

BALLINASCREEN & DESERTMARTIN PARISHES

11_OCTOBER_2026

No. 50 ~ TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH OFFICES

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

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Contact Information

If you have any concerns with regard to the safeguarding of children within the Church, please contact:

Marie O'Kane - Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) Tel.: +44 7596 500793 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 (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.

A rectangular wooden sign with a light brown background and a dark brown border. The words "Bulletin Notes" are written in a black, cursive-style font in the center of the sign.

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 ~ 12 October

10.00 am ~ Holy Rosary Church.

Tuesday ~ 13 October

10.00 am ~ St. Mary's, Coolcalm.

2.00 pm ~ Holy Rosary Church ~ **St. Colm's High School Harvest Mass.**

Wednesday ~ 14 October

10.00 am ~ Holy Rosary Church.

Thursday ~ 15 October

10.00 am ~ St Mary's, Coolcalm.

Friday ~ 16 October

10.00 am ~ St. Mary's, Coolcalm.

7.30 pm ~ Holy Rosary Church.

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 12 October: St Carlo Acutis.

Wednesday 14 October: St Callistus I, pope & Martyr.

Thursday 15 October: St Teresa of Avila.

Friday 16 October: St Gall, St Gerard Majella, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, St Hedwig.

Saturday 17 October: St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr.

CHANGE OF MASS LOCATION

Please note that Mass on the morning of **Tuesday 20 October** will be celebrated in **St Patrick's Keenaught at 10.00 am.**

ST COLM'S H.S.

St. Colm's High School Harvest Mass will take place in Holy Rosary Church on Tuesday 13 October at 2.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

St Colm's H.S. Opening Year Mass will take place in St. Colm's High School Church on Tuesday 20 October at 7.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

DEATHS

We extend our prayerful sympathy to the family and relatives of:

Cecilia Bradley, Gortnari, Moneyneena;

Rose Convery, Derrynoid Rd.;
Marie Bradley, Glenelly Villas;
Felix O'Neill, Magherafelt;
Ann Marie Mongan, Crewe, England.

MONTH'S MIND MASS

The Month's Mind Mass for Charlie Kelly, Moneyneena Road, will take place on Friday 16 October at 7.30 pm in Holy Rosary Church.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

The First Anniversary Mass for Michael Bradley, Disert Road, will be held on Friday 16 October at 7.30 pm in Holy Rosary Church.

The First Anniversary Mass for Kevin Kelly, Bancran Rd., will be held on Friday 23 October at 7.30 pm in Holy Rosary Church.

The First Anniversary Mass for John Joe McKenna, Cloane Rd., will be held on Friday 23 October at 7.30 pm in Holy Rosary.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ballinascreen:

Dympna Kelly, Magherafelt;
Agnes Gray, Corrick Rd.;
Bridget McCloskey, Fivemilestraight;
John Donnelly, Bancran Rd.;
Sean McCullagh, Portglenone Rd.;
Anthony Rooney, Glenburn Park;
Richard Edwards, Slievegallion Drive;
John Spillane, Sixtowns Rd.;
Gerard Kelly, Sixtowns Rd.

BAPTISMS

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

Órlaith Kearns, Sixtowns Road;
Clodagh Cassie McKenna, Disert Road;
Kajus Makaras Survilaite, Glenelly Villas;
Éanna Patrick McGillian, Bancran Road;
Katie Cobhlaith McGinn, Cranny Oaks, Omagh;
Darcai Rose O'Hagan, Carndaisy Lane, Moneymore.

THE NATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CHURCH IN IRELAND

Bishops, priests, religious and lay people from across Ireland will gather for the National Synodal Assembly on Saturday 17 October, to pray, listen and discern what God may be asking of the Catholic Church in Ireland at this time. Bishop Michael Router and seven delegates will represent the Diocese of Derry. Please remember Bishop Michael, our diocesan delegates and everyone taking part in your prayers. Find out more on: <https://derrydiocese.org/national-synodal-assembly>

MICHAEL ENGLISH GOSPEL CONCERT THANKS

Thank you all for joining us at our Michael English Gospel Concert. Your presence, your voices, and your joyful spirit filled the room with God's love. We are grateful for every committee member, volunteer, sponsor and guest who helped make the evening a true celebration of faith and fellowship. May the message of hope we shared continue to bless you in the days ahead.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Ballinascreen:

Weekly Collection - £3377

Renovation Collection - £2108

Desertmartin:

Weekly Collection - £959.69

Renovation Collection - £514.50

Thank you for your generous support which is greatly appreciated.

