **Dates for your diary:** Ladies Social Evening with Mary O'Kane: Wednesday 30th September (7 - 9 pm); Learmount History Group: Friday 25th September (7.30 - 9.30 pm); Family Fun afternoon in Park with In Your Space Circus. Booking is essential for classes: Tel 028 7778 1881 / WhatsApp 077 5111 8656 / DM / email: admin@learmountgroup.org.

Park Village's Annual Christmas Market will take place in Park Community Hall on Sunday 29th November. Applications are currently open for local vendors/stall holders. The online link is on the Facebook page or a hard copy can be collected from Learmount Community Centre. We welcome all local makers, crafters and bakers to showcase their local talents. Email: parkvillagemarket@mail.com.

Menopause Event – 5th Anniversary: Limavady G.P.'s Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) invite you to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the 'Menopause Event' in Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre, 24 Main Street, Limavady, BT49 0FJ, on Wednesday 16th September (6.30pm to 9pm). This year's event will take the format of a recorded podcast which will be available for download after the event. There will be a number of guest speakers on the night and light refreshments will be provided. Information stands from 6.00pm, with speakers commencing at 6.30 pm sharp. Tickets for this free event are available from www.eventbrite.co.uk. Limited availability also at Venue Booking Desk. Tickets are limited to 2 per person. If you require any further information, please contact your General Practice social work team.

Glenshane House, Dungiven: A Free 4-week Family History Programme starts on Tuesday 22nd September from 6.30-9.30 pm. Topics - Local Roots; American Roots; Life in Ireland and the American Journey. It will also show how to research genealogical records. To book, tel. 028 7774 2494.

Irish Classes will be starting up again on Wednesday 23rd September in Craigbane Parish Hall (Slieveboy Road) from 7.30 - 9.00pm. There will be 3 classes – a complete beginner class, a returner class and an intermediate class. Learners benefit from becoming part of a learning community, making new friends and having a regular place to come and speak Gaelic. We have WhatsApp groups and social events. It all starts when you come along to your first class. We can't wait to meet you!

Host for Hospice: October is officially Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning Month. We are calling on supporters to help us raise vital funds by hosting a Coffee Morning. Whether it's at home, work or in your local community, you can support your local hospice by bringing your friends together and putting the kettle on - it's a piece of cake! To request your FREE host pack or for more information, please call Ailbhe McDaid, Community Fundraiser, Foyle Hospice, on 028 7135 9888 or email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com.

Privacy Notice: The Diocese of Derry complies with GDPR regulations. A privacy notice is available on the Parish Website or by contacting the Parish Office. Live stream and recordings of Mass and Services in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn, St. Mary's Church, Altinure and St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen are available online. Please note that the first three rows of seats are visible online in St. Joseph's Church, Fincairn and St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Foreglen, and the first six rows of seats in St. Mary's Church, Altinure.

PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Dermot McGirr, P.P.

42 Glenedra Road, Feeny, BT47 4TW

Tel: 028 7778 1223 Email: banagherparish@derrydiocese.org

CONTACT US

To arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Anniversary Mass, please call Fr. Dermot or the secretaries on 028 7778 1223 or email banagherparish@derrydiocese.org.

Parish Office opening hours next week: Monday to Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Mass is Live on the Webcam at www.banagherparish.com SVP
Confidential Helpline: 075 9395 4973

Bellaghy Parish Office: info@bellaghyparish.com 02879386259/ 07703444280

Office hours: Mon, Wed & Thurs 9am—3pm, Fri 8am—11am.

Office closed Tuesday. Website: www.bellaghyparish.com

St Vincent de Paul 07508549588

Greenlough Parish Office: greenloughparish@gmail.com Tel: 02825821190 Website: www.greenlough.com

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Bellaghy Sunflower Maze, Mullaghboy Road—Proceeds to Marie Curie.

St Ergnat's GAC— Lotto No's: 3, 5, 6, 22. £30 each to Wishy Hindman & Michelle Hamill. **Jackpot £5,000.00.**

St Malachy's GAC— Lotto No's: 13, 14, 20, 24. £25 each to Fiadh Gallagher & Conor Taggart. **Jackpot £2,100.00**

Bingo makes a welcome return on Thursday 17th September at 8.30pm, every 2 weeks **in the Marian Hall, Kilrea.**

Safeguarding Notice

If you have any concerns with regard to the Safeguarding of children within the Church please contact Marie O'Kane, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) on +447596500793 or email: dlp@derrydiocese.org

Northern Ireland emergency services: PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101
Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 028 7131 4090
Gateway Services, Northern HSC Trust 028 9442 4459
Regional Emergency Social Work Services 0800 1979 995

St Mary's, Bellaghy / St Joseph's, Ballyscullion. 13 September 2026 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Next weekend, as we prepare to welcome Bishop Michael Router among us, we will pray God's blessing on him in a particular way at each of our weekend Masses.



Once again we wish Bishop Dónal McKeown a very happy and fruitful retirement. No doubt he will remain very active as he offers his services to Bishop Router, and to the priests and people of the diocese in whatever ways he can.

Our new bishop was a priest of the diocese of Kilmore and, for the last seven years, has served as Auxiliary Bishop in Armagh. He comes among us as a stranger, yes, but also as a pastor. He asks us all to be patient as he gets to know us and as we get to know him.

We pray that his time among us in this diocese of Derry will see a great renewal of faith as we "walk together" (the meaning of Synodality) in the footsteps of all the faithful bishops, priests, religious, and people who have gone before us.

Please pray for Bishop Michael Router as he prepares to begin his pastoral ministry among us. The Mass of Installation will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, next Sunday, at 3pm. Each parish is asked to send five members to the ceremony. Invitations for parishioners from both Bellaghy and Greenlough can be collected from the parish office at Bellaghy.

In today's gospel Jesus teaches a powerful lesson on forgiveness. We pray for the men called to priesthood that, as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their people, they will help them to know and experience the Lord who "...is compassion and love, slow to anger, and rich in mercy." (Responsorial Psalm).



Anniversaries:

Sat/Sun 12/13: Bridget Murphy (Month's Mind at 11am), Hugh Scullion (Anniversary Mass at 11am), Maria Kearney (Anniversary Mass on Wed 16 Sep at 9.30am), Michael McCloskey, Willy McErlean, Markie Higgins, Mona McGlinchey, Oliver McElhone, Margaret McMullan, Carrie Bradley, Michael Mulholland, Joseph McLane, John & Sally McCorry, Peter O'Connor, Martha Smith, Jim Brown, Margaret McKenna.

Sat/Sun 19/20: Rois Gribbin (Anniversary Mass at 11am), Robert Cassidy, John McTaggart, Mary O'Neill (Birt).

May they rest in peace.

Anyone interested in promoting Eucharistic Adoration in the parishes of Bellaghy and Greenlough is invited to attend a meeting in the Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, BT49 9HP, on Wednesday 30 September, from 8-9pm (Registration will take place from 7:30pm).

Both Bishop McKeown and Bishop Router are happy to promote Eucharistic Adoration throughout the diocese as a means of bringing people to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, to foster vocations, and to encourage prayer for vocations. We are already blessed to have weekly Adoration in our parishes - in Greenlough on Thursdays, and in Bellaghy on Fridays. Now, perhaps, would be a good time to invite and encourage more people to pray before Jesus in the Eucharist which He has left us as "...the source and the summit of our faith." (Second Vatican Council).

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St. Mary's, Bellaghy:

Wed 16, 9.30am

Adoration, Friday, 10am—8pm (Rosary, 7.30pm)

Sat, 5.30pm (Streamed from Greenlough)

Sun 20, 11am (Streamed to Greenlough)

Mass to celebrate opening of School Year for St Mary's PS Bellaghy.

St. Oliver Plunkett, Clady:

Tues 15, 9.30am (Rosary: 7.30pm)

Thurs 17, 9am

Adoration, Thursday, 9.30am—5pm.

Sat, Vigil, 5.30pm (Streamed to Bellaghy)

Sun, 11am (Streamed from Bellaghy)

St. Joseph's, Ballyscullion: Sun, 9.45am.



Legion Of Mary: Wednesday at 6.15pm in the Prayer Room of St Mary's Church. All are welcome.



Baptism Dates— September to December 2026.

Bellaghy at 1pm

26 September, 10 October, 7 November, 5 December.



Greenlough at 4.15pm

24 October, 28 November, 19 December.

Last week's Collection: £1,930.00 Thank you.

The Retired Priest's Collection will be taken up at the Masses next weekend, please use the envelope provided.



Buncrana Parish Newsletter

ST. MARY'S HALL & CINEMA

Last week’s collection totalled €5,460 <i>Sincere thanks.</i>	Priest on Call 074 9361253	Fr Bradley 9363455 Fr Walsh 9361393 Fr Baker 9360151 Parish Office 9361253 Parish Catechist 086 785 3726	PARISH DRAW	BUNCRANA CINEMA See all show times www.thecinemabuncrana.com			BINGO
Anniversary Masses & Times	Email: buncranaparish@gmail.com Website: www.buncranaparish.com Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 September 2026	ADORATION CHAPEL Please consider spending an hour in the Adoration Chapel Sunday 2pm - 10pm Monday - Wednesday 6am - 10pm Friday 6am - 10pm	Friday 4 September: Week 12 1st Prize: €500 Noel Duffy, Crana View <i>Promoter: Bridget Hepper</i> 2nd Prize: €300 Sheila Doherty, Lisowen Ave <i>Promoter: Marie Henderson</i> 3rd Prize: €150 Edith Doherty Roe, Main St <i>Promoter: Marie Henderson</i>	The Death of Robin Hood 16 120mins Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th 8.15pm Monday 14th , 8.15pm & Tuesday 15th, 4pm Wednesday 16th , 2pm & Thursday 17th , 12.30pm	Mystery Matinees PG 90mins Saturday 12th - 5pm Sunday 13th - 1pm & 3pm	Oasis: Don’t Look Back In Anger 15A 125mins Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th 8.15pm	St Mary’s Hall Fridays at 8pm Single book €11 Double €17 Snowball: €5200
ST MARY’S ORATORY Masses streamed on churchservices.tv/buncrana Monday 14 Sept - Mass at 10am Special Intention Tuesday 15 Sept - Mass at 10am Vera McGrory (50th A) Wednesday 16 Sept - Mass at 10am Thanksgiving Mass Thursday 17 Sept - Mass at 10am John Doherty (Wire) Saturday 19 Sept - Mass at 4:30pm Irene Herbert (burial of ashes) Sunday 20 Sept - Mass at 8:30am Sunday 20 Sept - Mass at 12:30pm William and Sadie O’Donnell	TRIDUUM OF MASSES FOR BISHOP MICHAEL ROUTER As the diocese and parishes prepare to celebrate the joyous occasion of the Installation of Bishop Michael Router as Bishop of Derry on Sunday 20 September, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated in parishes throughout the diocese, on Friday 18, Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September. In our parish, these Masses will be celebrated in St Mary’s, Cockhill at 7pm on Fri 18 September, St Mary’s Oratory at 4:30pm on Sat 19 September, and at any parish Mass on Sun 20 September. All are welcome to attend as we come together as God’s people to pray for Bishop Router and the people of the diocese, that we may walk together in faith and hope, guided by the Holy Spirit.	GUIDED HOLY HOUR The Holy Hour in honour of the Holy Face of Jesus continues this Sunday at 6pm in St Mary’s Oratory. All Welcome.	DONEGAL GROUP 173 Rise and Shine Trust (formerly The Irish Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust and The Irish Pilgrimage Trust) are celebrating 40 years of taking young people with special needs to Lourdes each Easter. We are celebrating with a special Mass on Sat 26th Sept in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny at 12 noon. The Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Niall Coll and Bishop Donal McKeown, Diocese of Derry. We invite all the guests and their families and all the helpers who travelled with us over the years to our Mass to celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes. TRÓCAIRE Could You Help Share the True Spirit of Christmas? Each year, volunteers in parishes across the north of Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell Trócaire’s Gifts of Change. We provide everything you need including training and support. All we ask is a little time and a big heart. Last Christmas, 50 parishes took part — and we’d love to grow that number even more this year! If you would like to find out more about how you can help, please email Mark at mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org or call 048 9080 8030. BUNCRANA BOWLING CLUB will re-open on Mon 14 Sept at 7:45pm in St Mary’s Hall. All new members welcome WORKABILITY Spraoi agus Spórt’s WorkAbility Programme offers training for people aged 16+ in Inishowen with disabilities or additional support needs. Design with Slí runs Thursdays, 11am–1pm, focusing on Canva and design. Office Ready runs Mondays, 11am–2pm, developing workplace and digital skills. Contact 085 860 1834 or sli@spraoiagussport.ie QUEEN’S UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY reopens for the new academic year on Mon 14 Sept, with weekday Masses and our semester programme resuming. The first Sunday Mass will be celebrated on 20 Sept at the new, earlier time of 7pm. Please note the new time! New or returning student? Find out about what’s on, ways to connect and get involved, and student accommodation at Ryan Hall qubcatholic.org and on our socials. Staff and alumni are always welcome too. Visit our newly renewed Chaplaincy at 28 Elmwood Avenue for Mass, Confessions or candle-lighting — and call into Mosaic for some of the best coffee, hot lunches and home-baked treats in South Belfast! SAMARITANS Call Free 116 123, Text 087 2609090.	Community Corner			
ST. MARY’S, COCKHILL Masses streamed on churchservices.tv/cockhill Friday 18 Sept - Mass at 7pm Danny Bradley (MM), plus George Doherty (Watt) (1st A) Sunday 20 Sept - Mass at 11am Margaret McCallion (1st A), plus Teresa McGilloway	DO THIS IN MEMORY PROGRAMME We are delighted to be commencing our 2nd Class First Penance and First Holy Communion Programme, <i>Do This In Memory</i> , at the 4:30pm, 9:45am, 11am and 12:30pm Masses next weekend (19 & 20 September). This is an important time for the 2nd Class children, their families, and for the parish community as a whole. It is an opportunity for all of us to be renewed and nourished in our own faith journey and experience. At these Masses next weekend, the children and their parents will formally enrol in the programme and commit to participating in it. They will <u>not</u> lead the Liturgy of the Word or bring up gifts at this Enrolment Mass. It also means that no funeral Masses can be celebrated on Sunday morning. We wish all our children preparing to receive these sacraments next year every blessing in the months ahead, and ask that you keep them in your prayers. <i>There will be an information meeting for all parents/guardians of 2nd Class on Tuesday 15 September at 7pm in St Mary’s Oratory.</i>	ECUMENICAL SERVICE Sat 19 Sept @ 2.15 pm. Buncrana Community Garden F93 NX6W. Join us to celebrate the Season of Creation in Buncrana Community Garden with Buncrana Churches together. Everyone is welcome. Safe Haven Christian Community Choir and Friends will perform for us. Clothing weather appropriate. Light refreshments provided.		SLIABH SNEACHT CENTRE Names are being taken for an Oil Painting Art Class starting on Thurs 24 Sept from 7-9pm. This is an 8 week course and costs €80, which includes a small starter kit. Booking essential 0749361742. A new block of Pulmonary Exercises (Seated Exercise Class) starts on Mon 14 Sept at 10am. This class is suitable for anyone with breathing issues looking to improve fitness and mobility. Please call the centre on 0749361742 to book. The Inishowen Walking Festival is taking place from 12 to 20 Sept. This event showcases a number of scenic walks throughout the peninsula. The Sliabh Sneacht Centre is hosting the Drover’s Trail walk on Fri 18 as part of this festival. This free guided 6km walk will leave the centre at 10am - it’s mostly uphill on a blue stony path. 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 Dance Classes Tues from 10:30am. From Wed: Junior Line Dancing & Jiving Class 5pm-6pm. Beginners Line Dancing 6:15pm-7:15pm. Advanced Line Dancing 7:30pm-8:30pm. Mon: A Beginners Line Dancing and Jiving Class at the Laurentic 7:30pm-9pm. 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. The fee is €60 for all patients including medical card & GP Visit card holders. Get your hearing back today by calling Inishowen Medical to make an appointment on 074 93 61800 or 074 76173. CHARITY SWIM – WORLD GO DAY To mark World GO Day (raising awareness of gynaecological cancers) and in memory of Bridie McDermott, her swim friends have organised a charity swim at Linsfort Beach on Sun 20 Sept at 3pm. All welcome - bring a friend! Funds raised go to Cancer Care West. NOWDOC Phone Number: 0818400911			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. INISHOWEN INJURY CLINIC Treatment of back, neck and shoulder pain / sports injuries / rehabilitation. Contact Cahir McLaughlin NMT, Maginn Ave 0860753296 PARK RUN New Couch to Parkrun Programme starting on September 12th . Come and join the six weeks programme on Saturday morning at 9am on the shore front by the play park. GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS for people living with Parkinson's every Wed at 2pm in The Exchange. COCKHILL CEILI CLUB Classes resume on Thursday 10th September 8pm-9.30pm Beginners Welcome. GAELSCOIL BHUN CRANNCHA Give us a call on 074 9361988 or email 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 graveyard at St Mary’s Cockhill. Contact buncrana@swillycep.ie for more info or application. BUNCRANA PARENT AND TODDLERS’ GROUP will reopen on Wed 9 and Thurs 10 September from 10am to 11:45am in St Mary’s Hall. DOG FREE ZONE A reminder that dogs are not permitted in Cockhill or Desertegney graveyards. Thank you. GENTLE HATHA YOGA CLASS beginning on 7 Sept at 7pm in Angler’s Centre. Contact Anne Nelson 086 2586864 for further information. DUNREE YOGA CENTRE Classes re-commencing Tuesday 8 Sept at 10:30am, and 8pm (Men), and Thursday 10 Sept at 8pm. Contact Anne-Marie McGlinchey on 0868196636 SWILLY GARDENING CLUB Our next Meeting is on Mon 21 Sept at 8pm in the Buncrana Youth club (Boy's Club) F93 HW6K. Guest Speaker is Paul Mc Laughlin, Ballaghderg Gardening Centre. Plants and bulbs for sale on the night as well as a raffle on the night with a chance to win a garden related prize. New Members welcome. Any queries contact Anne by text on 087 9560134 BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS Learn to play bridge from scratch. Classes begin on Wed 23 Sept from 7:30pm-9:30pm in Buncrana Youth Club. For details contact John 0870562188 or Mary 086060858.
STAR OF THE SEA, DESERTEGNEY Masses streamed on www.youtube.com/@BuncranaParish Sunday 20 Sept - Mass at 9:45am Special Intention	READINGS FOR 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st Reading: Eccles (Sir) 27:30 - 28:7. The Book of Ecclesiastes was composed about 190 BC by Ben Sirach, a faithful Jew. He had devoted his life to the pursuit of wisdom. “Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.” It is a non-negotiable element of the covenant with the Most High. To be forgiven ourselves we must in turn forgive others. 2nd Reading: Rom 14:7-9. In our education, entertainment, media, elected government, laws, commerce, worship – our day-to-day concerns involve others. Let therefore the peace and joy brought to us by the Holy Spirit always serve to help our brothers. A Christian neither lives nor dies for himself. "Alive or dead we belong to the Lord." “I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you.” Gospel: Mt 18:21-35. One ‘talent of silver’ would be valued at about €500,000, an intentionally fantastic figure. It represents the debt of gratitude we owe the Lord for re-opening to us the gates of paradise. In comparison the debt of 100 denarii was a paltry sum. So, if we fail to forgive human sized debts neither will our debt to God – to whom we owe everything - be forgiven.	SEASON OF CREATION 2026 REFLECTION This year’s theme, <i>Living Water</i> , invites us to give thanks for the gift of water and renew our care for God’s creation. <i>‘We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (Gen. 2: 7): our very bodies are made up of her elements; we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.’ (Pope Francis: LS 2)</i>					
BAPTISMS We welcome into God’s Family the following children who were recently baptised: Hallie Anna Bradley Elsbeth Gabrielle Irwin Lara Kate Devlin McDonagh <i>May God guide and protect our children always.</i>	PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS In today's gospel Jesus teaches a powerful lesson on forgiveness. We pray for the men called to priesthood that, as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their people, they will help them to know and experience the Lord who "...is compassion and love, slow to anger, and rich in mercy." (Responsorial Psalm).	LEGION OF MARY Pilgrimage to Knock on Sun 27 Sept leaving from Buncrana. For more details contact Mary on 0862145405 or Vera on 0863084935.					
DEATH Your prayers are asked for Michael Gill who died recently and for his family and friends saddened by their loss.		COCKHILL TEMPORARY CLOSURE St Mary’s Cockhill will be closed from Mon 14 Sept until 7pm Mass on Fri 18 Sept to facilitate painting work. We apologise for any inconvenience.					
THE COLUMBAN YOUNG ADULTS are a new group for those aged 18 - 30 in the diocese, who are seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. Our Sept event will be a Holy Hour and meditation on Thurs 17 Sept, 7pm at our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry, delivered by Fr Declan McGeehan. The meditation will be followed by Solemn Benediction and light refreshments. We are seeking new members- please come along and bring a friend!		SICK VISITATIONS Fr Bradley will visit the remainder of the sick and housebound in his care in both areas on Mon 14 September					
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	PRIVACY NOTICE: The Diocese of Derry complies with GDPR regulations. A Privacy Notice is available on the Parish Website or by contacting The Parish Office. Live stream and recordings of Mass and Services in St Mary’s Oratory and St Mary’s Cockhill are available online. Parishioners should note that the first two rows of seats are visible online in St Mary’s Oratory and the first seven rows of seats are visible in St Mary’s Cockhill.						