Totals shown include September Standing Orders from Parishioners. If you would like to avail of this option please contact the Parish Office.

DERRY DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

Derry Youth Ministry invites everyone aged 18-35 to join their new community every Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm, starting 20 October, at Claudy Pastoral Centre. Each week features a varied programme including invited speakers, scripture, prayer, food, and fellowship, alongside organised social events. Everyone is welcome to come along! For more details, please contact yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo. Friday 9 to Sunday 11 April 2027. This residential Weekend starts at 7.30 pm on Friday and finishes at 4.30 pm on Sunday, and is open to all married couples. **Online booking only at www.marriageencounter.ie**

D.D.S MASS

If you wish to enrol someone in the society, please contact the parish office. The fee for a living or deceased member is £20.

The following masses will be offered for the deceased members of the Derry Diocesan Society:

Tuesday 27 October at 10.00 am in St Mary's, Coolcalm;

Saturday 31 October at 6.00 pm in Holy Rosary.

KNOCKNAGIN HALL

Craft Fair: A few tables remaining for our Christmas Craft Fair! Sunday 8 November from 10:30 am to 3.00 pm. £20 per table or 2 for £30, £10 booking deposit. Email knocknaginhc@gmail.com or 078 8761 4094 to secure a table.

Salsa Dancing for beginners: Thursdays from 7.00 pm to 8:30 pm. No previous experience or partner needed! £42 for the 6-week block.

Irish Class; Mondays. **Bunrang (Beginners)** 6:45pm to 8.00 pm. **Meánrang (Improvers)** 8.00 pm to 9:30 pm.

Chair Exercises: Tuesdays from 10.00 am to 11.00 am. All 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. All welcome.

Céilí Dancing Classes: New 6-week block started on Wednesday 30 September at 7:30pm. Suitable for all ages.

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

Sarsfield's Accordion Band: October Monthly Draw winner: £50, Jim Higgins, Luney.

Band practice Thursdays at 7:30 pm. A Commemoration Parade, in remembrance of former band member, Christopher Bradley, will take place on Sunday 18 October at 3.00 pm, from Moorside Villas to Keenaught Chapel.

SGARA

Crochet classes start in Knocknagin hall on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm all welcome limited places. Contact Chris 07546010560

Dance in Knocknagin Hall: Sunday 18 October from 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm. Music by Sean Corrigan.

WHAT IS UNIVERSITY ACTUALLY FOR?

Queen's Catholic Chaplaincy is delighted to welcome **Dr Paul Shrimpton**, writer, historian and scholar of St John Henry Newman, for a public lecture exploring Newman's vision of **human flourishing at university** - and what it might still have to say to universities and society today.

Monday 12 October, 7.00pm Queen's Catholic Chaplaincy, 30-38 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast. Students, staff, alumni and friends are warmly welcome. Admission free.

LAPÓGLANN - TODDLE-INN

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00 am to 10.30 am in Glór na Speiríní centre Straw, beside the Straw Church. £2 per session includes refreshments. Irish language session is every Thursday from 9.00 am to 10.30 am. Tá fáilte roimh chách All welcome! Contact conchurglor@gmail.com or 07795 536682

CORNSTONE YOUTH CLUB

Monday to Thursday, from 6.45 pm to 9.00 pm. Programs for all age groups. All welcome to attend at their designated nights! Registration £2, & £1 per night.

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.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON CLUB

Free Transport now available to Over 60s Monthly Luncheon Club in Workspace Community Hub. Monthly Luncheon Club takes place on Wednesday 21 October in Workspace Community Hub from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Workspace is teaming up with Out and About Community Transport to provide free transport to anyone in the Ballinascreen area who would like to attend but doesn't have access to transport. If you would like more information on booking a free spot, please contact Workspace on 028 7962 8113 before Wednesday 14 October and join us for a delicious lunch and good company, in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

FÉILE BHAILE NA SCRÍNE - BALLINASCREEN FESTIVAL

Sunday 11 October: Family Fun Day in An Ráth Dubh from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm. Donations at the door in aid of youth club.

For more information please contact Conchúr on 79627703 or email conchurglor@gmail.com

SIXTOWNS CROSS COMMUNITY GROUP

Indoor Bowls: Mondays at 8.15 pm. New Members Welcome.

Christmas Fair with Santa: Sunday 29th November 2026 at Sixtowns Hall. Tables are booking up fast. £20 per table or £30 for two. To book, contact 07769 289385

NUALA'S BEGINNER 6 WEEK FITNESS CLASS

Join Nuala's classes for an exciting new Beginner Fitness Class designed to help you move, build confidence, and have fun! Classes - £3.50 per session. Perfect for absolute beginners, low impact & easy to follow. Starts Tuesday 13 October from 6.45 pm to 7.45 pm in the hall, Workspace Recreation Centre on the Back row. Book your space by telephoning Carin: 02879628113.

NETBALL FOR BEGINNERS

Wednesday nights from 7.00 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.

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:

- 17 October, Sixtowns. (**Saturday**)
- 1 November, St. Columba's, Straw.
- 8 November, St Eugene's Moneyneena.
- 29 November, Holy Rosary Church.
- 6 December, St. Patrick's, Sixtowns.
- 13 December, St. Columba's, Straw.
- 20 December, St Eugene's Moneyneena.

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:

- October 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

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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

We pray that the men called to be priests of our diocese will know the truth of St Paul's words in our second reading, "There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength."

Cappagh PARISH NEWS



Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
11th October 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
Vigil: 6.30pm (during October)
Daily Mass: 10am: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat

Christ the King Church, Strathroy

Sunday Mass: 12noon
Evening Mass: 7:30pm: Tues

St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher

Confessions: After Saturday morning Mass
Confessions: 5:45pm-6.15pm: Saturday
Daily Rosary: 9:10am: Monday-Saturday
Legion of Mary: Every Monday after 10am Mass
Children's Liturgy Group: 11:15am Sunday Mass in KC

Christ the King Church, Strathroy

Holy Souls Prayer Group: 1st Thurs every month

Corpus Christi Church, Mountfield

Rosary: Every Thursday at 8pm

St. Mary's Church, Knockmoyle

Rosary: Every Tuesday at 8pm, during October

Morning Reflection Prayer for Self Confidence

Heavenly Father, Thank You for the gift of a new day.

As I begin this morning, help me to remember that my worth is found in You and not in the opinions of others or in my own doubts. Fill my heart with confidence, not pride, but the quiet assurance that I am created with purpose and loved without condition. Help me to recognise the gifts You have placed within me and give me the courage to use them wisely. When fear or insecurity tries to take hold, remind me that I do not walk alone.

Strengthen my mind, guide my words, and help me face each challenge with faith rather than worry.

Teach me to believe in the person You are shaping me to become.

May I carry myself with kindness, speak with confidence, and trust that Your plans for me are good.

Today, let me walk with peace, knowing that I am enough because I am Yours. Amen.

Our Lady of Silence Abbey

Working Document for the Irish National Synodal Assembly

17th October 2026 / Gormanston, Co Meath / "Is not this what God asks of you?" (Micah 6:8)

The Working Document for the Irish National Synodal Assembly, brings together the fruits of five years of prayer, listening and discernment and will guide delegates as they consider and vote on suggested actions to be presented to the bishops of Ireland.

The Synodal Pathway is now moving towards a new phase of implementation. Everyone is invited to read, pray with, and reflect on the Working Document and the question: "What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?" Scan the QR code to access the Working Document.

Bishop Michael Router and seven delegates will represent the Diocese of Derry. Please remember Bishop Michael, our diocesan delegates and everyone taking part in your prayers. Find out more at www.derrydiocese.org/national-synodal-assembly.



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)

FR KEVIN McELHENNON P.P: 028 8225 8108 / k.mcelhennon@derrydiocese.org

FR MALACHY GALLAGHER C.C: 028 8225 1055 / malachy.gallagher@derrydiocese.org

SVP CTK : 07738838066

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THE CHURCH OF

*Our Lady of Lourdes**Serving the Parishes of Steelstown & Culmoe**Sunday 11th October 2026**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)***MASS TIMES****SUNDAYS**

Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 09.00am;
 11.00am;
 12.15pm

WEEKDAYS

Monday – Friday: 7.45am
Monday: 7.00pm
Tuesday – Saturday: 10.00am

CONFESSIONS**WEEKEND**

Saturday: After 10am Mass;
 5.45pm – 6.25pm
Sunday: 10.30am – 10.50am

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 6.30pm – 6.55pm
Tuesday: 8.10am – 8.30am
Thursday: 9.30am – 09.50am