Parishes of Camus, Clonleigh and Leckpatrick
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A – 13th September 2026

Parish Clergy

Fr Michael McCaughey, PP: (028) 71882274 / (028) 71882215

Fr Declan Boland (priest in residence)

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Thoughts on the Gospel (Matthew 18:21-35) The gospel today tells of Peter asking Jesus how many times he should forgive someone who wrongs him. Jesus responds with a parable: a servant forgiven of an immense debt refuses to forgive a fellow servant of a small debt. The lesson is clear: those who receive mercy must extend mercy.

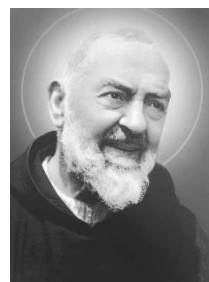
Forgiveness begins with humility, recognising our own frailty and the mercy we have received. It is not weakness, but strength rooted in grace. Humility opens our hearts to God's mercy and enables us to extend that same mercy to others.

Forgiveness also requires empathy. By seeing the humanity of those who hurt us, we can respond with compassion without excusing wrongdoing. In forgiving, we honour the forgiveness we ourselves have received and become stewards of grace. Ultimately, forgiveness reshapes our hearts, relationships, and communities, making us more like the One who forgives endlessly.

The parable of the unforgiving servant is not just a warning; it is an invitation. It calls us to live with a HEART shaped by humility, empathy, accountability, release, and transformation. Forgiveness is not easy, but it is essential. When we forgive, we reflect the very heart of God. And in doing so, we discover freedom, peace, and the joy of a life lived in mercy.

Lord, help us forgive with humble hearts and share your mercy with others. Amen.

A Time of Prayer in Honour of St Pio As we prepare to celebrate the feast day of St Pio on Wednesday 23rd September, we invite all to take part in a Novena of Prayer beginning on **Monday 14th September**. Prayer cards will be available in the coming days for people to offer prayers to St Pio. Prayer and reflection on the life of St Pio will be included in weekend Masses on 19th and 20th September. Please note that Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart



Church, Derry Rd on **Saturday 19th September at 9.00 am** when we will include prayers for bishop-elect, Bishop Router and prayers in honour of St Pio. On Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd September, all are welcome to join in a triduum of prayer at various times - more details in next weekend's newsletter. Bishop Router has kindly agreed to offer Mass at **7.00 pm on Wednesday 23rd September**, the Feast of St Pio, at St Patrick's Church, Murlog. Further details to follow. People from all parishes in our pastoral area are warmly welcome to come along to this Mass.

Installation of Bishop Michael Router As the diocese prepares to celebrate the joyous occasion of the installation of Bishop Router as Bishop of Derry on Sunday 20th September, parishioners throughout the diocese are invited to participate in a Triduum of Masses, on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th September. This is an important occasion for all of us in the diocese and people are invited to pray as a community or at home as a family or individually. We invoke the intercession of the Holy Spirit and the words 'Come Holy Spirit'. So too, we pray for the presence of Our Lady and protection of St Michael the Archangel and of course the intercession of St John Vianney and St Pio.

For the pastoral area, Mass will be celebrated as follows:

Friday 18th September:

8.00 am: Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road
10.00 am: Church of the Immaculate Conception
11.00 am: St Patrick's Church, Murlog



Saturday 19th September:

9.00 am: Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road
and in turn the usual Vigil Masses (19th September) and morning Masses (20th September), the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Requiescant in Pace We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Chloe McShane, Moorlough Rd, Strabane
Mickey McAteer, Carrigullin Rd, Strabane
Kathleen O'Hagan, Cloughfin, Ballindrait, Lifford

Anniversaries Eric Adams (Canada), Seamus Browne, Jim Burns, Ellen Clarke, James Coyle, Jimmy Coyle, James Crawford, Joseph Crawford, Robert Devereux, Joe Doherty, Margaret Doherty, John Dolan, Marcella Edginton, Jonathan Gallagher, Paddy Gallagher, Brian Harte, Angela Hegarty, Brenda Hume, Michael Hunt, James Lannon, Bernadette McAleer, Eileen McBride, Jean McElwee, Nan McGettigan, Sarah McGettigan-Porter, Artie McGinley, Seamus McLaughlin, Catherine O'Brien, Mollie O'Kane, Bridie Pollock, Charlie Pollock, Mary Potts, Mary Quinn, Bert Ridewood, Ned Rodgers. May they rest in peace.

Thank You for your generosity to last week's collections

Leckpatrick: £1,578.87

Clonleigh: €1,421.81

Camus: £1,957.26.

Thanks also to those who pay by standing order.

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

Legion of Mary An urgent appeal for new members to join us. Role includes visitation of nursing homes, promotion of the rosary with the pilgrim statue and weekly meetings. Time commitment of approx 3 hrs per wk. Meeting on Thursday mornings at 11 am in St Pat's Hall. Please contact Margaret Harte: 028 71883159.

Readings for Sun 20th September:**1st Reading:** Isaiah 55:6-9**Psalm:** 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18**2nd Reading:** Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16**Saints of the Coming Week:****Monday:** The Exultation of the Cross**Tuesday:** Our Lady of Sorrows**Wednesday:** St Cornelius, pope and St Cyprian, bishop, martyrs**Thursday:** St Hildegard of Bingen, virgin and doctor of the Church,
St Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor of the Church**Saturday:** St Januarius, bishop & martyr

Parking at Immaculate Conception Church You are asked to note that parking in the grounds of the church is restricted to those attending Mass or praying in the church. Each day there is pedestrian access to the church at the front entrance. These gates will always remain open, however the main gate will generally close each day after morning Mass. In circumstances for funerals or weddings, the main gates will remain open. We ask you to respect this decision and thank you for your understanding and co-operation. The driveway to the parochial house is private property and we ask you to refrain from parking on the driveway on a daily basis. We again thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on

Monday from 10.30 am - 1.00 pm in **St Patrick's Church, Murlog** and**Wednesday** from 8.30 am - 5.30 pm in **Sacred Heart Church, Derry Rd.** Everyone is welcome to come and spend some time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Contemplative Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 8.00 pm in the Pastoral Office, 27 Butcher Street, Strabane. Everyone welcome.

The Columban Young Adults are a new group for those aged 18 - 30 in the diocese, who are seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. Our September event will be a Holy Hour and meditation on Thursday 17th September at 7.00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry, delivered by Fr Declan McGeehan. The meditation will be followed by Solemn Benediction and light refreshments. We are actively seeking new members- please come along and bring a friend!

Eucharistic Adoration Derry Diocese is renewing and developing its Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to an Information Meeting on Wednesday 30th September at 8 pm in the Drummond Hotel, 2 Main St, Ballykelly, BT49 9HP. Registration / light refreshments from 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Job Opportunity Derry Diocesan Trust invites applications for the post of sacristan at Granaghan (Swatragh) parish. 12 hrs per week. Rate of pay: £12.88 per hr. Contact recruitment@derrydiocese.org / 028 71262302. Closing date: 15th September 2026.

Human Life International Ireland Fr L Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland. Join us for the Ulster event at Canal Court Hotel, Newry on 29th Sept at 6:45pm with 1st class relic of St Thérèse.

Season of Creation Water heals, restores, and makes creation flourish, but it also challenges us to recognise ecological damage, embrace our interconnectedness, and immerse ourselves in the responsibility of caring for and restoring our Common Home. May this season be a path for the healing of the earth and human well-being to flourish together. Please visit <https://youtu.be/xVVZ8LSpcRk>

Blessing of Bikers & Motorcycles today (Sunday) at 1.30 pm in St Aengus' Chapel, Burt. Following blessing all are welcome to join the run to Ned's Point RNLI Station, to present a donation to RNLI. Mass will be celebrated on 13th September at 11.30 am in St Patrick's Chapel, DUNGIVEN for deceased bikers. All welcome.

Coffee Morning in aid of Foyle Hospice in Murphy's on the Green on Friday 25th September from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. Prize draw included at £1 per line. A great range of prizes up for grabs. Draw at 1 pm on the day. Hope to see you all there.

Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy reopens on Monday 14th September, with weekday Masses and our semester programme resuming. The first Sunday Mass will be celebrated on 20th Sept at the earlier time of **7.00 pm**. New or returning student? Find out about what's on, ways to connect and get involved, and student accommodation at Ryan Hall at qubcatholic.org and on our socials. Staff and alumni are always welcome too. Visit our newly renewed Chaplaincy at 28 Elmwood Ave for Mass, Confessions or candle-lighting — and call into Mosaic for some of the best coffee, hot lunches and home-baked treats in South Belfast!

Michael English Church Concert This evening of faith, hope and inspiration takes place on Friday 2nd October at 7.15 pm, in St Patrick's Church, Keenaught, Desertmartin. Tickets (£30) available at Heron's Gift Shop, Draperstown, Moneyneena Post Office, Ballinascreen and Desertmartin Parish offices, or online with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/michael-english-band-fundraising-concert-tickets-1996641829460>

Lough Derg Day Retreats September 15, 19, 20 - a day of prayer, reflection and spiritual renewal. Visit www.loughderg.org All welcome.

Parish Bingo and Lucky Four in St Pat's Hall on Thursdays at 8 pm. All welcome.

Trócaire Could you help share the true spirit of Christmas? Each year, volunteers in parishes across Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell Trócaire's Gifts of Change: meaningful gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world. We provide everything you need including training and support. All we ask is a little time and a big heart. Last Christmas, 50 parishes took part — and we'd love to grow that number this year! If you would like to find out more, please email Mark at mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

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 Mary's, Cloughcor: Sunday: 8.30 am (13th Sept - alternate Sundays - 27th Sept)

St Joseph's, Glenmornan: Sunday: 8.30 am (20th Sept - alternate Sundays - 4th Oct)

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.

Cappagh PARISH NEWS

Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

13th September 2026

St Mary's Killyclogher, St Mary's Knockmoyle, Corpus Christi Mountfield, Christ The King Strathroy

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher

Sunday Mass: 9am & 11:15am

Daily Mass: 10am: Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs

Christ the King Church, Strathroy

Sunday Mass: 12noon

Vigil: 6.30pm

Evening Mass: 7:30pm: Tues

St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher

Daily Rosary: 9:10am: Mon-Saturday

Legion of Mary: Every Monday after 10am Mass

Children's Liturgy Group: 11:15am Sunday Mass in KC

Corpus Christi Church, Mountfield

Rosary: Every Thursday at 8pm

Christ the King Church, Strathroy

Confessions: 6:15pm-6.45pm: Saturday

If the Lord is compassion and love, who are we to be otherwise?

As Catholics, we have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which allows us to experience God's forgiveness personally. It is a reminder of His boundless love and mercy.

In turn, it should inspire us to be forgiving and merciful in our interactions with others. We must remember that forgiveness is not just a one-time act but a continuous disposition of the heart.

Let us be mindful of the unforgiving servant in the parable and strive to be merciful and forgiving as our Heavenly Father is to us. In doing so, we bear witness to the transformative power of God's love and mercy in our lives and in the world.

Adam Eichelberger (assumptions.org)

Healing Prayer

Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, go back into my memory...

Every hurt that has ever been done to me; *heal that hurt.*

Every hurt that I have ever caused to another person; *heal that hurt.*

All the relationships that have been damaged in my whole life that I am not aware of; *heal those relationships.*

But Lord, if there is anything that I need to do;

If I need to go to a person because that have suffered from my hand, bring to my awareness that person.

I choose to forgive, and I ask to be forgiven.

Remove whatever bitterness may be in my heart, Lord, and fill the empty spaces with your love.

Amen



PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS: MONDAY –THURSDAY: 9AM-5PM (closed 1-1.30pm)

Contact: Phone 028 8224 3375 or Email info@cappaghparish.com.

Anniversary Mass Bookings: A Requiem Mass takes precedence and therefore your booking is subject to change. Please note that an Anniversary or Months Mind Mass may be shared with others.

WATCH MASS LIVE ON THE PARISH WEBCAM: www.cappaghparish.com

Webcam live streams only. The recording of services broadcast on the webcam ***must be requested in advance*** by contacting the parish office on 028 8224 3375 or speaking with the priest (outside of office opening hours)

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Sacred Heart Church

Carndonagh

*12th & 13th September 2026
(24th Sunday in 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 families and friends of Margaret O'Donovan, Carndonagh & Co Kilkenny, her funeral Mass took place in Kilkenny on Wednesday & Joanie McLaughlin, Glasha, her funeral Mass took place here on Friday.

Anniversary and Month's Mind Masses

Sat 12 th Sept	Jimmy Diver, Whitehouse (1 st Anniv) 7pm
Sun 13 th Sept	Anne Doyle, Benduff, (4 th Anniv) 9am
Mon 14 th Sept	Patricia McCallion, Magherarnett, (3 rd Anniv) 10am
Tue 15 th Sept	Liam Monagle, Ballyliffin 10am
Fri 18 th Sept	Jim Reid, Drimdoon (Month's Mind) 7pm
Sat 19 th Sept	Brian McLaughlin, Lenamore (1 st Anniv) 7pm
Sun 20 th Sept	Frank Harkin, Ard Colgan, (2 nd Anniv) 9 am
Wed 23 rd Sept	Tom Farren, Malin St. 10 am
Fri 25 th Sept	Lily McCallion, Carndonagh (14 th Anniv) 7 pm
Sat 26 th Sept	Teresa McLaughlin (G), Carrick, Month's Mind) 5 pm
Sat 26 th Sept	Seamus Doherty, Lenamore (6 th Anniv) 7 pm

Anniversaries at this time

Teresa & Joe McElhinney, Pound St., and Mary Doherty (W), Glenmakee



Baptisms: We welcome into God's family:
Daniel Anthony Noone, Clonmany.

SACRED HEART CHURCH – PARISH DRAW WINNERS
€1000 Miriam McKinney, Church Rd (Maura Harkin)
€100 Isla McConologue, Cashel, (Cian Doherty)
€50 Patsy Long, Tiernaleague (Katie McLaughlin)

Good As New for Church funds open at the back of the parish office. All washed and clean donations are welcome. Tel. Bernie on 0861734977 or Don on 0868554796.

Triduum of Masses for Bishop Michael Router: As the diocese and parishes prepare to celebrate the joyous occasion of the Installation of Bishop Michael Router as Bishop of Derry on Sunday 20 September, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated here at our usual weekend Masses; -Friday 18th 7pm, Saturday 19th 7pm and Sunday 20th September at both 90 am and 11 am Masses. All are welcome to attend as we come together as God's people to pray for Bishop Router and the people of the diocese, that we may walk together in faith and hope, guided by the Holy Spirit.

VOCATIONS: In today's gospel Jesus teaches a powerful lesson on forgiveness. We pray for the men called to priesthood that, as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their people, they will help them to know and experience the Lord who "...is compassion and love, slow to anger, and rich in mercy." (Responsorial Psalm).