DEVOTIONS**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday: 08.00 – 09.55am
 10.30am – 12 noon

ROSARY

Before 10am Mass

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

After 10am Mass

During his recent visit to the Grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes, Pope Leo XIV made the following appeal. Dear brothers and sisters: I would like to make an appeal that is particularly close to my heart, here in this place. It was here that the Immaculate Virgin appeared to Saint Bernadette with the rosary and, as it were, guided her in prayer. For this reason, today I invite all the faithful and all Christian communities to pray the holy rosary throughout the coming month of October, with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict. Let us accompany this prayer with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering dialogue and reconciliation. May our most holy Mother intercede for us!"

As we gather here in this church, dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes, let us take up the Pope's invitation and commit to praying the Holy Rosary each day for peace in our hearts and in our homes, in our country and in our world!

The rosary is recited here on Mondays at 6.30pm and on Tuesdays-Saturdays at 9.30am.

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us!

PARISH OFFICE

Wednesday – Friday: 9am – 3pm

028 7135 1718

steelstown@derrydiocese.org / culmoreparish@derrydiocese.org

PRIEST

Rev. Declan McGeehan P.P./Adm.

declan.mcgeehan@derrydiocese.org

Urgent sick calls: 073 5238 7817

SYMPATHY—We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of: John Duffy, 16 Larkhill and Mark Doherty, 77 Drumleck Dr.

ANNIVERSARIES—Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Harry McIvor; Patrick Collins; Margaret Collins; Eugene Grant; Tina Keyes; Chris Allen; John Doherty; Robbie Herron; Annie Doherty; Barney Meenan; Lynn Meenan; Michael Meenan; Mary Sammon; Tommy Sammon and Sarah Patton.

MISSION SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER—Next Sunday is Mission Sunday, a day when we are given the opportunity to express unity and solidarity with Christian communities all over the world. Contributions will be used to build simple mission churches, to educate seminarians as well as female religious novices, to assist in the formation of catechists and lay leaders, for building health facilities for children and adults as well as for providing emergency aid in times of war or natural disaster or to assist missionaries in their efforts to care for refugees. There is an envelope in your box for the Mission Sunday Collection.

PARISH CELLS – Next weekend, after all Masses, you are invited to the Conference Room to learn more about the ‘Parish Cell System of Evangelisation’. Parish Cells are small groups of 4 to 12 people who meet in their home every two weeks to deepen their faith and friendship, to encourage one another in living their Christian faith each day, and to explore simple ways of sharing the Gospel with others. For more information, visit: parishcellsireland.ie.

BIBLE ALIVE RENEWAL REMINDER—The Parish order of Bible Alive is due for renewal in November. Bible Alive is a monthly booklet which provides commentary and reflection for the readings used at Mass each day plus articles relating to scripture, prayer and life. If you wish to order Bible Alive for the next year, please contact the Sacristan. Cost is £30 per year or £3 per month. If paying by cheque, please make payable to: ‘Our Lady of Lourdes Church’.

DONATIONS—Fr McGeehan acknowledges a donation of £40 for those in need and also donations for the Holy Family Parish in Gaza.

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 October event will be a Holy Hour and meditation next Thursday 15th October, 7:00pm at our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, 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!

THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD—Come and discover the remarkable stories of Eucharistic miracles from around the world, brought together through the inspiring work of St Carlo Acutis. This exhibition offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection and a deepening faith. Running until 16 October in St Eugene’s Cathedral Hall, Infirmary Road, Derry. Admission is free, all welcome.

RISE & SHINE TRUST—Group 110 (Derry) Do you know a young person who would benefit from a week of friendship, fun, faith and unforgettable memories in Lourdes? Rise & Shine Trust brings children (11+) and young adults with additional needs on a week-long pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes each Easter. The trip is free for our guests as our volunteers fundraise for it. For more information, and to apply, please see www.riseandshine.ie. Applications for the 2027 Easter Pilgrimage are currently open and close on 15 October 2026.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CHURCH IN IRELAND—Bishops, priests, religious and lay people from across Ireland will gather for the National Synodal Assembly on Saturday, 17 October, to pray, listen and discern what God may be asking of the Catholic Church in Ireland at this time. Bishop Michael Router and seven delegates will represent the Diocese of Derry. Please remember Bishop Michael, our diocesan delegates and everyone taking part in your prayers. Find out more on: <https://derrydiocese.org/national-synodal-assembly>.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER – For mental health ministry Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE – We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone in our parishes. If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of children or adults in need of protection within the Church, please contact Marie O’Kane, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, on 07596 500793; or email: marie.okane@derrydiocese.org

Parish of Dunboe, Macosquin and Aghadowey

Sunday 11th October 2026
Year A Psalter Week IV



Rev Neil Farren PP. Chapelfield, 59 Laurel Hill Road, Coleraine BT51 3PY Tele: 028 7034 3130
Parish Secretary: Clare White at Chapelfield
Office hours This week:
Monday 12th October – 09.30– 1.30pm
Wednesday 14th October – 09.30 – 1.30pm
Thursday 15th October – 09.30 – 1.30pm

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

Emergency Calls: Father Neil Farren - 07710860966

Age Concern Tele 02870357966
Good morning, Causeway For elderly and vulnerable people. Tele 02870558005
Lifeline Crisis Response Helpline 0808 808 8000
North Coast Community Transport Tele 02870321234
Samaritans Tele 116123
St Vincent de Paul Tele 07752017340
Wave Trauma Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing
Tele 0282766990 **Women’s Aid** Tele 02870356
Onus – Men & Women affected by domestic or sexual abuse in NI – 0808 802 1414 (Freephone 24hr)

Recently Deceased

Anne McLaughlin (Formerly Laurelmount Rd)

Anniversaries

Matt Bradley, Margaret Boyle, Rose McHarg, Annie Gastron, Anna Bradley, Margaret Irwin, Peter Duffy, Corrine O’Kane, John Duffin

We Pray

We pray that the men called to be priests of our diocese will know the truth of St Paul's words in our second reading, "There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength."

Sick Visitation

Monday – Height’s area.

Parish Collections 3rd & 4th October 2026

	St Johns	Aghadowey	Dunboe
Weekly:	£551.87	£313.00	£214.00
Loose:	£343.50	£100.40	£64.80
Priests:	£587.00	£242.00	£158.00
Total:	£2574.57		

Masses - week commencing 12th October

Church	St Johns	Dunboe	Aghadowey
Monday	10am		
Tuesday	10am		
Wednesday	7pm		
Thursday	10am		12pm
Friday	10am		
Saturday	6pm	7.30pm	
Sunday	11am		9.45am

Dunboe Reader/ Offertory Rota

Saturday 10th October – Philomena / Offertory – Liam & Ann
Saturday 17th October – Marie / Offertory – Brendan & Philomena
Saturday 24th October – Ann / Offertory – Seamus & Linda

Dunboe Eucharistic Minister Rota

Saturday 10th October – Linda
Saturday 17th October – Karen
Saturday 24th October – Maggie
Saturday 31st October - Vincent

Dunboe Cleaning & Flowers Rota

October– Brenda O’Kane

St Johns Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 17th October – Patricia Mullan
Sunday 18th October – Marie Therese Fleming
St Johns Minister of the Word October
Vigil: Bernadette
Sunday Mass: Geri

Aghadowey Offertory

Sunday 11th October – Patricia & Therese McAfee
Sunday 18th October – McAleese Family
Sunday 25th October – Kathleen & Eva McBride
Sunday 1st November – Bill & Eilish

Family Prayer Booklet

A family prayer booklet is now available in the Churches. Parishioners are invited to collect a copy of traditional prayers, which are laid out for each day of the week. It also includes other family prayers as well as children’s prayers.

Loreto College Show

Loreto College, Coleraine, would like to invite you along for an evening of entertainment for all of the family to a live production of ‘The Addams Family Musical’. The show stopping performance will be on stage every evening from Monday 12th - Friday 16th October.

Tickets can be purchased from www.ticketsource.com/loreto-college-coleraine

- Adults: £15
- Concession: £12 (under 18 and over 60)
- Family: £46

All Saints Day Pilgrim Walk

On **Sunday 1st November**. From the Convent steps to St Patricks Holy well (Tubber Patrick).
Meeting at 3pm and walking up the steps along the Convent walk towards Portstewart Strand, just before the Strand on the brow of the hill, is St Patricks Well.

All are welcome to join us!