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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 Email: sacredheartchurchcarn@gmail.com

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

Twenty Fourth 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

Parish Office: Parochial House, 16 Castlefin Road, Castlederg, BT81 7BT. Tel: 028 816 71393

Parish websites (*including access to church webcams*) and emails:

Aghyaran: Website: parishofaghyaran.com Email: aghyaranparish@derrydiocese.org

Drumquin: Website: drumquinparish.com Email: drumquin@derrydiocese.org

Ardstraw West & Castlederg: Web: castledergparish.com Email: castledergparish@derrydiocese.org

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING DESIGNATED LIAISON PERSON:

Ms Marie O'Kane – Telephone 07596500793 Email: dlp@derrydiocese.org

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

DAY	AGHYARAN	ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG	DRUMQUIN
Monday 14 Sept		Mass, Castlederg: 7.30pm	Mass, 10.00am Rosary, 8.00pm, Grotto
Tuesday 15 Sept	Mass, 10.00am		
Wednesday 16 Sept	Liturgy of the Word, With Holy Communion	Liturgy of the Word, With Holy Communion	Mass, 10.00am, <i>with school children attending</i>
Thursday 17 Sept	Mass, 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon, <i>with school children attending Mass</i>		
Friday 18 Sept		Mass, Castlederg: 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon, <i>with school children attending Mass</i>	
Saturday 19 Sept	Vigil Mass, 7.30pm: <i>Months Mind - Danny O'Donnell</i>	Vigil Mass, Castlederg, 6.15pm	Vigil Mass: 5.00pm
Sunday 20 Sept	Mass, 11.00am	Mass: Dregish, 9.30am Drumnabey, 12.30pm <i>Mass in Castlederg on 2nd and 4th Sunday</i>	Mass, 11.00am

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection:

AGHYARAN: £923 & €65. Church Restoration Fund: £735 & €35.

ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG: £2,014 & €30, made up of:

Castlederg £1,179 & €24, **Drumnabey** £561 & €1, **Dregish** £274 & €5. **DRUMQUIN:** £694.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of £250 donation for church funds in Castlederg. Thank you.

As always, thank you very much to all who contribute by Standing Order.

ARDSTRAW WEST AND CASTLEDERG Parish Draw: Returns for September's draw should be made to the Parochial House this Thursday, 17 September, between 6.00 and 7.30pm. The next draw will take place on Sunday 27 September in St Patrick's Hall, Castlederg.

There are just a few tickets left – if you are not in the draw but would like to join, talk to the promoter in your area or contact Kathleen in the Parish Office. If you're not in, you can't win!

BISHOP MICHAEL ROUTER will be installed as the new Bishop of Derry next Sunday, 20 September, in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, at 3.00pm. As the diocese and parishes prepare to celebrate this joyous occasion, Bishop McKeown has invited the priests of the diocese to hold special times of prayer in our parishes this week, to pray for Bishop Router as he takes up the responsibility of leading and serving the people of the diocese as Bishop. In our Pastoral Area we will have special prayers for Bishop Router at our 10.00am weekday Masses this week - on **Wednesday (Drumquin), Thursday (Aghyaran) and Friday (Castlederg)**. Children from our primary schools will attend these Masses. You are invited to come along, if you can, to join in prayer for Bishop Router at this significant time for him and for our diocese. We will also have special prayers at our Masses next weekend.

This is also a significant week for Bishop McKeown, who will retire as of next Sunday. At this time of transition for him, you are asked to keep Bishop McKeown in your prayers too.

PASTORAL VISITATION OF THE HOUSEBOUND will take place this week as follows:

Monday 14 September: Drumquin Town Area - Segully Road, McCreagh Park, Castlederg Road, Main Street, Creaghmore Road, Fairgreen Gardens and Loughrey Terrace, commencing at 11.00am - Fr Thomas.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL members will meet in the Parochial House, Drumquin this Wednesday, 16 September, at 7.30pm. If you would like to become involved in SVP, you are very welcome to come along to this meeting.

PIONEER MEETING will take place in the Parochial House, Drumquin, this Thursday, 17 September, at 7.30pm.

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YOGA CLASS: Aghyaran Development Association in conjunction with HARC is commencing a 6-week Yogo class for over 50's in Aghyaran Centre, commencing Tues 15 September, 11.30am - 12.30pm. Contact Jerry on 078 6492 9344.

LINE DANCING in Garvagh Hall commences on Monday 21 September: Absolute Beginners – 6.00pm - 7.30pm; High Beginners/Improvers - 7.45pm - 9.30pm. Doors open 5.45pm. Adults £7, Children under 10 £5 (must be accompanied by an adult). Wear comfortable footwear and bring a bottle of water.

HOST FOR HOSPICE: October is officially Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning Month. We are calling on supporters to help us raise vital funds by hosting a Coffee Morning. Whether it's at home, work or in your local community, you can support your local hospice by bringing your friends together and putting the kettle on - it's a piece of cake! To request your FREE host pack or for more info, please call Ailbhe McDaid on 028 7135 9888 or email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com

EARLY TO TALK ABOUT CHRISTMAS, BUT TROCAIRE WANT TO KNOW - Could You Help Share the True Spirit of Christmas? Each year, volunteers in parishes across the north of Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell **Trócaire's Gifts of Change** — meaningful gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world. We provide everything you need, including training and support. If you would like to find out more about how you can help, please email Mark at mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org or call **028 9080 8030**.

Season of Creation 2026: 1 September to 4 October

With the theme of 'Living Water' for this year's Season of Creation, we pray:

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning,
we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace.
We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home,
that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city.
We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures.
We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.
Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity.
We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment.
Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.
Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live.
Stir in us a calling to care for the waters and to honour the dignity of the thirsty.
May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.
May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration.
And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

Parishes of Camus, Clonleigh and Leckpatrick

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A – 13th September 2026

Parish Clergy

Fr Michael McCaughey, PP: (028) 71882274 / (028) 71882215

Fr Declan Boland (priest in residence)

Email: leckpatrickparish@derrydiocese.org; **Website:** www.leckpatrickparish.com

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Thoughts on the Gospel (*Matthew 18:21-35*)

The gospel today tells of Peter asking Jesus how many times he should forgive someone who wrongs him. Jesus responds with a parable: a servant forgiven of an immense debt refuses to forgive a fellow servant of a small debt. The lesson is clear: those who receive mercy must extend mercy.

Forgiveness begins with humility, recognising our own frailty and the mercy we have received. It is not weakness, but strength rooted in grace. Humility opens our hearts to God's mercy and enables us to extend that same mercy to others.

Forgiveness also requires empathy. By seeing the humanity of those who hurt us, we can respond with compassion without excusing wrongdoing. In forgiving, we honour the forgiveness we ourselves have received and become stewards of grace. Ultimately, forgiveness reshapes our hearts, relationships, and communities, making us more like the One who forgives endlessly.

The parable of the unforgiving servant is not just a warning; it is an invitation. It calls us to live with a HEART shaped by humility, empathy, accountability, release, and transformation. Forgiveness is not easy, but it is essential. When we forgive, we reflect the very heart of God. And in doing so, we discover freedom, peace, and the joy of a life lived in mercy.

Lord, help us forgive with humble hearts and share your mercy with others. Amen.

A Time of Prayer in Honour of St Pio As we prepare to celebrate the feast day of St Pio on Wednesday 23rd September, we invite all to take part in a Novena of Prayer beginning on **Monday 14th September**. Prayer cards will be available in the coming days for people to offer prayers to St Pio. Prayer and reflection on the life of St Pio will be included in weekend Masses on 19th and 20th September. Please note that Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, Derry Rd on **Saturday 19th September at 9.00 am** when we will include prayers for bishop-elect, Bishop Router and prayers in honour of St Pio. On Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd September, all are welcome to join in a tridium of prayer at various times – more details in next weekend's newsletter. Bishop Router has kindly agreed to offer Mass at **7.00 pm on Wednesday 23rd September**, the Feast of St Pio, at St Patrick's Church, Murlog. Further details to follow. People from all parishes in our pastoral area are warmly welcome to come along to this Mass.

Installation of Bishop Michael Router As the diocese prepares to celebrate the joyous occasion of the installation of Bishop Router as Bishop of Derry on Sunday 20th September, parishioners throughout the diocese are invited to participate in a Tridium of Masses, on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th September. This is an important occasion for all of us in the diocese and people are invited to pray as a community or at home as a family or individually. We invoke the intercession of

the Holy Spirit and the words 'Come Holy Spirit'. So too, we pray for the presence of Our Lady and protection of St Michael the Archangel and of course the intercession of St John Vianney and St Pio.

For the pastoral area, Mass will celebrated as follows:

Friday 18th September:

8.00 am: Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road

10.00 am: Church of the Immaculate Conception

11.00 am: St Patrick's Church, Murlog

Saturday 19th September:

9.00 am: Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road

and in turn the usual Vigil Masses (19th September) and morning Masses (20th September), the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Requiescant in Pace We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Chloe McShane, Moorlough Rd, Strabane

Mickey McAteer, Carrigullin Rd, Strabane

Kathleen O'Hagan, Cloughfin, Ballindrait, Lifford

Anniversaries Eric Adams (Canada), Seamus Browne, Jim Burns, Ellen Clarke, James Coyle, Jimmy Coyle, James Crawford, Joseph Crawford, Robert Devereux, Joe Doherty, Margaret Doherty, John Dolan, Marcella Edginton, Jonathan Gallagher, Paddy Gallagher, Brian Harte, Angela Hegarty, Brenda Hume, Michael Hunt, James Lannon, Bernadette McAleer, Eileen McBride, Jean McElwee, Nan McGettigan,

Sarah McGettigan-Porter, Artie McGinley, Seamus McLaughlin, Catherine O'Brien, Mollie O'Kane, Bridie Pollock, Charlie Pollock, Mary Potts, Mary Quinn, Bert Ridewood, Ned Rodgers. May they rest in peace.

Thank You for your generosity to last week's collections

Leckpatrick: £1,578.87

Clonleigh: €1,421.81

Camus: £1,957.26.

Thanks also to those who pay by standing order.

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

Legion of Mary An urgent appeal for new members to join us. Role includes visitation of nursing homes, promotion of the rosary with the pilgrim statue and weekly meetings. Time commitment of approx 3 hrs per wk. Meeting on Thursday mornings at 11 am in St Pat's Hall. Please contact Margaret Harte: 028 71883159.

Readings for Sunday 20th September:

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm: 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

2nd Reading: Philipians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Saints of the Coming Week:

Monday: The Exultation of the Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: St Cornelius, pope and St Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

Thursday: St Hildegard of Bingen, virgin and doctor of the Church,

St Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor of the Church

Saturday: St Januarius, bishop & martyr

Parking at Immaculate Conception Church You are asked to note that parking in the grounds of the church is restricted to those attending Mass or praying in the church. Each day there is pedestrian access to the church at the front entrance. These gates will always remain open, however the main gate will generally close each day after morning Mass. In circumstances for funerals or weddings, the main gates will remain open. We ask you to respect this decision and thank you for your understanding and co-operation. The driveway to the parochial house is private property and we ask you to refrain from parking on the driveway on a daily basis. We again thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on

Monday from **10.30 am – 1.00 pm** in **St Patrick's Church, Murlog** and

Wednesday from **8.30 am – 5.30 pm** in **Sacred Heart Church, Derry Rd.** Everyone is welcome to come and spend some time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Contemplative Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 8.00 pm in the Pastoral Office, 27 Butcher Street, Strabane. Everyone welcome.

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Job Opportunity Derry Diocesan Trust invites applications for the post of sacristan at Granaghan (Swatragh) parish. 12 hrs per week. Rate of pay: £12.88 per hr. Contact recruitment@derrydiocese.org / 028 71262302. Closing date: 15th September 2026.

Human Life International Ireland Fr L Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland. Join us for the Ulster event at Canal Court Hotel, Newry on 29th Sept at 6:45pm with 1st class relic of St Thérèse.

Season of Creation Water heals, restores, and makes creation flourish, but it also challenges us to recognise ecological damage, embrace our interconnectedness, and immerse ourselves in the responsibility of caring for and restoring our Common Home. May this season be a path for the healing of the earth and human well-being to flourish together. Please visit <https://youtu.be/xVVZ8LSpcRk>

Blessing of Bikers & Motorcycles today (Sunday) at 1.30 pm in St Aengus' Chapel, Burt. Following blessing all are welcome to join the run to Ned's Point RNLI Station, to present a donation to RNLI. Mass will be celebrated on 13th September at 11.30 am in St Patrick's Chapel, DUNGIVEN for deceased bikers. All welcome.

Coffee Morning in aid of Foyle Hospice in Murphy's on the Green on Friday 25th September from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. Prize draw included at £1 per line. A great range of prizes up for grabs. Draw at 1 pm on the day. Hope to see you all there.

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Michael English Church Concert This evening of faith, hope and inspiration takes place on Friday 2nd October at 7.15 pm, in St Patrick's Church, Keenaught, Desertmartin. Tickets (£30) available at Heron's Gift Shop, Draperstown, Moneyneena Post Office, Ballinascreen and Desertmartin Parish offices, or online with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/michael-english-band-fundraising-concert-tickets-1996641829460>

Lough Derg Day Retreats September 15, 19, 20 – a day of prayer, reflection and spiritual renewal. Visit www.loughderg.org All welcome.

Parish Bingo and Lucky Four in St Pat's Hall on Thursdays at 8 pm. All welcome.

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St Mary's, Cloughcor: Sunday: 8.30 am (13th Sept – alternate Sundays – 27th Sept)

St Joseph's, Glenmornan: Sunday: 8.30 am (20th Sept – alternate Sundays – 4th Oct)

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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.

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Clonmany Parish Newsletter



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COELIAC HOSTS

The Parish has purchased a new pyx for coeliac hosts which clips onto the main ciborium keeping the coeliac hosts separate from other hosts. This weekend we will start to use this pyx. The priest / Eucharistic minister will change hands when distributing from it, so that there will be no transfer of fragments from the other hosts. People who are coeliacs are now invited to receive Holy Communion like the whole congregation and the table in the sanctuary area will be removed. Thank you for your continued support.

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CONTINUOUS PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE – Monday September 14

The theme of this input is praying for Married People who are alone because of separation and/or divorce. As we pray we also need to think about them and have a real feel for the trauma that this must be for so many people today. We also need to pray about and think about the responsibility that we as a faith community have for people in these circumstances so they do not have to go through it alone.

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SLIABH SNEACHT CENTRE NOTES

Oil Painting Art Class starting Sept 24 from 7-9pm—8 week course and costs €80, which includes a small starter kit. Contact 0749361742. Inishowen Walking Festival Sept 12–20. Sliabh Sneacht Centre is hosting the Drover’s Trail walk on Fri Sept 18 starting at 10am. Pulmonary Exercise’s Mon Sept 14 at 10am—suitable for anyone with breathing issues looking to improve fitness and mobility

CLONMANY PARISH DRAW

Total Monthly Prizes—€2,350 Promoters Prizes 10 x €20
Our first draw of our new year will take place in September. Anyone who would like to join our draw or become a promoter please contact the parish office on 0749376114 or email: clonmanypaish1@outlook.com. If you are not already in the draw and would like to join please contact a promoter - the following is a list of our promoters:
Noreen McLaughlin & Danny McGonigle, Cloontagh. Frances Doherty, Gortfad; Breege McEleney, Minaduff; Caroline McDaid, Mindoran; Charlie McGroarty, Rashenny. Maureen Grant, Tornabratley. Crea Harkin, Christine Kemmy & Ann Marie Doogan, Ballyliffin. Mary McGeoghegan, Isle of Doagh; Margaret McLaughlin, Clara Michelle Robison, Beltra; Bredgeen Harkin, Magheranaul, Fearghal Harkin, Annaugh; Carmel Doherty, Cloughfin. Mary Harkin, Boharna; Eileen Doherty, Ballyhallion. Helen Toland, Gaddyduff; Bridie McDaid, Glebe. Lucy McCarron & Sarah Doherty, Cleagh. Edward McLaughlin, Tullagh. Elizabeth Doherty & Liam Doherty, Roxtown. Nora Ivers, Kathleen Ivers, Alice McLaughlin & Bernard Friel, Dunaff; Anthony Doherty, Claggin. Daniel Doherty, Urrismanagh; Marie Porter, Leenen. Kathleen Doherty, Parish Office.

CLONMANY TUG-O-WAR GROUP

Will hold their AGM on Friday September 18 in Clonmany Tug-of-war clubhouse at 8pm. All welcome.

NOWDOC—6pm Friday—8am Monday—Call 0818400911

PARISH DRAW RESULTS FOR AUGUST

€1,000 George & Breege Gill, Gortaran
€150 Anne Doherty, Main St., Clonmany
€150 Kathleen T Nelson, Carndonagh
€150 Dolores & Danny Kelly, Tullagh
€150 Helen Gibbons, Beltra
€150 Harkin Family (Jock), Glebe
€100 Teresa Ann Friel, Dunaff
€100 Madge Grant, Tornabratley
€100 Patsy & Myra Doherty, Riverside Pk
€100 Mary Shaffer, Railway Cottage
Thank you to our promoters and everyone who supports the parish draw. Profit for the month of August was €220.

PROMOTERS

Frances Doherty
Helen Toland
Charlie McGroarty
Edward McLaughlin
Michelle Robinson
Helen Toland
Bernard Friel
Charlie McGroarty
Eileen Doherty
Maureen & Madeline

CLONMANY SHAMROCKS CLUB

Lotto Numbers 03/09/2026—05,14,17,22. €20 Karen Canny, Online; Sue McEleney, Annaugh; James & Orla, c/o McFeeleys. Next draw on 10/09/2026—The Jackpot will be €15,000.
Fixtures: Sept 10 Jackie Crossan Prem Div: Clonmany Shamrocks v Cockhill Celtic Youths 2pm. Inishowen Eng. Div 2: Culdaff Rov-ers v Clonmany Res 11am Results: Sept 6 Clubman Shirts League Cup: Clonmany Shamrocks 3 Buncrana Hearts 1 Inishowen Eng. Div 2: Cockhill Colts 3 Clonmany Res 6

PARISH MASS AND PRAYER SCHEDULE

ST MARY’S CHURCH, CLONMANY

- Monday—Thursday 9:30am Mass
- Friday 7:30pm—Confessions from 7pm
- Saturday 6:30pm V Mass—Confessions from 6pm
- Sunday 11:30am
- Wednesday: *Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 2:30pm—3:30pm in the room behind the Sanctuary*

ST MICHAEL’S CHURCH, URRIS

- Sunday: 10am Mass
- Friday: *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 3-6pm*

ORATORY OF THE ASSUMPTION, BALLYLIFFIN

- Tuesday: *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:30—8:30pm*

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEKEND

6:30pm Vigil Mass—John Doherty, Tirmaine
11:30am Mass—Laurence & Bridget Minihan, Clonmany
7:30pm Mass—Fri Sept 18—Gerard Grant, Pollan Green

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Ann Summerhayes-Ivers, Tiernasligo;
Anne Doherty, Ardagh; Edward Kearney, Leenankiel & Mary McDaid, Rooskey

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday; The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday: St Cornelius, Pope & St Cyprian, Bishop
Thursday: St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & St Hildegard
Saturday: St Januarius, Bishop

LEGION OF MARY

Bus trip to Knock of Sun Sept 27— Contact 086 1256357.

COLLECTION

Parish collection last weekend amounted to 2,334.
Thank you for your generosity.

VOCATIONS

In today's gospel Jesus teaches a powerful lesson on forgiveness. We pray for the men called to priesthood that, as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their people, they will help them to know and experience the Lord who "...is compassion and love, slow to anger, and rich in mercy." (Responsorial Psalm).

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ROSARY

The Rosary continues on Wednesday at 8:30pm at the Grotto in St Mary’s Church, Clonmany—All welcome as we pray for peace.



Triduum of Masses for Bishop Michael Router:

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Prayer:

God of holiness, we give you thanks for this diocese, the church that is in Derry.

We recall with gratitude all who handed on the gift of faith in past generations, in difficult times and in troubled years down to the present day.

We look forward with hope as we walk together in faith with our new Bishop, Michael, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, along the synodal path to which the church is now being called.

We pray that we may become more faithful disciples of Jesus and joyful witnesses to his Gospel for the generations of young people who follow after us in all the parishes of our diocese.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Culdaff
 Fr. John McDevitt P.P. 9376273 / 0858237119
Fr. Karl Haan C.C. 9379107
www.culdaffparish.com
 email: culdaffnotes@gmail.com

Daily Mass
Monday 7.30 pm; **Tuesday & Wednesday**, 10 am
 [Blessed Sacrament Exposition after 10 am Mass until 2 pm]; **Thursday**, 7.30 pm; **Friday** 10 am; **Saturday** 11am

Confessions Before Saturday nights Mass, 7.30 – 7.50
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Saturday Vigil 8 pm
Sunday 10 am.

Anniversary Mass this weekend
Saturday Vigil 8 pm Yvonne Scott, Cloncha
Next Weekend
 Saturday Vigil 8 pm: Patrick & Bridgid McDermott, Drumley & Carabeg
 Sunday 10 am John & Evelyn Ruddy, Kindroyhead

Weekly Offering €1,000
Development Collection €325

Retired Priests Collection will be taken up this weekend.
 Envelopes can be left in McGuinness’ shop.

First Reading
Sirach 27:30—28:9
 Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

Second Reading
Romans 14:7-9
 We belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 18:21-35
 Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

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Tea/Coffee after 10 am Mass today,
Sunday. Everyone welcome.



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Season of Creation
 1st September – 4th October
Living Water
 Season of Creation 2026
 Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

“*Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. [...] Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing.*” (Ezek 47:9,12)

This year's **theme, “Living Water”**, explores Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation. The context of this text is one of political, social, theological and national catastrophe.

The Men's Shed Carn is also hosting "**DROP IN WEDNESDAYS**" for men every Wednesday from 11 am -1 pm. Pop in for a coffee and a chat and see what we do here at the shed, a place to connect, learn and create. Bring a friend, meet new people. All ages welcome

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Spraio agus Spórt Activities for Children and Families
 Boogie Bugs – Mondays, 10am–12pm, ages 0–4, from 14 September.
 Parent & Toddler Sensory Play – Tuesdays, 10am–1pm.
 Mammy & Baby – Wednesdays, 10am–1pm.
 Parent & Toddler Messy Play – Thursdays, 10am–1pm.
 Unit 6, SuperValu, Carndonagh, F93 AY6D. Book at spraioagusport.ie.
Shopping Spraio is Coming to Buncrana
 Come along and shop for fabulous second-hand fashion at Spraio agus Spórt's latest Shopping Spraio event at The Plaza, Buncrana, on Friday, 9 October, 6pm–8pm.
Vote for Saothré
 Saothré Nursery & Garden Centre, Carndonagh, has been shortlisted for the Highland Radio Customer Service Awards in the Garden Centre / Landscape Gardening category. Voting closes Wednesday, 16 September. Vote at highlandradio.com.

SET DANCING - Malin Head Community Centre. Every Thursday starting 17th September 8 to 10pm €5. Special FREE beginners introductory session from 7.30 to 8 pm.

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Greencastle Centre - UnScripted' after-school youth drama project starting Tuesday 22nd September 4-6pm food and transport provided.
 - Inish Tennis starting back from Monday 14th September for ages 5yrs up and adults Tel: 083 205 4348 for more info.
 - indoor Bowls Tuesday morning 11am – 1pm starting back Tuesday 22nd September.
 - Musical Memories starting back Monday 5th October 11:30am.

***FORGIVENESS** - Readiness to forgive is taught by many of the great philosophies and religions of the world. Why? Because you can't be happy, or have any sort of inner peace, far less inner joy, if you refuse to forgive. Dwelling on past hurts, nurturing resentment, indulging simmering anger: these things can blight or embitter a person's whole life. Unfortunately though, as all of us know: sometimes forgiveness can seem very difficult indeed, even impossible. Perhaps this is so nowadays more than ever, because contemporary secular culture encourages us to think of ourselves as victims, who have a right to demand compensation and redress.*

What though if we find it too hard? What if my brother really hurts or upsets me, and ever continues to do so? What if I have been so deeply wounded by someone that my life is effectively ruined? In that case, let us simply admit the impossibility of our task, and turn to God for help. O God come to my aid, we cry. 'Lord, help me to let go of this. If I can't forgive, then do you forgive in my place. Bless us both, 'Lord, so that each of us is able to receive the gift of your forgiveness.'

We pray, we go to confession, and we come to Mass. Here the love and mercy of Jesus that flows from his sacrificial death are made present, and received in sacramental form. Here supremely we find the grace and strength we need, in order to let go of the debt we are owed: we, who have been redeemed from our own incomparably greater debt, through the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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HOST FOR HOSPICE: October is officially Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning Month. We are calling on supporters to help us raise vital funds by hosting a Coffee Morning. Whether it's at home, work or in your local community, you can support your local hospice by bringing your friends together and putting the kettle on - it's a piece of cake! To request your FREE host pack or for more info, please call Ailbhe McDaid, Community Fundraiser, Foyle Hospice, on 028 7135 9888 or email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com

<http://www.culdaffparish.com>
CULDAFF TIDY TOWNS This year's annual
 Culdaff Craft Fair will take place on Sunday 15 November from 2-5pm in the Wee Hall Culdaff. Afternoon teas served and a draw for valuable prizes will take place.
 For more information and bookings contact Philomena on 0868418189.

Carrowmenagh Community Centre Tel 074 93 67061
 Our all-age social club, **The Tuesday Club**, returns on Tuesday 15th September from 2–4pm. Join us for a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon with a range of activities, including cards, bingo, Scrabble and other board games, knitting and crochet, or simply a chance to enjoy a chat and make new friends. Everyone is very welcome. Cost is €5, including afternoon tea.

We have lots of great **courses** coming up for the autumn including Spanish conversation and culture, beauty therapy, plumbing and heating, phone photography, creative painting, guitar lessons, tablet and smartphone for beginners, creative crafts, digital skills for farmers and internet skills level 3. Contact the Centre for more information and to book.

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment. If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most. For more info and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

Donegal Hospice
 Together we care
Donegal Hospice Coffee Morning
 Sunday 27th September 11am - 2pm
 Rose McLaughlin's (Kearney) Home, Moneydarragh, Gleneely, F93 C5K2
Everyone welcome and all donation greatly appreciated!
 Donations can also be made via Revolut

Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown



Sunday 13 September
24th Sunday Of The Year

As Catholics, we have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which allows us to experience God's forgiveness personally. It is a reminder of His boundless love and mercy. In turn, it should inspire us to be forgiving and merciful in our interactions with others.

We must remember that forgiveness is not just a one-time act but a continuous disposition of the heart. Let us be mindful of the unforgiving servant in the parable and strive to be merciful and forgiving as our Heavenly Father is to us. In doing so, we bear witness to the transformative power of God's love and mercy in our lives and in the world.

Adam Eichelberger



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Additional contact numbers:

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Republic of Ireland: Garda Siochana, Buncrana +353749320540 or Letterkenny HQ +353749167100 TUSLA Family and Child Agency, Buncrana +353749320420 or Letterkenny +353749123672.

BOOKSTAND

There is a variety of books and cards on sale at the back of the Church.

Signed Mass cards and various Mass bouquet cards are also available from the Parochial House during office hours.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open between 9am and 3pm Wednesday to Friday.

Please bring Passport Application Forms, make requests for Baptismal Certificates etc during office hours.

Please do not bring forms to the Parochial House on Sundays.



COUPLES PLANNING TO GET MARRIED

If you live in this parish and plan to marry here or in another Catholic Church then you require marriage papers from this parish. You must give at least three months notice of your intention to marry. The following documentation will be required: a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate from the Parish of your Baptism; and possibly a letter of freedom.

All couples are required to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Accord offers marriage preparation and can be contacted at 71362475 or online www.accord-ni.co.uk. Places available on the November 20th/21st course. This course is in person and Venue: Everglades Hotel Derry.

All couples living in this Parish and planning to marry here or elsewhere are please asked to contact the parish office to make arrangements for the completion of the paperwork.



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In our parishes of Steelstown and Culmore, these Masses will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown at 10am on Friday 18th, 10am on Saturday 19th and 9am on Sunday 20th.

All are welcome to attend as we come together as God's people to pray for Bishop Router and the people of the diocese, that we may walk together in faith and hope, guided by the Holy Spirit.

THE COLUMBAN YOUNG ADULTS are a new group for those aged 18 - 30 in the diocese, who are seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. Our September event will be a Holy Hour and meditation on Thursday 17 September, 7:00pm at our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry, delivered by Fr Declan McGeehan. The meditation will be followed by Solemn Benediction and light refreshments. We are actively seeking new members- please come along and bring a friend!

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NORTHLANDS ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING Saturday 19 September in Shantallow Community Centre, BT48 8EN. Drop in anytime between 10am and 1pm for some tea & coffee, cakes (gluten free available), community and conversations. This is a great way to celebrate recovery, positive change and community. This is a family friendly event, and everyone is welcome.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY reopens for the new academic year on Monday 14 September, with weekday Masses and our semester programme resuming. The first Sunday Mass will be celebrated on 20 September at the new, earlier time of 7pm. Find out about what's on, ways to connect and get involved, and student accommodation at Ryan Hall at qubcatholic.org and on our socials. All welcome. Visit our newly renewed Chaplaincy at 28 Elmwood Avenue for Mass, Confessions or candle-lighting — and call into Mosaic for some of the best coffee, hot lunches and home-baked treats in South Belfast!

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For the care of water Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.
Pray with the Pope : <https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown



OFFICE: Wednesdays to Fridays: 9am to 3pm
Tel: 028 7135 1718
Email: steelstown@derrydiocese.org
culmoreparish@derrydiocese.org

PRIEST: Rev. Declan McGeehan
Email: declan.mcgeeahan@derrydiocese.org
Emergency Tel.: 073 5238 7817 (*urgent sick calls only*)

MASS TIMES: **Sunday:** 09:00am; 11:00am and 12:15pm
Monday: 07:45am; 7:00pm
Tuesday - Friday: 07:45am and 10:00am
Saturday: 10:00am; **Vigil Mass:** 6:30pm

CONFESSIONS: **Sunday:** 09:45am - 10:50am
Monday: 6:30pm - 6:55pm
Tuesday: 08:10am - 08:30am
Thursday: 09:30am - 09:55am
Saturday: 10:30am-11:30am; &, 5:45pm - 6:20pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of the Church:
Sonny Lynch; Tommy-Liam Johnstone;
Leo Gallagher; Clodagh Doherty;
Hunter McMonagle and Raya Canning.

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Paddy Moore; Margaret McKinney;
Kathleen Harkin; Jim Harkin;
Colm Geary; Jackie McGuinness
and Ruby McGuinness.

RETIRED PRIEST'S COLLECTION

Will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, 12/13 September.
There is a special envelope in your collection envelope box.

COLLECTION

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to £2,990.
Thank you for your generosity.

ANNIVERSARY AND MONTH'S MIND MASSES

To book a Mass for an anniversary or month's mind please contact the parish office by telephone on 02871 351718 or by email at steelstown@derrydiocese.org.

The daytime Masses will only be offered for one intention but the evening Masses, Monday at 7pm and Saturday 6.30pm, can be offered for more than one intention.

VOCATIONS

Anyone interested in serving the diocese of Derry as a priest should contact their local priest(s) and/or the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP, Bellaghy, at pgoh2111@gmail.com.

Parish of Dunboe, Macosquin and Aghadowey

Sunday 12th September 2026

Re Neil Farren P.P. Chapel Field, 59 Laurel Hill Road, Coleraine BT51 3YJ
Tele: 028 7034 3130

Office hours this week

Parish Email: pdma@btinternet.com
Parish Website: www.dmaparish.com
SVP Helpline: Tel: 07752017340
Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Bernadette Eastwood

Emergency Calls Father Neil Farren 07710860966

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SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

Twenty Fourth 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

Parish Office: Parochial House, 16 Castlefin Road, Castlederg, BT81 7BT. Tel: 028 816 71393

Parish websites (*including access to church webcams*) and emails:

Aghyaran: Website: parishofaghyaran.com Email: aghyaranparish@derrydiocese.org

Drumquin: Website: drumquinparish.com Email: drumquin@derrydiocese.org

Ardstraw West & Castlederg: Web: castledergparish.com Email: castledergparish@derrydiocese.org

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING DESIGNATED LIAISON PERSON:

Ms Marie O'Kane – Telephone 07596500793 Email: dlp@derrydiocese.org

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

DAY	AGHYARAN	ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG	DRUMQUIN
Monday 14 Sept		Mass, Castlederg: 7.30pm	Mass, 10.00am Rosary, 8.00pm, Grotto
Tuesday 15 Sept	Mass, 10.00am		
Wednesday 16 Sept	Liturgy of the Word, With Holy Communion	Liturgy of the Word, With Holy Communion	Mass, 10.00am, <i>with school children attending</i>
Thursday 17 Sept	Mass, 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon, <i>with school children attending Mass</i>		
Friday 18 Sept		Mass, Castlederg: 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon, <i>with school children attending Mass</i>	
Saturday 19 Sept	Vigil Mass, 7.30pm: <i>Months Mind - Danny O'Donnell</i>	Vigil Mass, Castlederg, 6.15pm	Vigil Mass: 5.00pm
Sunday 20 Sept	Mass, 11.00am	Mass: Dregish, 9.30am Drumnabey, 12.30pm <i>Mass in Castlederg on 2nd and 4th Sunday</i>	Mass, 11.00am

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection:

AGHYARAN: £923 & €65. Church Restoration Fund: £735 & €35.

ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG: £2,014 & €30, made up of:

Castlederg £1,179 & €24, **Drumnabey** £561 & €1, **Dregish** £274 & €5. **DRUMQUIN:** £694.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of £250 donation for church funds in Castlederg. Thank you.

As always, thank you very much to all who contribute by Standing Order.

ARDSTRAW WEST AND CASTLEDERG Parish Draw: Returns for September's draw should be made to the Parochial House this Thursday, 17 September, between 6.00 and 7.30pm. The next draw will take place on Sunday 27 September in St Patrick's Hall, Castlederg.

There are just a few tickets left – if you are not in the draw but would like to join, talk to the promoter in your area or contact Kathleen in the Parish Office. If you're not in, you can't win!

BISHOP MICHAEL ROUTER will be installed as the new Bishop of Derry next Sunday, 20 September, in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, at 3.00pm. As the diocese and parishes prepare to celebrate this joyous occasion, Bishop McKeown has invited the priests of the diocese to hold special times of prayer in our parishes this week, to pray for Bishop Router as he takes up the responsibility of leading and serving the people of the diocese as Bishop. In our Pastoral Area we will have special prayers for Bishop Router at our 10.00am weekday Masses this week - on **Wednesday (Drumquin), Thursday (Aghyaran) and Friday (Castlederg)**. Children from our primary schools will attend these Masses. You are invited to come along, if you can, to join in prayer for Bishop Router at this significant time for him and for our diocese. We will also have special prayers at our Masses next weekend.

This is also a significant week for Bishop McKeown, who will retire as of next Sunday. At this time of transition for him, you are asked to keep Bishop McKeown in your prayers too.

PASTORAL VISITATION OF THE HOUSEBOUND will take place this week as follows:

Monday 14 September: Drumquin Town Area - Segully Road, McCreagh Park, Castlederg Road, Main Street, Creaghmore Road, Fairgreen Gardens and Loughrey Terrace, commencing at 11.00am - Fr Thomas.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL members will meet in the Parochial House, Drumquin this Wednesday, 16 September, at 7.30pm. If you would like to become involved in SVP, you are very welcome to come along to this meeting.

PIONEER MEETING will take place in the Parochial House, Drumquin, this Thursday, 17 September, at 7.30pm.

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YOGA CLASS: Aghyaran Development Association in conjunction with HARC is commencing a 6-week Yogo class for over 50's in Aghyaran Centre, commencing Tues 15 September, 11.30am - 12.30pm. Contact Jerry on 078 6492 9344.

LINE DANCING in Garvagh Hall commences on Monday 21 September: Absolute Beginners – 6.00pm - 7.30pm; High Beginners/Improvers - 7.45pm - 9.30pm. Doors open 5.45pm. Adults £7, Children under 10 £5 (must be accompanied by an adult). Wear comfortable footwear and bring a bottle of water.

HOST FOR HOSPICE: October is officially Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning Month. We are calling on supporters to help us raise vital funds by hosting a Coffee Morning. Whether it's at home, work or in your local community, you can support your local hospice by bringing your friends together and putting the kettle on - it's a piece of cake! To request your FREE host pack or for more info, please call Ailbhe McDaid on 028 7135 9888 or email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com

EARLY TO TALK ABOUT CHRISTMAS, BUT TROCAIRE WANT TO KNOW - Could You Help Share the True Spirit of Christmas? Each year, volunteers in parishes across the north of Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell **Trócaire's Gifts of Change** — meaningful gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world. We provide everything you need, including training and support. If you would like to find out more about how you can help, please email Mark at mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org or call **028 9080 8030**.