PRAY FOR THE NATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CHURCH IN IRELAND

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St. Vincent de Paul – Quiz Night

St John’s conference is holding a Quiz Night in the Montra Club on **Friday 23rd October at 7.45 p.m.**
Please come out for a good night’s craic!
Everyone Welcome!

Defibrillator Training

Aghadowey Parish Hall
Date: **Saturday 24th October**
Time: 10.00am-12.00.

With the installation of the defibrillator at Aghadowey hall, there will now be a training session delivered by John Wilson Training to provide basic first aid training for defibrillator use to anyone interested.

Please note this course is limited to 16 spaces and will be on a first come first served basis. The course is funded by the parish.

Everyone attending the short course will receive an attendance certificate.

Please message or call Louise on 07746618857 to book your place.

A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER

Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo Friday 9th to Sunday 11th April 2027 This Residential Weekend starts at 7.30pm on Friday and finishes at 4.30pm on Sunday and is open to all married couples. Online booking only at www.marriageencounter.ie

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Baby Massage & Reflexology Classes

6-week course starting Friday 16th October in **Ballerin**.
For more information or to book: diane@groundedsoles.org | **07761 054666**

Meetings at Chapelfield

Liturgy Committee – Monday 12th Oct – 10.30am
Sacristy
Finance Committee – Monday 12th Oct at 7pm

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.

PILGRIMAGES TO MEDJUGORJE & LOURDES 2027 Deposits and Savings scheme available on Thursdays in Parochial House from 10.30am-12noon.beginning in October. contact Margaret 07732468511

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

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

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

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RISE AND SHINE TRUST Do you know a young person who would benefit from a week of friendship, fun, faith and unforgettable memories in Lourdes? Rise & Shine Trust brings children (11+) and young adults with additional needs on a week-long pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes each Easter. The trip is free for our guests as our volunteers fundraise for it. For more information, and to apply, please see www.riseandshine.ie. Applications for the 2027 Easter Pilgrimage are currently open and close on 15th October 2026.

JOB OPPORTUNITY Derry Diocesan Trust Choir Director– St Eugene's Cathedral Church 10 hours per week For job description and application pack please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, (028) 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to: Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than noon Friday 16th October 2026.

Sun 11th Oct 2026

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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

PAROCHIAL HOUSE

71267070

1 Aileach Road Ballymagroarty BT48 0AZ

Email: office@holyfamily-parish.com

Website: www.holyfamily-parish.com

Webcam: Click on website and follow the links

Parish Office 9.45am-1.45pm Mon– Fri

Parish Priest:
Fr Joseph Gormley

Curate
Fr Kevin Mulhern

The Invitation of Grace

Matthew 22:1-14

In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a wedding feast. Everything has been prepared by the king, yet those first invited refuse to come, preoccupied with their own affairs. Others are invited, both good and bad, reminding us that God's love is a gift, not something we earn.

But what about the guest without a wedding garment? The garment represents a life transformed by God's grace, particularly through love and charity.

There are two dangers in our spiritual lives: believing we must make ourselves worthy of God's invitation, or accepting that invitation without allowing His love to change us.

Christian holiness is neither striving to prove ourselves nor remaining unchanged. It is surrendering to Christ and allowing His grace to work within us.

We do not earn our place at God's table. We receive His invitation and allow His love to transform us.

ANNIVERSARIES We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Eileen Walls, Elizabeth Moyne, Robbie Herron, Mary King, Bessie McCartney

SUNDAY COLLECTION 4th October £2513.17 & €194.36 Standing Orders £400 **2nd Collection** £1161.16 & €62.87. Separate from the collection Fr Gormley would like to acknowledge these donations also £1000, £120, £500, £1000, £80 and £300 during the month of September. Thank you for your generosity

HOLY FAMILY SCRIPTURE GROUP meets on **Thursday at 6.00pm** in the Upper Room This is a sacred time to come together to listen and reflect as Jesus speaks to each of us through His Word in scripture All welcome **Please note change of time.**

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

We pray that the men called to be priests of our diocese will know the truth of St Paul's words in our second reading, "There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength."