Season of Creation 2026: 1 September to 4 October

With the theme of 'Living Water' for this year's Season of Creation, we pray:

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning,
we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace.

We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home,
that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city.

We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures.
We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.

Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity.

We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment.

Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.

Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live.

Stir in us a calling to care for the waters and to honour the dignity of the thirsty.

May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration.

And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

13th September 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 6.30pm Wednesday Sacred Heart <u>Rosary before 7.30pm Mass</u> <u>Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday from 10am until 6.45pm</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	

Heritage Open Day

Guided Tour of Sacred Heart Church today Sunday 13th September for approximately 1 hour Time: 2pm & 3.30pm
Free Admission. All Welcome.



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Sacred Heart Church

Friday 18th at 10.00am

Saturday 19th at 10.00am

Sunday 20th at 10.30am in St. Mary's, Drumragh.

All are welcome to attend as we come together as God's people to pray for Bishop Router and the people of the diocese, that we may walk together in faith and hope, guided by the Holy Spirit.

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

Parish Office Open Mon/Tues/Thursday 9-2pm 02882242092

Parish email: info@drumraghparish.com

Sacred Heart Church Mass Intentions

Wednesday 16th September 7.30pm

Aileen Kernan - Month Mind

Daniel McLaughlin -1st Anniversary

ST. MARY'S, DRUMRAGH Mass Intentions

Sunday 20th September 10.30am

Gerry McLaughlin - 1st Anniversary

VOCATIONS

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Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 27th September, departing main st Dromore at 8.30am, fare £25, contact Lucia on 07548870901 or call into Top News George's street and book a seat, please book early

St Joseph Men's Camino

Every Camino changes us in ways we don't expect; every man needs one. Join men from across Ireland on Saturday 12th September for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker Fr. Mark Quinn. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student € 55).

Registration, accomodation and details: www.dominicans.ie/events.
Enquiries: op.evangelisation@gmail.com

Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome new members of our Parish Community who received the

Sacrament of Baptism:

Aoife Rose Butler-Kelleher

Bianca Eileen Gormley

Elish Elsie Brian

Luca Tadhg Pancott

Kooper John McGread

Recently Deceased

Margaret Ring

May she rest in peace

A Triduum in preparation for the Feast of St. Padre Pio will take place at the Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlagh from Sunday 20th September until Wednesday 23rd September. There will be Mass, Homily and Blessing with his Mitten at 7.30pm each evening. Preacher will be Fr. Pius McLaughlin, OFM who met Padre Pio. All are welcome for these prayerful celebrations.

Mgr. Barney McAleer will give a talk on 'Spiritual Renewal in this Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi' on Thursday 17th September in the Pastoral Centre, Brook St, Omagh at 8pm. All welcome.

The Columban Young Adults are a new group for those aged 18 - 30 in the diocese, who are seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. Our September event will be a Holy Hour and meditation on Thursday 17 September, 7:00pm at our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry, delivered by Fr Declan McGeehan. The meditation will be followed by Solemn Benediction and light refreshments. We are actively seeking new members- please come along and bring a friend!

BINGO in St. Joseph's Hall Tuesday 15th September at 8.30pm

Mary's Meals

Coffee Crafts & Music 10.30am – 1.30pm Tuesday 15th September at Hillbank Fold
All proceeds towards the feeding of 3 million children in 16 of the poorest countries.
It cost £19.15 to feed a child for the whole school year.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Derry Diocese is renewing and developing its Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting on Wed 30 Sept, 8.00pm, in The Drummond Hotel, 2 Main St., Ballykelly, BT49 9HP. Registration and light refreshments from 7.30pm.

Join our Charity Fundraising “Gala In The Glen” for Sarcoma UK, to honour the memory of Gerard Campbell on Saturday 3rd October 2026 at Glenpark Estate Omagh! Cocktail Reception at 6.00pm, followed by an evening of music, meal, live entertainment, jazz and raffle prizes to be won! All in aid of Sarcoma UK.



Sarcoma is a rare bone and soft tissue cancer and Sarcoma UK is the only UK charity focusing on all types of sarcoma.

Tickets £85 each To purchase tickets WhatsApp 07786828554.

Follow @galaintheglen.sarcomauk on Instagram or find Gala In The Glen for Sarcoma UK on Facebook for more details!

FEEL GOOD FAIR - Your Mind Matters: Saturday 17th October | 12 noon–5pm | Termon Complex, Pettigo. The Feel Good Fair is a welcoming day for adults, promoting positive mental health and general wellbeing in our everyday lives. Guest speakers - Raymond Farrell, Evelyn Mc Glynn, Anna Marie Brosi and Mark Connolly - will explore the *Five Steps to Wellbeing*, offering practical ideas and inspiration for looking after our mental and emotional wellbeing. Local and regional support services, wellbeing practitioners and therapists will also be in attendance, giving you an opportunity to discover the support and resources available in your community. There will also be a little retail therapy, complimentary refreshments, a prize draw, and plenty of time to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Tickets: €5 / £5 Available at the door, online through *Eventbrite*, email evergreenes2020@gmail.com or tel. 0044751 929 7330. Come along, take some time for yourself, connect with others, and leave feeling informed, inspired and uplifted.

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Parish email: info@drumraghparish.com

St Joseph's Hall

Mon 4.30 pm - Groogan O' Doherty School of Dancing

Tues 2.30 - 4.30pm - Colmcille Club **Tues 8.30pm** - Bingo

Wed 5.45 pm - Baxter School of Dancing

Thurs 8 pm - Bowls

Sat 2 pm - Groogan O'Doherty School of Dancing

*Booking forms and hall rates are available to
download at [www.drumraghparish.com/st.joseph's hall](http://www.drumraghparish.com/st.joseph's%20hall)*

St Joseph's Adult Céilí Club is back!

Our six-week programme resumes on Monday 14th September at our **NEW VENUE KILLYCLOGHER HALL. Time: 7:05pm–8:05pm**

If you can do your threes and sevens, you're more than welcome to come along for some exercise, dancing and plenty of craic!

New and returning members very welcome.  

MICHAEL ENGLISH CHURCH CONCERT: An evening of Faith, Hope and Inspiration. The concert takes place on Friday 2 October at 7.15pm, in St Patrick's Church, Keenaught, Desertmartin. Tickets are £30, and available to buy at Herons Gift Shop, Draperstown, Moneyneena Post Office, Ballinascreen and Desertmartin Parish offices, or online with Eventbrite:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/michael-english-band-fundraising-concert-tickets

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND, hosted by Marriage Encounter Ireland will take place at the Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare, from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October 2026. This Weekend is not a retreat in the traditional sense but is a positive, joy-filled experience, guided by presenting couples and a priest, in an atmosphere of warmth, prayer, and deep Christian faith. Couples are invited to register online at www.marriageencounter.ie

Webcam Recordings

This is a reminder to parishioners that all recordings on the webcam are automatically deleted after 90 days.

A copy of the recording can be downloaded by clicking the download button and saved before the 90 days if required.

Notices for Weekly Bulletin

If you wish to submit an article for this bulletin please do so, **by email to - info@drumraghparish.com before 10am on Thursday's.** Notes relating to the Church and articles relating to Parish events will always be given priority, and other material, such as local charity events will be accepted, space providing.

**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.

13th September 2026 Dungiven Parish Bulletin No 1860

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****WEEKDAY MASS TIMES****St. Patrick's:** Mon., Tues. & Wed. 10.00 am. **Thursday 7.00 pm.** Friday 10.00 am.**CONFESSIONS:** Will take place in St. Patrick's at 11.00 am. on Saturday.**THE ROSARY:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 9.30 am. in St. Patrick's.**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £3,103.***Thank you to all who contributed.**The Retired Priests' Collection will be taken up next weekend at all Masses.***BAPTISM** – We welcome into our Christian Community: Finan Patrick Toner, O'Cathain's Place and Meabh Annie Murphy, Church View, Drumsurn.**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 23rd September at 7.30 pm. in the Committee Room.**

S.V.P. HELPLINE 079 2792 9923

**WEDDING BELLS** - We congratulate Emer McGlinchey and Conor Owens on the occasion of their marriage on the 5th September 2026.**DEATHS** - We extend our sympathy to the Farren family circle on the death of Patsy Farren, formerly Mitchel Park. May he rest in peace.**BLESSING OF BIKERS & MOTORCYCLES** Today Sun. 13th Sept. in St. Aengus' Chapel, Burt, Co. Donegal, at 1.30 pm. All are welcome to attend the brief service and blessing. Following the blessing all are welcome to join the run to Ned's Point R.N.L.I station, to present the donation to the R.N.L.I. Please note! Mass will be celebrated today Sun. 13th Sept. in St. Patrick's, DUNGIVEN, at 11.30 am. for deceased bikers, especially those who have died in past year.**VOCATIONS**

In today's gospel Jesus teaches a powerful lesson on forgiveness. We pray for the men called to priesthood that, as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their people, they will help them to know and experience the Lord who "...is compassion and love, slow to anger, and rich in mercy." (Responsorial Psalm).

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meeting every Thursday at 7.30 pm. in the Emmaus Hall.

FR. JOSEPH K. BILL RETREAT.Given by Fr. Anthony Saji V.C. at the Allingham Arms Hotel, Bundoran. 28th Sept. – 2nd Oct. 2026. Contact Roisin: 00353 8689 37399 for details.**PROVISIONAL DATES FOR FIRST COMMUNION 2027**Sat. 1st May: St. Canice, DungivenSat. 8th May: St. Matthew's DrumsurnSat. 8th May: Gaelscoil NeachtainSat. 15th May: St. Mary's, GortnagheySat. 29th May: St. John's, Dernaflaw.**CONFIRMED CONFIRMATION DATES 2027****Sat. 22nd May:****St. Patrick's, Dungiven****Sat. 17th April: Gaelscoil Neachtain***The pupils of Maghera, Ballinscreen**and Limavady parishes will also be**Confirmed on this day.***SAFEGUARDING NOTICE**All Parish Groups must return their Attendance Register (for the past year) to either the parish office, the sacristan Annie Jo or Mary McCloskey LSR, **before the end of September.****PARISH OFFICE****Will be CLOSED on Tuesday Thursday and Friday this week.***Please have all notices for the bulletin in the parish office by Wednesday lunchtime. Thank you.***AFTERNOON TEA DANCE**Afternoon Tea Dance in Wanes World above Eurospar on Wednesday 16th September from 2.00 - 4.00 pm. Music by the fabulous 'Villagers'. Come along for the afternoon and enjoy some music and craic. Proceeds to local charities.**DUNGIVEN REGENERATION CLUB**Have a vacancy for P/T Admin, 6 months contract starting soon. Tel: 07759692122. 4-week yoga starting Wed. 16th Sept. @ 5.00 pm. To book Tel: 07759692122.**HOST FOR HOSPICE**October is officially Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning Month. We are calling on supporters to help us raise vital funds by hosting a Coffee Morning. Whether it's at home, work or in your local community, you can support your local hospice by bringing your friends together and putting the kettle on - it's a piece of cake! To request your FREE host pack or for more info, please call Ailbhe McDaid, Community Fundraiser, Foyle Hospice, on 028 7135 9888 or email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com**KEVIN LYNCH H.C.**Lotto no's: 5, 6, 7 & 30. Lucky dip: Aidyn Quinn. Jackpot: £2,200. *Bingo: Fridays 8.00 pm. in Wanes World.***GLENSHANE HOUSE**A Free 4-week Family History Programme starts on Tues. 22nd Sept. from 6.30 - 9.30 pm. Topics: Local Roots; American Roots; Life in Ireland and the American Journey. It will also show how to research genealogical records. To book Tel: 028 777 42494.**WHIST DRIVE:**St. Peter's Hall, Drumsurn today, Sun. 13th September at 7.30 pm.**MICHAEL ENGLISH CHURCH CONCERT**An evening of Faith, Hope and Inspiration. The concert takes place on Friday 2nd October at 7.15 pm. in St. Patrick's Church, Keenaught, Desertmartin. Tickets are £30, and available to buy at Herons Gift Shop, Draperstown, Moneyneena Post Office, Ballinascreen and Desertmartin Parish offices, or online with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/michael-english-band-fundraising-concert-tickets-1996641829460>.

Twenty - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Errigal Parish News - 13th September 2026

Weekday Masses: St. Mary's Church: - Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 10am.

St. Joseph's Church: - Wednesday at 10am.

St. Mary's Church - (Vigil): First Anniversary Mass - For Joan Mullan, on Saturday 19th September at 6pm.

Month's Mind Mass: For Tommy Johnson on Sunday 20th September at 10am.

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St. Joseph's Church - (Vigil) - Anniversary Mass:

Anniversary Mass -

Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm - St. Mary's Church in September.

Eucharistic Adoration: - Adoration on Monday after morning Mass.

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Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

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St. Mary's Church (Friday at 10am) St. Mary's Church (Vigil) Saturday at 6pm.

Both Masses on Sunday morning.

All are welcome to attend as we come together as God's people to pray for Bishop Router and the people of the diocese, that we may walk together in faith and hope, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Season of Creation: The Season of Creation takes place from 1st September to 4th October, bringing Christians throughout the world together in prayer, reflection and action for the care of our common home.

Our symbol for 2026 - **Immersion in Living Water** - is a symbol of renewal and birth: water flowing from the Temple as a sign of God's caring and healing for us. We are called to step into the water, until we are so deep that we must depend on God's grace to sustain us. Those who receive this water are invited to become sources of life for others, allowing God's love to flow through them into the world. And thus, the water of God will become in us "a spring of water welling up to eternal life", as Jesus promised (John 4:14).

Parish Pastoral Group: The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Group (to prepare for the Mission) will take place in the Parochial House on Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm.

Mass Cards (pre-signed): Signed Mass cards for all occasions are available in the side porch of St. Mary's Church as requested by parishioners. A suggested donation of £5 is requested with the name of the recipient in a brown envelope included. Please put the brown envelope in the St. Vincent dePaul box, where it will be retrieved and the monies and Mass intention will be offered locally or by another priest.

Baptism Dates: The next Baptism dates are Saturday 10th October in St. Mary's Church at 4.30pm and St. Joseph's Church on Sunday 11th October at 12.30pm. The Baptismal Programme for parents/guardians will take place in the Parochial House on Wednesday 30th September at 7pm. Please register to attend the Baptismal Programme by Saturday 26th September using the parish email address, this will indicate to the Baptismal Team the numbers who will attend the Baptismal Programme.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) available after the Vigil Mass on request.

St. Mary's - September Altar Society: Carol Ann McLaughlin, Margeret Mullan, Dolores Mullan and Kate Mullan.

St. Mary's - September Collectors - (Vigil) Barney O'Kane.

(Sunday) Philip McKeown & Fergal Bradley.

St. Joseph's - September Altar Society: Fidelma O'Kane with Sheena & Aine Diane Burns.

St. Joseph's - September Counters: Seamus Conway, Anthony & Katrina McCloskey.

St. Joseph's September Collectors: (Sunday) Seamus Conway, Padhraic and Thomas Leydon.

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Parish Mission: Parishioners may have heard that the parish will hold a mission in September of this year. It will be delivered by the Dominican Order. As you know it has been some time since the last Mission in the parish. Whilst members of the Parish Pastoral Group continue to organise it, it would be helpful to have a few interested individuals from each end of the parish to help with the organisation. Time commitment should not be great - a few hours between now and September and some input during the week itself. This is a great opportunity to get involved in a significant event for the parish, and if you are interested, please contact Fr. Crowley.

Parish Mission - Sunday 27th September - Friday 2nd October

Errigal SVP: Could You Spare a Little Time to Help Others? As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of St Vincent de Paul (27th September), the Errigal St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Conference need a couple of volunteers to join our local team. This is a wonderful opportunity to put your faith into action, give something back to our community, and make a real difference to the lives of local individuals and families who are struggling.

No previous experience is necessary. You will be warmly welcomed and fully supported by our local SVP Volunteers, with guidance and training provided.

If you would like to find out more, please contact us on 07563595868. We'd be delighted to hear from you. For more details, please see <https://www.svp.ie/northern-ireland/>

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Baby Massage & Reflexology Classes: 6-week course starting 9th September in Ballerin. For more information or to book: diane@groundedsoles.org - 07761 054666

Errigal: Through Our Eyes - Summer Youth Photography Project: Starting Monday 6th July, all young people under 18 are invited to join Errigal: Through Our Eyes, a summer photography project. The theme is "See what matters. See where God is." This will celebrate the beauty, faith, kindness, and everyday life of our parish.

Pick up an entry form, then send up to three photos taken within the parish boundaries and a short reflection to the parish email (with parent/guardian consent for under-16s). There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes in both Primary and Secondary categories, with certificates for everyone. **Update Deadline - Please note that the closing date for entries has been postponed until the end of September. We warmly encourage all our young people to take part and share their photographs and reflections. More details will follow soon.**

Marian Hall- Bingo: Takes place on Thursday 17th September at 8.30pm. Every two weeks in the Marian Hall, Kilrea. Double Books - £20. Single Books - £10. Half Books - £5. Last House - £250.

Michael English Church Concert: An evening of Faith, Hope and Inspiration. The concert takes place on Friday 2nd October at 7.15pm, in St Patrick's Church, Keenaught, Desertmartin. Tickets are £30, and available to buy at Herons Gift Shop, Draperstown, Moneyneena Post Office, Ballinascreen and Desertmartin Parish offices, or online with

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/michael-english-band-fundraising-concert-tickets-1996641829460>

Gift Aid/Census Cards: Can we please request the return of Gift Aid and Census cards recently circulated so that parish records can be updated during the summer months.

Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Will continue the first Monday of each month. St. Joseph's Church - 7.30pm.

Monday Adoration Adorers: We request if you are available on Monday from after the morning Mass to participate in the rota for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which takes place until 2.30pm. If interested, please leave your name/contact number in the sacristy and we will follow up.

Parish Collections - Thank you. 183 boxes of envelopes in circulation.

Returns (Pink/Yellow - 127 White - 89)

St. Mary's - Parish: £745 Renovation: £300

St. Joseph's - Parish: £325 Renovation: £360

Ballerin GAA Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot the numbers are 5, 13, 17, 22. Jackpot is £3100. Lucky Dip Winner £50 - Anne Boyle.

Glenullin GAA Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot the numbers are 8, 13, 18, 31. Jackpot £10,000. £20 winners - Rita Doyle, Lisa McLaughlin, Martin McGuigan, Liam McNicholl, Niall Toal, Bridget Cassidy, Enda Mullan, (Declan's) Gregory Biggs.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

St. Mary's Church - Church Readers - 18th/19th September

Saturday Vigil - Arranged.

Sunday Morning - Arranged.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Reader in St. Mary's Church, please give your name to Fr. Crowley training will be provided.

Eucharistic Ministers - 18th/19th September

Saturday Vigil - Siobhan McIntyre & Orla Doherty.

Sunday Morning - Amanda Ferris & Josephine McKeown.

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Saturday Vigil -

Sunday Morning - Adrain Cullerton.

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Saturday Vigil -

Sunday Morning - Philippa Hasson & Kieran Quigg.

Feasts during the Week: Monday - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross: The discovery of the Holy Cross is dated to the 14th September 335 the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St. Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ. **Tuesday - Our Lady of Sorrows:** Mary, standing by the cross,

‘suffered intensely with her only begotten Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her’, whom she also offered to the eternal Father. (Marialis Cultus) **Wednesday - St. Cornelius:** Became pope in 251 and died in exile at Civitavecchia in 253. Patron of cattle and domestic animals. **St Cyprian (210 - 58):** Bishop of Carthage, teacher and preacher, martyred. **Thursday - St. Robert Bellarmine (1542 - 1621):** Jesuit, Cardinal Bishop of Capua, involved in theological controversies of the time. Patron of catechists. **Saturday - St. Januarius:** Bishop of Benevento, was martyred at Naples in 305 with six companions.

Diocesan Vocations: In today's gospel Jesus teaches a powerful lesson on forgiveness. We pray for the men called to priesthood that, as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their people, they will help them to know and experience the Lord who "...is compassion and love, slow to anger, and rich in mercy." (Responsorial Psalm). For further information, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, at pgoh2111@gmail.com

Anniversaries: It is advisable where possible to book well in advance in the case of anniversaries. These are arranged with a sacristan as the anniversary book is kept in the sacristy. Also, please indicate in the Anniversary book that the Mass is booked for the stated intention - we would appreciate an acknowledgment of the booking by email if possible. **In the case of a booked Anniversary Mass please inquire of the sacristan before the Mass begins that the Mass is offered for the intention you request.** Names to be added to the weekend anniversary list need to be added to the anniversary book by informing the sacristan - this can be done in advance of the date requested.

Parish Readers/Eucharistic Ministers: If you are unable to attend the schedule allocated to you, it would be much appreciated if you can get a replacement to step in for you. (It may be possible to exchange a rotation with another group member - there is also the opportunity to seek cover via the Whatsapp messaging facility if available to your group). I also ask Readers please to conclude the readings with - '**The Word of the Lord**' as directed in the Missalette, and not 'This is the Word of the Lord' as stated in the Lectionary. We have previously discussed this at our reader meetings.

Look out Leaflets...Are now available for children at the back of both churches in the parish focusing on the liturgy of the word each week. Enjoy!

Teach us to Pray Booklet - It can be downloaded at:
<https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/teach-us-to-pray>.

Why Sunday Matters! The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference have published a pastoral message titled '*Why Sunday Matters*' - an invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass. To access this resource and watch a four-part video series titled Sunday Mass - 'Digging Deeper', visit at CatholicBishops.ie

TheWay.ie: Is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops Conference dedicated to sharing the 'Good News' and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, X and YouTube.

St. Joseph's Church - A YouTube camera link is now available for services from St. Joseph's Church, Glenullin. The link can be accessed - <https://youtube.com/@parishoferrigalderry>.

The Net: As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting and inspiring interviews, articles, and photos from parishes across the diocese. You can read the Diocesan newspaper on-line at: www.derrydiocese.org/news/categories/the-net. or a paper copy is available at the back of the church. Donations welcome.

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East: God of mercy and compassion of grace and reconciliation, pour your presence upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims, Christians, Palestinians, and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation. That violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice maybe experienced by all. Amen.

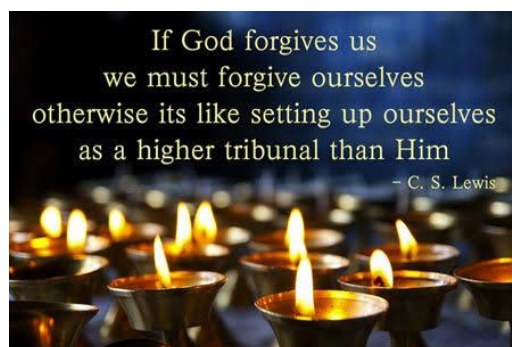
St. Joseph's Church: We present a dual gauge to initiative funds in our parish for the on-going costs associated with the renovation of St. Joseph's Church. The gauge on the left indicates the funds we require to complete the refurbishment. The gauge on the right reflects the loans we have received from other parishes. (Gauge also available on website and Facebook page). **Thanks - Donations to date** - Current figure £235,400.00.

Providing compassionate care at the end of life - To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes. You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video Through the Valley, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message of both letter and video asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life. To read Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes and to watch Through the Valley, visit the following link: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life-care-freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/>

The Catholic Communications Office of the Irish Bishops Conference: Produces a five-story weekly ezine Sharing Good News that reports on stories associated with the Bishops' Conference, activities in parishes and dioceses, and that celebrates Church life generally. If you do not currently subscribe to receiving it and you wish to subscribe to receive Sharing Good News, please register your email address on <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>

Errigal Hall Volunteers: For this hospitality to continue in the community, we need new volunteers to come forward and help in this voluntary service to the parish. If you are interested, please contact Melinda Robinson. If enough volunteers come forward a rota can be put in place via a WhatsApp group, so that the same people are not required at each function.

Errigal Hall: Parishioners who borrow items from the hall need to sign for their removal from the hall and when they are returned. The signing book is in the kitchen of the hall.



St. Joseph's Church: Choir Practice will take place each Tuesday at 7pm in the church. New members from Primary 4 up are very welcome. Any queries contact Roisin McIlvar [07841407154](tel:07841407154).

St. Mary's Church Choir: If you are interested in joining the choir, you are welcome to attend the practice in the church on a Wednesday evening at 7pm. Or contact any choir member.

Derry Diocesan Society (DDS): In each of the parishes of the diocese Mass is offered alternating in each parish (list at the back of each church) for deceased and living members who are registered in the society. The deceased members registered are remembered in the anniversary list for three consecutive weekends each quarter (three months). Registration is £20 and can be given to a sacristan or Fr. Crowley - please ensure name and address of the person to be enrolled is included and whether it is for a living or deceased member.

Maternity Blessing: Expectant mothers are welcome to receive a blessing in any of the sacristies following Mass - and a prayer card for their pregnancy.

Stamps: For the missions can be left at the back of each church.

Synodal Pathway: Find attached the final versions of the National Synthesis for the Church in Ireland, which is the fruit of the recent process of listening and consultation; it is based on the syntheses produced by the 26 dioceses in Ireland, as well as those submitted by religious congregations and other interested groups. Also attach appendix document from survivors of abuse and the Irish Bishops' Conference Cover Letter, which have all been forwarded to the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops. Press Release also attached. We are requested to bring the Report to the attention of your parishioners and to share it on your social media outlets. It will be a useful tool as parishes move forward on the synodal journey in the autumn. **The Report is now available on the website of the Synodal Pathway of the Church in Ireland website: www.synod.ie**



Parish Envelopes: Following previous discussion with the Parish Finance Committee we encourage consideration for those who use envelopes infrequently to consider the use of a standing order, (through this medium you have full control), of the donation at your disposal. **Further information is available from the parish website.**

If you advance the standing order, (it can be processed on-line with your bank), or alternatively bring the completed mandate to your bank. We request that when you are issuing your instruction to the bank, that you do so with your personal name, in doing so we can therefore identify from whom the standing order has been authorised. It is with your authorisation that the standing order is either processed weekly or monthly. Also, you can withdraw the mandate at your own discretion. We would appreciate an acknowledgement of this transaction (via the parish email) when it is activated, so that we can have a copy for the parish records. In the information forwarded we will require your address and telephone number.

Several parishioners recently have set up a standing order, however we do not know who these parishioners are because they have not provided an address. We ask please that you follow the instructions above and email the parish to inform us who has authorised the standing order.

We request now that the boxes are delivered, if you have not previously returned or updated a parish Census card, please complete the card in the back of the box and return in the collection envelope. Also, the Gift Aid card needs to be signed and returned if you are a taxpayer.

Those who avail of Standing Orders are also asked to complete a Census card and Gift Aid card. These can be collected in each sacristy and returned at your convenience.

Details of Parish Accounts for Standing Orders:

(Errigal Ballerin: Sort Code - 950346 - Account No. 40067059 is the No 1 a/c) **Errigal Development:** Sort Code - 950346 - (Account No. 90042358 is the Renovation a/c).

(Errigal Glenullin: Sort Code - 950346 Account No. 90062596 is the No 1 a/c) **(Errigal Parish:** Sort Code 950689 - Account No. 90083712 is the Renovation a/c).

Parish Finance: If you wish to contribute to the parish by standing order - forms can be forwarded upon request by sending an email to - errigalparish@gmail.com or they are available on the parish website. At the end of each month, we shall include in the collection figures the amounts relating to the increase in standing orders, these figures are stated in brackets.

Parish Census: In the recent distribution of collection envelopes, we request that at your earliest convenience you might return the census card with your family details for parish registration. Also, the Gift Aid card needs to be updated and signed so that the parish can claim Gift Aid if you are a taxpayer, this does not affect your personal details

or taxation. If your tax circumstances change, please inform us, if you are no longer a taxpayer.

Census cards are available in each sacristy, once completed they can be returned in a sealed envelope via the collection box at the back of each church. If you have previously registered, you do not have to do so again, unless your household occupation has changed.

Church Cleaners: Cleaners are required to join the existing monthly groups who clean each church. The more that participate the less occasions that individuals will be required to cover. If interested, please leave your name/contact phone number in each sacristy or alternatively give details to a sacristan.

Mass Cards/Mass Bouquets: Are available for sale at the back of each church please put the money in the candle box.

ACCORD - Counselling: If you need to speak, to an experienced couples and relationships counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life, please contact 95680151. This is a free helpline service available from 9am - 8pm. Monday to Friday. All calls charged at local rate.

ACCORD DERRY: Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (limited to 15 couples per course). Booking now online at www.accordni.com

Radio Maria Ireland: <https://www.radiomaria.ie/radio-maria-ireland/> is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies.

Church Safeguarding: If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact: Mrs Marie O'Kane (Designated Liaison Person), Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. Tel: 02871 - 362475/07596500793. Email: dlp@derrydiocese.org - or PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101 or Social Services Tel: 02871-314090.

Parish Representatives - Tracey McGilligan and Clare Mullan.

Errigal Privacy Notice: The Diocese of Derry complies with GDPR regulations. A privacy notice is available on the Parish Website or alternatively it is available from the Parish Office. Live stream of Mass and Services in St. Mary's Church and a Utube streaming in St. Joseph's Church are available online. Parishioners should note that the first three rows of seats are visible in St. Mary's Church.

<u>DO THIS IN MEMORY PROGRAMME</u> We are delighted to be commencing our 2nd Class First Penance and First Holy Communion Programme, <i>Do This In Memory</i>, at the 10:15am and 11:30am Masses next weekend (19 & 20 September). This is an important time for the 2nd Class children, their families, and for the parish community as a whole. It is an opportunity for all of us to be renewed and nourished in our own faith journey and experience. At these Masses next weekend, the children and their parents will formally enrol in the programme and commit to participating in it. They will <u>not</u> lead the Liturgy of the Word or bring up gifts at this Enrolment Mass. It also means that no funeral Masses can be celebrated on Sunday morning. We wish all our children preparing to receive these sacraments next year every blessing in the months ahead, and ask that you keep them in your prayers. <i>There will be an information meeting for all parents/guardians of 2nd Class on Wednesday 16 September at 7:30pm in St Mura’s Church, Fahan.</i>
<u>BLESSING OF BIKES AND MOTORCYCLES</u> Sun 13 Sept in St Aengus’ Chapel, Burt, at 1:30pm. All welcome to attend the brief service and blessing. Following the blessing all are welcome to join the run to Ned’s Point RNLI Station, to present the donation to the RNLI.
<u>ADORATION IN ST MURA’S PARISH CHURCH</u> on Friday after the 10am Mass. All welcome. <u>THE PRIORY INSTITUTE</u> provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register now to begin on 19 September. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com <u>BURT BINGO</u> every Tuesday in St. Marys Hall, Burt at 9pm. <u>BURT GAA LOTTO</u> 2, 6, 11, 13, 24 No jackpot Winner. Weekly Winner Anita Gallagher €100 <u>BEGINNERS LINE DANCING CLASS</u> at St Mary’s Hall, Burt starting Thursday 3 Sept 7:45pm-8:45pm. <u>TRÓCAIRE Could You Help Share the True Spirit of Christmas?</u> Each year, volunteers in parishes across the north of Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell Trócaire’s Gifts of Change. We provide everything you need including training and support. All we ask is a little time and a big heart. Last Christmas, 50 parishes took part — and we’d love to grow that number even more this year! If you would like to find out more about how you can help, please email Mark at mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org or call 048 9080 8030. <u>ABIDE IN HIS LOVE</u> Women's Conference, November 20-22, the Great Northern Hotel Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Speakers include: Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Dominicans & more, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, from Cork & Ross Diocese. We would love to welcome you this weekend. For more details please visit Abide in His Love at eventbrite.ie Registration link: https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com <u>SPRAOI AGUS SPÓRT’S WORKABILITY PROGRAMME</u> offers training for people aged 16+ in Inishowen with disabilities or additional support needs. Design with Slí runs Thursdays, 11am–1pm, focusing on Canva and design. Office Ready runs Mondays, 11am–2pm, developing workplace and digital skills. Contact sli@spraoiagusport.ie or 085 860 1834. <u>THE COLUMBAN YOUNG ADULTS</u> are a new group for those aged 18 - 30 in the diocese, who are seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. Our September event will be a Holy Hour and meditation on Thur 17 Sept, 7pm at our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry, delivered by Fr Declan McGeehan. The meditation will be followed by Solemn Benediction and light refreshments. We are actively seeking new members- please come along and bring a friend! <u>QUEEN’S UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY</u> reopens for the new academic year on Mon 14 Sept, with weekday Masses and our semester programme resuming. The first Sunday Mass will be celebrated on 20 Sept at the new, earlier time of 7pm. Please note the new time! New or returning student? Find out about what’s on, ways to connect and get involved, and student accommodation at Ryan Hall at qubcatholic.org and on our socials. Staff and alumni are always welcome too. Visit our newly renewed Chaplaincy at 28 Elmwood Avenue for Mass, Confessions or candle-lighting — and call into Mosaic for some of the best coffee, hot lunches and home-baked treats in South Belfast! <u>PRIVACY NOTICE:</u> The Diocese of Derry complies with GDPR regulations. A Privacy Notice is available on the Parish Website or by contacting The Parish Office. Live stream and recordings of Mass and Services in St Mura’s Church and St Aengus’ are available online. Parishioners should note that the first two rows of seats are visible online for both Churches.

http://www.fahanparish.com Fahan Parish Newsletter		
Weekly Collection Burt €1089 Inch €271 Fahan €1031 <i>Sincere Thanks</i>	fahanparish@derrydiocese.org www.fahanparish.com 13th September 2026 Twenty Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time	Fr Bradley 9363455 Fr Baker 9360151 Parish Office 9360151 (Mon-Thurs 10am-12:30pm)
Mass Schedule		
<u>St. Aengus’ Burt</u> <u>(churchservices.tv/burt)</u> Monday 14th September Mass at 10am Saturday 19th September Mass at 6.30pm Sunday 20th September Mass at 10.15am Vicky Campbell 4th Anniversary Mass <u>Our Lady of Lourdes, Inch</u> Sunday 20th September Mass at 9am Rosaleen Craig Month’s Mind Mass Sean McGlynn 20th Anniversary Mass	<u>St Mura’s Church, Fahan</u> <u>(churchservices.tv/fahan)</u> Wednesday 16th September Mass at 7pm Friday 18th September Mass at 10am Sunday 20th September Mass at 11:30am Mary Sawyer 1st Anniversary Mass <u>Chapel Of Ease, Fahan</u> Thursday 17th September Mass at 10am	
<u>TRIDUUM OF MASSES FOR BISHOP MICHAEL ROUTER</u> As the diocese and parishes prepare to celebrate the joyous occasion of the Installation of Bishop Michael Router as Bishop of Derry on Sunday 20 September, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated in parishes throughout the diocese, on Friday 18, Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September. In our parish, these Masses will be celebrated in St Mura’s, Fahan at 10am on Friday 18 September; St Aengus’, Burt at 6:30pm on Saturday 19 September; and at any parish Mass on Sunday 20 September. All are welcome to attend as we come together as God’s people to pray for Bishop Router and the people of the diocese, that we may walk together in faith and hope, guided by the Holy Spirit.		
<u>CONFIRMATION 2027</u> The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop McKeown on: Saturday 10th April at 11am in St. Aengus’ Church, Burt For the 6th class pupils of St Mura’s NS and St Aengus’ NS Bridgend.		
<u>BAPTISM</u> We welcome into God’s family the following child who was baptised: Amelia Alice Markham, Australia <i>May God guide and protect our children always</i>		
<u>DEATHS</u> Your prayers are asked for Margaret Hay (née McLaughlin), Messines Park, Derry; Andy Walker, Gort, Fahan; Gerard Callaghan, Whitehouse Park, Derry and Bonemaine, Bridgend; and Eileen McLaughlin, Lavery Fold, Derry who died recently and for their families and friends saddened by their loss.		
<u>PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS</u> In today's gospel Jesus teaches a powerful lesson on forgiveness. We pray for the men called to priesthood that, as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their people, they will help them to know and experience the Lord who "...is compassion and love, slow to anger, and rich in mercy." (Responsorial Psalm).		
<u>SAFEGUARDING NOTICE:</u> 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 07491 02233		

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday 13th September 2026

PARISH OF GRANAGHAN

St Vincent De Paul Helpline: 07927900310

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.

HOST FOR HOSPICE - October is officially **Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning Month**. We are calling on supporters to help us raise vital funds by hosting a Coffee Morning at home, work, local community, FREE host pack - Ailbhe McDaid, Please contact: Fundraiser, Foyle Hospice - Tel: 028 7135 9888 or Email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com

Quiz Night - Friels Hen House

Friday 18th September at 8.30pm. £5. per person
Proceeds: **Mc Kenna School of Irish Dancing**.

An Carn --Set Dancing - Wednesday 16 September - 21 October | 7:30 - 9pm | **An Coire** | £30
Pilates - Thursday 17 September - 22 October 7-8pm | £30
Chair Aerobics - Thursday 17 September - 22 October | 9:30 - 10:30am | **An Carn** | £24 / £5 per class
Oíche Chultúir - Storytelling, Music & Poetry. Whether you are there to participate or to listen to some local stories, join us for a special evening to celebrate **Culture Night** 2026. Friday 18 September | 7:30pm | **An Coire** | Free
Ceramic Classes for Kids - Hand build your own sculpture and decorate using acrylic paints. **Jellycat** clay workshop for 5-9yrs @ 10am - 12pm | Animal clay workshop for 10+ @ 1 - 3pm | Saturday 19 September | **An Coire** | £15.

The Columban Young Adults new group aged 18-30 in the diocese, seeking young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. **September event** - a Holy Hour / meditation on Thursday 17 September, 7:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry. **By Fr Declan McGeehan**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - **Derry Diocese** is renewing and developing its **Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee** in order to **increase the practice** of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese.

You are welcome to attend and **Information Meeting** at this venue: 8pm on Wednesday 30th September at The Drummond Hotel, 2 Main Street, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP.
Registration and light refreshments from 7:30pm.

Pastoral Council Meeting on

Wednesday 16th September at 7pm in the
Meeting Room in Sacristy.
All members are invited.

2025 Financial Statement - The 2025 Financial Statement is

available for inspection in the **Church Porch**.
Questions / Comments Welcome
Email - granaghanparish@derrydiocese.org

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Gran Tots Playgroup - NEW Parent & Toddler Group - Granaghan Resource Centre.

Starting Wednesday 16th September - 9.30am to 1am
Contact: 028 7940 1759 or Private Message on Face-Book

**Weekly Collection for
Sunday 6th September**
Weekly: £1,303.86
Priests: £1,418.00

Thank You!

Northern Counties Development Association - The Friday club will resume on Friday 18th September at the usual time of 10.30am. More details next week. Hope to see you all again for a cuppa and a chat and whatever activity is organised. **Everyone welcome.**

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SUNDAY



Tamlaght
O'Crilly
Greenlough

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Next weekend, as we prepare to welcome Bishop Michael Router among us, we will pray God's blessing on him in a particular way at each of our weekend Masses.



Once again we wish Bishop Dónal McKeown a very happy and fruitful retirement. No doubt he will remain very active as he offers his services to Bishop Router, and to the priests and people of the diocese in whatever ways he can.

Our new bishop was a priest of the diocese of Kilmore and, for the last seven years, has served as Auxiliary Bishop in Armagh. He comes among us as a stranger, yes, but also as a pastor. He asks us all to be patient as he gets to know us and as we get to know him.

We pray that his time among us in this diocese of Derry will see a great renewal of faith as we "walk together" (the meaning of Synodality) in the footsteps of all the faithful bishops, priests, religious, and people who have gone before us.

Please pray for Bishop Michael Router as he prepares to begin his pastoral ministry among us. The Mass of Installation will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, next Sunday, at 3.00pm.

Each parish is asked to send five members to the ceremony. Invitations for parishioners from both Bellaghy and Greenlough can be collected from the parish office at Bellaghy.

Sunday 13 September 2026

MASS SCHEDULES 14 - 20 SEPTEMBER 2026 GREENLOUGH

Tuesday 15 September: 9.30am; Rosary: 7.30pm

Thursday 17 September: 9.00am

Adoration: 9.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday 19 September: 5.30pm

Sunday 20 September: 11.00am

(Streamed from Bellaghy)

BELLAGHY

Wednesday 16 September: 9.30am

Friday 18 September: Adoration 10.00am - 8.00pm

Saturday 19 September: 5.30pm

(Streamed from Greenlough)

Sunday 20 September: 11.00am

(Streamed to Greenlough)

BALLYSCULLION

Sunday 20 September: 9.45am

Anniversaries: Assumpta Henry, Robert Mullan, Joe Henry, Annie Reid, Carrie Bradley, Eileen Donnelly, Mary Graham, Angela Boylan, Paddy Rankin



Children's Liturgy has recommenced and will continue every Saturday during the 5.30pm Mass for children from P1 - P4. The 'Quiet Room' will be reserved for the children's liturgy during this Mass.

Welcome to Children's Liturgy

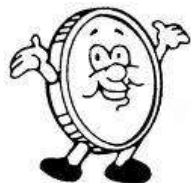


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Website:

www.greenlough.com



GREENLOUGH COLLECTIONS

6 September 2026: Weekly: £1284.90. Thank you.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION will take place next weekend. Please use the envelope in your box



BAPTISMS

GREENLOUGH: 4.15PM

24 October, 28 November, 19 December.

BELLAGHY: 1.00PM

26 September; 10 October; 7 November; 5 December.

Please contact either parish office to book.



The Parish Office is currently closed but you can still contact us via phone: 028 2582 1190 or by email: greenloughparish@gmail.com.

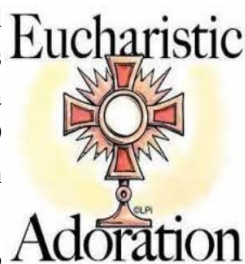


Parish Newsletter: Please send Notices & Anniversaries in writing or via email to the parish office by 10.00am on Wednesday. Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Anyone interested in promoting Eucharistic Adoration in the parishes of Bellaghy and Greenlough is invited to attend a meeting in the Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, BT49 9HP, on Wednesday 30 September, from 8-9pm (Registration will take place from 7:30pm).

Both Bishop McKeown and Bishop Router are happy to promote Eucharistic Adoration throughout the diocese as a means of bringing people to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, to foster vocations, and to encourage prayer for vocations.

We are already blessed to have weekly Adoration in our parishes - in Greenlough on Thursdays, and in Bellaghy on Fridays. Now, perhaps, would be a good time to invite and encourage more people to pray before Jesus in the Eucharist which He has left us as "...the source and the summit of our faith." (Second Vatican Council).



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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.

FAITH IN FIRE - an exhibition from the Persecuted Church in Nigeria will be held in Christ Church 14-20 September, 10.30am - 4.00pm each day. Admission free. All welcome.

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.

ACCOR DERRY MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS September 25th/26th November 20th/21st 2026 These courses are now online for booking at www.accordni.com

SEASON OF CREATION 2026: The Season of Creation takes place from 1 September to 4 October, bringing Christians throughout the world together in prayer, reflection and action for the care of our common home. This year's theme, *Living Water*, invites us to give thanks for the gift of water and renew our care for God's creation.

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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.

Sun 12th Sept

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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

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Email: office@holyfamily-parish.com

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Parish Office 9.45am-1.45pm Mon– Fri

Parish Priest:
Fr Joseph Gormley

Curate
Fr Kevin Mulhern

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DEATHS We pray for Gerard Callaghan, Whitehouse Park who was buried during the week. May he rest in peace

BAPTISMS Our Parish family welcomes: Ciara Simone Boyle, Castlevue Park

ANNIVERSARIES We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Jackie Quigg, Kathleen McGarvey, May Anderson, Mary Rose Coughlan, John Beattie, Dessie Green, Tommy McDowell

SUNDAY COLLECTION 5th September £2471.29 Standing Orders £400 and €143.95 Thank you for your generosity

Thank You to all who returned envelopes to the collection for Fr Anselm Meo for the Indonesia Earthquake. This amounted to £3835 and €259. Thank you for your great generosity. We are now in the process of sending this to him.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD. In today's gospel Jesus teaches a powerful lesson on forgiveness. We pray for the men called to priesthood that, as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their people, they will help them to know and experience the Lord who "...is compassion and love, slow to anger, and rich in mercy."

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ABIDE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, November 20-22, the Great Northern Hotel Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Speakers include: Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Dominicans & more, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, from Cork & Ross Diocese. We would love to welcome you this weekend. For more details please visit Abide in His Love at [eventbrite.ie](https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com) Registration link: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>

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Parish of Kilrea & Desertohill

Rev. Christopher McDermott
Parish Secretary: Mrs Kim Convery



Twenty-Fourth Sunday of The Year

13th September 2026

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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.

Opening of School Year Mass for Crossroads PS on
Weds 23rd Sept at 9.15am Drumagarner.

Opening of School Year Mass for St Columba's PS
on Thurs 24th Sept at 10am St Anne's.

Children's Liturgy returns Sunday 20th Sept
During 10am Mass in Drumagarner

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In Remembrance of

Marcella McWilliams, Joseph Bradley, Annie Bradley, Kathleen Shaw, Michael McCloskey and Martin Guy.

whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Last week's collection amounted to £ 2,000

Thank You

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Margaret Millar (nee McLaughlin)**

Tamlaght Road,

who was buried recently.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory

Month's Mind Mass for **Deirdre Smyth** on

Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm Drumagarner

1st Anniversary Mass for **Marie Dellett** on Sunday
27th September at 10am Drumagarner

Month's Mind Mass for **Kevin McAtamney** on
Friday 2nd October at 7.30pm Drumagarner

Kilrea and District Cancer Research Group

Table Quiz, Weds 16th September 2026 at 7.30pm in
Old Point, Drumagarner Road. £5 including supper.
Everyone Welcome!

KILREA COMMUNITY CRAFT CLASS - classes restart
on Thurs 24 Sept, 7pm, in SVP. New members
welcome - if you'd like to join or find out more, please
contact Roisin on 07738084756.

Our parish family welcomes

Connlaith Cathal Neeson

who was baptised recently.



May he always walk as a child the light!

Readers for

19th Sept/ 20th Sept

7pm:

Libis McAllister

10am:

Mary Rainey

12noon:

Kate Guy

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Monday from
12noon until 7pm at
Drumagarner.

Concludes with public
prayers.

Kilrea GAC News Lottery result 3rd September: 3,5,18,22.

No Winner £3,950. £25 – Una Walsh £25 – Alisha O'Kane

Next Jackpot is £4,000. **Tickets on Klubfunder.**

The Sunflower Field - Mullaghboy Road

*Come and walk through our Sunflower field.
Open daily weather permitting.
All Proceeds in aid of Marie Curie.*



"From an Island to an Island" Journeying from Lavey to Newfoundland

Stories, poems, singing and much more

**Sunday 13th September
in Lavey Club at 7.30pm**

All Donations in aid of Lavey Parish.
Come along for a night of entertainment!

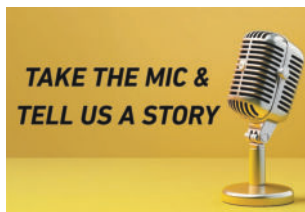
ICE-CREAM SUNDAY 2026

Our Ice-Cream Sunday raised an amazing
£4,662.12 & 70 Euros towards the Parish.

A special thanks goes to the club committee
for the use of the club and their help during
the weekend.

Thank you to the generous sponsors and the willing volunteers,
without their dedication and hard work the event would not have
been possible.

Our finally thank you goes to you all the parishioners and visitors
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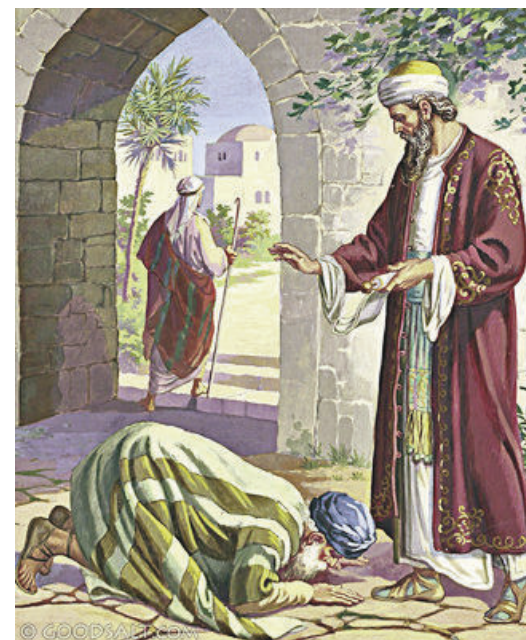


Lavey Parish

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Jesus said: **(Forgive each other) "Not seven times, I tell you, but seventy-seven times."** The old film *Love Story* had the famous statement in it: **"love means never having to say sorry"**. The truth is just the opposite. Love means constantly having to say sorry because that is the nature of close relationships.

Forgiveness is a vital element in love because unforgiveness roots us in the past and in past events and experiences. Jesus' word to us this week is to exercise and develop this power, especially within the intimate relationships of marriage and family so that our homes may be filled with peace and joy. This takes time and effort on the part of everyone. This power also needs to be exercised within the faith community, which can so easily be divided by hurts or by rivalries or past histories. And at this time of scandals in the Church, forgiveness is needed if we are ever to move forward with hope.

Father Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 14th September	9.15 am Mass
Wednesday 16th September	9.15 am Mass
Thursday 17th September	9.15 am Mass
Friday 18th September	9.15 am Mass

*Adoration will begin after morning Mass
and conclude at 5.00 pm.*

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 19th September	5:15 pm - 5:45 pm - Confessions 6:00 pm Mass
	<i>Anniversary Mass for Patrick McCrystal</i>
Sunday 20th September	9:00 pm Mass
	<i>Anniversary Mass for Gerard Darragh</i>
	11:00 am Mass
	<i>1st Anniversary Mass for Nan McKenna</i>

As Bishop Router prepares to be installed as our new Bishop next Sunday 20th September, please remember him in your daily prayers.

God, eternal shepherd, you tend your Church in many ways and rule us with love.

You have chosen your servant, Michael, to be shepherd of your flock in the Diocese of Derry.

Give him a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he build your Church as a sign of salvation for the world.

Amen.



Sunday 13th September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2027

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Wednesday 14th April at 3.00 pm
Chief Celebrant: Bishop Router

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 28th April at 7.00 pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 5th June at 12 Noon



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Eucharistic Adoration

Fund for Retired Priests Collection

Next weekend **Sunday 20th September** there will be a special collection for our Retired Priests. The Retired Priests Fund enables the Diocese of Derry to care for clergy in their retirement, most of whom remain very active in helping out with parish ministry. **Please use the special envelope for this collection.**

Caring
FOR OUR RETIRED PRIESTS

Parish Collections: 6th September

Weekly: **£823.00**

Building: **£870.00**

Loose Coin: **£590.70**

Thank you for your continued support!



**Ranganna Gaeilge
Irish Language Classes**

Beginning

Tuesday 22nd September

Mayogall Hall

7:30-9:00pm

Beginner class Tutor: Edward Gribben

Intermediate class Tutor: Rónán O'Donnell

12 week block

£50

Wednesday 23rd September

Lavey Termoneeny Centre

10:30-11:30 am

Tutor: Edward Gribben

12 week block

£50

Registration for Tuesday class

Online @leamhaighlegaeilge

Monday 14th September at 7:30pm

Registration for Wednesday Class

In person @Lavey Termoneeny Centre

Monday 14th September at 7:30pm

Parishes of Camus, Clonleigh and Leckpatrick
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A – 13th September 2026

Parish Clergy

Fr Michael McCaughey, PP: (028) 71882274 / (028) 71882215

Fr Declan Boland (priest in residence)

Email: leckpatrickparish@derrydiocese.org; **Website:** www.leckpatrickparish.com

Email: strabaneparish@derrydiocese.org; **Website:** www.camusparish.com

Email: clonleighparish@derrydiocese.org; **Website:** www.clonleighparish.com

Thoughts on the Gospel (Matthew 18:21-35) The gospel today tells of Peter asking Jesus how many times he should forgive someone who wrongs him. Jesus responds with a parable: a servant forgiven of an immense debt refuses to forgive a fellow servant of a small debt. The lesson is clear: those who receive mercy must extend mercy.

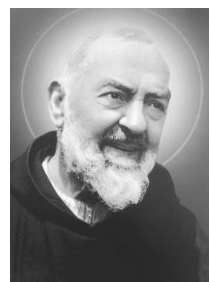
Forgiveness begins with humility, recognising our own frailty and the mercy we have received. It is not weakness, but strength rooted in grace. Humility opens our hearts to God's mercy and enables us to extend that same mercy to others.

Forgiveness also requires empathy. By seeing the humanity of those who hurt us, we can respond with compassion without excusing wrongdoing. In forgiving, we honour the forgiveness we ourselves have received and become stewards of grace. Ultimately, forgiveness reshapes our hearts, relationships, and communities, making us more like the One who forgives endlessly.

The parable of the unforgiving servant is not just a warning; it is an invitation. It calls us to live with a HEART shaped by humility, empathy, accountability, release, and transformation. Forgiveness is not easy, but it is essential. When we forgive, we reflect the very heart of God. And in doing so, we discover freedom, peace, and the joy of a life lived in mercy.

Lord, help us forgive with humble hearts and share your mercy with others. Amen.

A Time of Prayer in Honour of St Pio As we prepare to celebrate the feast day of St Pio on Wednesday 23rd September, we invite all to take part in a Novena of Prayer beginning on **Monday 14th September**. Prayer cards will be available in the coming days for people to offer prayers to St Pio. Prayer and reflection on the life of St Pio will be included in weekend Masses on 19th and 20th September. Please note that Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart



Church, Derry Rd on **Saturday 19th September at 9.00 am** when we will include prayers for bishop-elect, Bishop Router and prayers in honour of St Pio. On Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd September, all are welcome to join in a triduum of prayer at various times - more details in next weekend's newsletter. Bishop Router has kindly agreed to offer Mass at **7.00 pm on Wednesday 23rd September**, the Feast of St Pio, at St Patrick's Church, Murlog. Further details to follow. People from all parishes in our pastoral area are warmly welcome to come along to this Mass.

Installation of Bishop Michael Router As the diocese prepares to celebrate the joyous occasion of the installation of Bishop Router as Bishop of Derry on Sunday 20th September, parishioners throughout the diocese are invited to participate in a Triduum of Masses, on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th September. This is an important occasion for all of us in the diocese and people are invited to pray as a community or at home as a family or individually. We invoke the intercession of the Holy Spirit and the words 'Come Holy Spirit'. So too, we pray for the presence of Our Lady and protection of St Michael the Archangel and of course the intercession of St John Vianney and St Pio.

For the pastoral area, Mass will be celebrated as follows:

Friday 18th September:

8.00 am: Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road
10.00 am: Church of the Immaculate Conception
11.00 am: St Patrick's Church, Murlog



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and in turn the usual Vigil Masses (19th September) and morning Masses (20th September), the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Requiescant in Pace We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of

Chloe McShane, Moorlough Rd, Strabane
Mickey McAteer, Carrigullin Rd, Strabane
Kathleen O'Hagan, Cloughfin, Ballindrait, Lifford

Anniversaries Eric Adams (Canada), Seamus Browne, Jim Burns, Ellen Clarke, James Coyle, Jimmy Coyle, James Crawford, Joseph Crawford, Robert Devereux, Joe Doherty, Margaret Doherty, John Dolan, Marcella Edginton, Jonathan Gallagher, Paddy Gallagher, Brian Harte, Angela Hegarty, Brenda Hume, Michael Hunt, James Lannon, Bernadette McAleer, Eileen McBride, Jean McElwee, Nan McGettigan, Sarah McGettigan-Porter, Artie McGinley, Seamus McLaughlin, Catherine O'Brien, Mollie O'Kane, Bridie Pollock, Charlie Pollock, Mary Potts, Mary Quinn, Bert Ridewood, Ned Rodgers. May they rest in peace.

Thank You for your generosity to last week's collections

Leckpatrick: £1,578.87

Clonleigh: €1,421.81

Camus: £1,957.26.

Thanks also to those who pay by standing order.

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

Legion of Mary An urgent appeal for new members to join us. Role includes visitation of nursing homes, promotion of the rosary with the pilgrim statue and weekly meetings. Time commitment of approx 3 hrs per wk. Meeting on Thursday mornings at 11 am in St Pat's Hall. Please contact Margaret Harte: 028 71883159.

Readings for Sun 20th September:**1st Reading:** Isaiah 55:6-9**Psalm:** 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18**2nd Reading:** Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16**Saints of the Coming Week:****Monday:** The Exultation of the Cross**Tuesday:** Our Lady of Sorrows**Wednesday:** St Cornelius, pope and St Cyprian, bishop, martyrs**Thursday:** St Hildegard of Bingen, virgin and doctor of the Church,
St Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor of the Church**Saturday:** St Januarius, bishop & martyr

Parking at Immaculate Conception Church You are asked to note that parking in the grounds of the church is restricted to those attending Mass or praying in the church. Each day there is pedestrian access to the church at the front entrance. These gates will always remain open, however the main gate will generally close each day after morning Mass. In circumstances for funerals or weddings, the main gates will remain open. We ask you to respect this decision and thank you for your understanding and co-operation. The driveway to the parochial house is private property and we ask you to refrain from parking on the driveway on a daily basis. We again thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on

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Job Opportunity Derry Diocesan Trust invites applications for the post of sacristan at Granaghan (Swatragh) parish. 12 hrs per week. Rate of pay: £12.88 per hr. Contact recruitment@derrydiocese.org / 028 71262302. Closing date: 15th September 2026.

Human Life International Ireland Fr L Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland. Join us for the Ulster event at Canal Court Hotel, Newry on 29th Sept at 6:45pm with 1st class relic of St Thérèse.

Season of Creation Water heals, restores, and makes creation flourish, but it also challenges us to recognise ecological damage, embrace our interconnectedness, and immerse ourselves in the responsibility of caring for and restoring our Common Home. May this season be a path for the healing of the earth and human well-being to flourish together. Please visit <https://youtu.be/xVVZ8LSpcRk>

Blessing of Bikers & Motorcycles today (Sunday) at 1.30 pm in St Aengus' Chapel, Burt. Following blessing all are welcome to join the run to Ned's Point RNLI Station, to present a donation to RNLI. Mass will be celebrated on 13th September at 11.30 am in St Patrick's Chapel, DUNGIVEN for deceased bikers. All welcome.

Coffee Morning in aid of Foyle Hospice in Murphy's on the Green on Friday 25th September from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. Prize draw included at £1 per line. A great range of prizes up for grabs. Draw at 1 pm on the day. Hope to see you all there.

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Lough Derg Day Retreats September 15, 19, 20 - a day of prayer, reflection and spiritual renewal. Visit www.loughderg.org All welcome.

Parish Bingo and Lucky Four in St Pat's Hall on Thursdays at 8 pm. All welcome.

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Weekend Mass Schedule

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

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

St Mary's, Cloughcor: Sunday: 8.30 am (13th Sept - alternate Sundays - 27th Sept)

St Joseph's, Glenmornan: Sunday: 8.30 am (20th Sept - alternate Sundays - 4th Oct)

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

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Limavady Parish

13 September 2026

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
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LITURGICAL PROGRAMME FOR

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**Readings for next Sunday: Is 55:6-9. Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R/ v 18.
Phil 1:20-24, 27. Mt 20:1-16.**

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

PARISH OFFICE 028 777 62522

(MONDAY - THURSDAY: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm)

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PARISH BULLETIN:

The bulletin is available online. Visit: www.limavadyparish.org

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**IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES PLEASE REMEMBER THE SVP RED BOX.
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SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:
EILEEN McLAUGHLIN, Derry who has died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary (Molly) Brolly, Kevin Clarke, Mary Mullan, Bert McGerty,
Jessie Gilloway, Tillie McLaughlin, Elizabeth Whitty, David Whitty,
Sally Turpin, Catherine McGonigle, Patsy Canning, Charlie Newland,
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FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Mass will be offered for all members of St. Vincent de Paul Society (past and present)

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New members welcome!



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October is officially Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning Month! We are calling on supporters to help us raise vital funds by hosting a Coffee Morning. Whether it's at home, work or in your local community, you can support your local hospice by bringing your friends together and putting the kettle on - it's a piece of cake!

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Meals on Wheels - Limavady Area

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No experience needed, just a friendly face and a little time.

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The Parish of Moville

St Pius X, Moville St Mary's, Ballybrack

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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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 7.30pm every day, from Sunday – Friday. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Monday, 2-9pm; Wednesday, 6-9pm.

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Set Dancing in Malin Head Community Centre every Thursday at 8pm. (€5). Beginners at 7.30pm.

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Greencastle Community Centre (9381054) info@greencastlecentre.ie UnScripted after-school youth drama project starts Tuesday 22 September at 4pm (food and transport provided). Inish Tennis on Monday 14 September. Call 0832054348 for details. Indoor Bowls on Tuesday 22 September at 11am. Musical Memories on Monday 5 October 11.30am.

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We thank God for the gift of Bishop Router and for his call to serve as Bishop of Derry. May he be blessed with wisdom, courage and compassion as he begins his ministry. May he be a faithful shepherd, a voice of hope, and a servant of unity and peace. May his ministry bear abundant fruit for the people of the Diocese of Derry, and may God guide and strengthen him in all that lies ahead.

A short reflection on today's Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus how often he should forgive someone who sins against him. Peter suggests seven times, but Jesus goes beyond counting: forgiveness is not something we measure; it is a way of life.

Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant. A man owes his master an enormous debt, far beyond anything he could repay. Yet when he asks for mercy, the master forgives the whole debt. This reminds us of the generosity of God's mercy towards us. But the servant then refuses to forgive someone who owes him a much smaller amount. Having received mercy, he fails to show mercy himself.

The message is challenging. We can receive God's forgiveness while still holding on to anger, resentment or hurt. Jesus reminds us that the mercy we receive is meant to be shared. Forgiveness does not mean ignoring injustice or pretending that hurt does not matter. Serious wounds may take time, prayer, wise counsel and appropriate boundaries. But we are invited to place our hurts in God's hands and not allow bitterness to have the final word.

At every Mass, we encounter God's mercy. Christ gives himself for us and calls us to extend that same love to others.

This week, perhaps we can bring one difficult relationship before the Lord and ask for the grace to take one step towards forgiveness. Forgiveness is not simply something God asks of us - it is something God first gives to us.

Lord Jesus, you have forgiven us more than we can ever repay. Teach us to receive your mercy with grateful hearts and to share it with those who have hurt us. Give us the grace to forgive, the wisdom to seek justice where needed, and the humility to place every wound into your loving hands. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: In today's gospel Jesus teaches a powerful lesson on forgiveness. We pray for the men called to priesthood that, as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their people, they will help them to know and experience the Lord who "...is compassion and love, slow to anger, and rich in mercy." (Responsorial Psalm).

The St Dymphna Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at St Eugene's Cathedral on Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm. This Mass is to give thanks to God for positive mental health and to pray for those who are struggling with mental health issues and those who care for them.

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

*John Carlin
Susie Crowley
Elizabeth Gillespie
Shara Walker
Nora Griffin
Isobel Higgins
Danny Doherty
Brendan Duff*

May they rest in peace

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

*Eileen McLaughlin
Lily Doherty*

May they rest in peace

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate

*Claire Carlin & Christopher Dowson
Dara McCartie & Kurtis Campbell*

who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral
*May God bless you abundantly in love,
joy and happiness*

Collection

Weekly Collection: £4,933

Parish Development: £980

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Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Nepal Disaster: £20

St Thérèse: £50

Hungry Children: £50. £5

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Readers for 19th /20th September

6.15pm Claire O'Kane
7.30pm Stephen Orr/Karl Orr
9.30am Barry McDaid
11.00am St Eugene's PS
12.30pm Michael Wilson
7.00pm Marian Boyle

Save the Date: Saint Carlo Acutis Day of Prayer. You are invited to come to St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Sunday 11th October from 2.00pm where we will have Veneration of a First Class Relic of St Carlo Acutis, gifted to the Cathedral by Carlo's mother, Antonia. The Sacrament of Confession will be available from 2.00pm until Mass at 7.00pm, which will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Router. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Mother Teresa Chapel during the Celebrations. A short film on Carlo's life will be shown in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to this special time.

Eucharistic Adoration: Derry Diocese is renewing and developing its Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting on Wednesday 30th September at 8.00pm, in The Drummond Hotel, 2 Main Street, Ballykelly. Registration and light refreshments from 7.30pm.

St Eugene's Beavers and Cubs are back! Both groups return on Monday, 14th September, and should arrive for 6.30pm. New members are very welcome! We're also looking for new leaders. If you're 18 or over and interested in getting involved, please contact Maria on 07955 549818. Training is provided, so no previous experience is necessary. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Faith in Fire - an exhibition from the Persecuted Church in Nigeria. In Christ Church 14th -20th September 10.30am -4pm every day. Admission free. All welcome.

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Northlands Annual Coffee Morning - Saturday 19th September in Shantallow Community Centre. Drop in anytime between 10am -1pm for some tea & coffee, cakes (gluten free available), community and conversations. This is a great way to celebrate recovery, positive change and community. This is a family friendly event, and everyone is welcome.

Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk- The Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk takes place on Monday 21st September at 6.30pm. The 5K walk will begin on the Quay, next to PureGym, and continue down to the lower deck of Craigavon Bridge, along the Greenway, across the Peace Bridge, before returning to the starting point. Everyone is welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you there and walking together in support of those affected by dementia.

Host for Hospice: October is officially Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning Month. We are calling on supporters to help us raise vital funds by hosting a Coffee Morning. Whether it's at home, work or in your local community, you can support your local hospice by bringing your friends together and putting the kettle on - it's a piece of cake! To request your FREE host pack or for more info, please call Ailbhe McDaid, Community Fundraiser, Foyle Hospice, on 028 7135 9888 or email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com

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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 995. Republic of Ireland emergency services: Garda Síochána Buncrana: 00353 749 320 540 Letterkenny: 00353 749 167 100, TUSLA (ROI) Child and Family Agency: 00353 749 102 23

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Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown



Sunday 13 September
24th Sunday Of The Year

As Catholics, we have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which allows us to experience God's forgiveness personally. It is a reminder of His boundless love and mercy. In turn, it should inspire us to be forgiving and merciful in our interactions with others.

We must remember that forgiveness is not just a one-time act but a continuous disposition of the heart. Let us be mindful of the unforgiving servant in the parable and strive to be merciful and forgiving as our Heavenly Father is to us. In doing so, we bear witness to the transformative power of God's love and mercy in our lives and in the world.

Adam Eichelberger



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Additional contact numbers:

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BOOKSTAND

There is a variety of books and cards on sale at the back of the Church.

Signed Mass cards and various Mass bouquet cards are also available from the Parochial House during office hours.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open between 9am and 3pm Wednesday to Friday.

Please bring Passport Application Forms, make requests for Baptismal Certificates etc during office hours.

Please do not bring forms to the Parochial House on Sundays.



COUPLES PLANNING TO GET MARRIED

If you live in this parish and plan to marry here or in another Catholic Church then you require marriage papers from this parish. You must give at least three months notice of your intention to marry. The following documentation will be required: a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate from the Parish of your Baptism; and possibly a letter of freedom.

All couples are required to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Accord offers marriage preparation and can be contacted at 71362475 or online www.accord-ni.co.uk. Places available on the November 20th/21st course. This course is in person and Venue: Everglades Hotel Derry.

All couples living in this Parish and planning to marry here or elsewhere are please asked to contact the parish office to make arrangements for the completion of the paperwork.



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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For the care of water Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.
Pray with the Pope : <https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

Our Lady of Lourdes Steelstown



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MASS TIMES:
Sunday: 09:00am; 11:00am and 12:15pm
Monday: 07:45am; 7:00pm
Tuesday - Friday: 07:45am and 10:00am
Saturday: 10:00am; **Vigil Mass:** 6:30pm

CONFESSIONS:
Sunday: 09:45am - 10:50am
Monday: 6:30pm - 6:55pm
Tuesday: 08:10am - 08:30am
Thursday: 09:30am - 09:55am
Saturday: 10:30am-11:30am; &, 5:45pm - 6:20pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of the Church:
Sonny Lynch; Tommy-Liam Johnstone;
Leo Gallagher; Clodagh Doherty;
Hunter McMonagle and Raya Canning.

ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Paddy Moore; Margaret McKinney;
Kathleen Harkin; Jim Harkin;
Colm Geary; Jackie McGuinness
and Ruby McGuinness.

RETIRED PRIEST'S COLLECTION

Will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, 12/13 September.
There is a special envelope in your collection envelope box.

COLLECTION

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to £2,990.
Thank you for your generosity.

ANNIVERSARY AND MONTH'S MIND MASSES

To book a Mass for an anniversary or month's mind please contact the parish office by telephone on 02871 351718 or by email at steelstown@derrydiocese.org.

The daytime Masses will only be offered for one intention but the evening Masses, Monday at 7pm and Saturday 6.30pm, can be offered for more than one intention.

VOCATIONS

Anyone interested in serving the diocese of Derry as a priest should contact their local priest(s) and/or the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP, Bellaghy, at pgoh2111@gmail.com.

Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday 13th September 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOW OFTEN TO FORGIVE

In our Gospel this weekend St Matthew continues to deal with relations between Christians, focusing on the need for forgiveness. Peter asks Jesus how often he should forgive his brother and then answers the question by suggesting seven times.

Just as in days of old as in our own time and the time of Jesus Christ there was no limit to hatred, evil and vengeance, likewise in the eyes of Jesus there is no limit to mercy and forgiveness.

The parable of the unforgiving official is told to underline the need for forgiveness. When the accounts are audited there is a huge deficiency. The sum is deliberately extravagant to heighten the contrast with the small amount owed to the official.

Despite the King cancelling the official's debt he learns nothing. The official seems to forget that he has had his debt cancelled. Forgetfulness of our own sins and human weakness can lead us to lack of compassion. Through forgetfulness of God's compassion, we can end up becoming cruel to each other.

In the first reading we have good advice which underlines the futility of vengeance and anger. **"If a man nurses anger against another, can he demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?"** Nursing anger and not forgiving disables us and renders us defenseless when we look for forgiveness for our own sins.

Remember - "To err is human; to forgive is, divine". Alexander Pope

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Prayer - God of holiness, we give you thanks for this diocese, the church that is the Diocese of Derry. We recall with thanks all who handed on the gift of faith in past generations, in difficult and in troubled times down to the present day.

We look forward with hope as we walk together in faith with our new Bishop. We pray that we may become more faithful disciples of Jesus and joyful witnesses to his Gospel for the many generations who will follow us in the parishes of our diocese.

Baptisms – We welcome into God’s family: Zack Doherty, Garrymore Place, Strathfoyle, Fiachra Quinn, Moyglass Place.

Anniversaries – Danny McGeady, Lily Gillespie, Sean McElholm, John O’Kane, John Diver, Michael Harkin, Elizabeth Harkin, Adrian Sharkey, Annette Mortimor, Joseph Doherty, Philomena Martin, Anna McGarvey, Michael North, Mickey McLaughlin, Sean Moore, Tony Dunne, William O’Donnell, Mark O’Donnell, Billy Duddy.

Vocations – In today's gospel Jesus teaches a powerful lesson on forgiveness. We pray for the men called to priesthood that, as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their people, they will help them to know and experience the Lord who "...is compassion and love, slow to anger, and rich in mercy." (Responsorial Psalm).

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.

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

Centring Prayer Group – Join us on Wednesday at 8:00pm in the St Columb’s Church (Parish Hall)

Offertory Collections: Glendermott: £4,285.00 Strathfoyle: £555.00

Thank you for your generosity to the parish collections.

This week’s collection is the Priest’s Stipend Collection

Coffee Morning – The staff of Enagh Seniors group are holding a coffee morning on Tuesday 15th September from 10.30 – 12.30 in Strathfoyle Library. In aid of McMillan Cancer.

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.

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“He who sings, prays twice.” (St Augustine) – St Columb’s Church resumed last weekend. We are constantly looking for new singers, maybe you would consider joining, just come along and give it a try or talk to Markus or any choir members.

'Trench Rd Folk Group are returning for practise on Wednesday 16th January in Malvern Terrace Parish Hall at 7pm. New and returning singers are welcome. Ages P7 up to and including adults.'

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Organ Donation Week: 21-27 September 2026 - Organ Donation Week is nearly here! Support us and help us share the message of the Gift of Life. Running from Monday 21 – Sunday 27 September. One person can save up to nine lives as an organ donor, and even more if they also donate tissue. Support Organ Donation Week by confirming your decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register at www.organdonationni.info/register-now or call 0300 123 23 23.

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 Church	11.15am
St Mary's Oratory	9.15am

Monday – Friday

St Columb's Church	10.00am & 7.30pm
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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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