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

THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD? Are you 18 years or older and thinking or wondering about serving the church as a priest of the diocese of Derry? There will be an afternoon talk with time for prayer, discussion, questions & answers in Derry on Sunday 11 October. For further details please contact Fr Pat O'Hagan at pgoh2111@gmail.com

THORNHILL MINISTRIES will lead an introduction to the practice of praying Scripture in a reflective way that will help participants let the Word of God to nestle in the quiet corner of the heart. '*Open heart - Open to the Word*' series of Sundays in October 3:30 - 4:30 pm Emmaus Room, Pennyburn Church. All welcome

ANAM CARA'S next Bereavement Information Evening will take place online on [Thursday 15 October at 7pm](#). Bereaved parents are very welcome to register <https://bit.ly/OctBIE>

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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 October event will be a Holy Hour and meditation next Thursday 15th October, 7:00pm at our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, 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!

LUMEN CHRISTI COLLEGE 30TH anniversary Gala event in the Everglades Hotel, Friday 23rd October: Night at the Races, meal and dancing! Tickets available from the college reception. All welcome!

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few volunteers to join a new cleaning group. The commitment would be just a few hours, once a month. If you could spare some time to help, we would be very grateful for your support. To volunteer, **please leave your name and contact number in the sacristy with Tom or Patrick.**



ANNUAL POKER NIGHT

James Scullion Memorial Tournament
Saturday 24th October at 8.30pm Sharp
in Lavey Club.

Entry £20 & 1 optional of £20 bonus chips
if seated for 1st hand.

**Proceeds in aid of the Church
Restoration Fund.**



GOOD RELATIONS WEEK 12th-18th OCTOBER

With their cross-community partners from **Knockloughrim Primary School, St Brigid's PS** will have a number of events to mark Good Relations Week where the theme is **"Include Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day"**.

On **Friday 16th October** they will host a **cross-community Coffee Morning in the Termoneeny Centre (10am - 11am), with all proceeds raised going to Macmillan Cancer Support.** Donations of buns and cakes would be most welcome! Everyone is invited to attend this cross-community event and support this worthy cause!



SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL:

Lollipop Lady Laura has had a number of near misses recently, where drivers have driven through the crossing whilst she was in the middle of the road. **Can all drivers exercise extreme caution in the vicinity of the school please?**



Lavey Parish

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E-Mail: laveyparish@derrydiocese.org

Web: www.laveyparish.com



"Everything is ready. Come to the wedding." I have been at many weddings over the years and it strikes me that no matter how many you go to they are always great occasions. You never get tired of them. That's what Jesus wants for us as his people – that we would be wedding people, joyful, happy, and celebrating. In response to his word this week make a special effort to bring this sense of joy to one another, as this is a vital way to practice our faith. This is particularly important in our

homes so that all who live there may know the wonder of God's love. It takes a real effort on the part of everyone to constantly create this sense of gladness, but it is well worth the effort. It is also so important in our faith community to develop this sense of freedom for one another so that others can come to know how much they are loved.

Father Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 12th October	9.15 am Mass
Wednesday 14th October	9.15 am Mass
Thursday 15th October	9.15 am Mass
Friday 16th October	9.15 am Mass

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Mission Sunday

Saturday 17th October	5:15 pm - 5:45 pm - Confessions
	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday 18th October	9:00 am Mass
	11:00 am Mass

Mission Sunday 2026

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all creation. **We ask you to please use the special envelope in your box marked 'Mission Sunday'.**



Parish Collections: 4th October

Weekly: **£1011.00**
Building: **£1006.00**
Loose Coin: **£499.12**

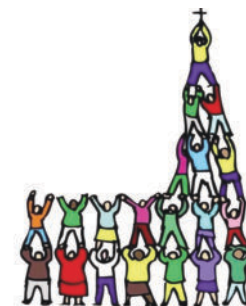
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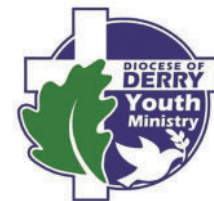
Sunday 17th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Call for Volunteers

We want to expand our volunteer group to assist as *Readers, Collectors, and Eucharistic Ministers*. **Even if you have been involved in these ministries before, you are welcome to join again.** More involvement helps share the commitment among parishioners. **If you are interested, you may leave your name and telephone number after any Mass this weekend 10th/11th October.**



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*Fr. Graham thanks everyone who contributed to the loose change box at Boyle's Shop & Bar. They raised a total of **£1,000.00** for the Church Building Fund.*

Thank you!

Safeguarding Information Evening

If you are involved in our parish in following roles - **Sacristans, Altar Server Leaders, Pope John Paul II Award Leaders, Parish Council members, SVDP members, Choir members**, which includes the supervision, guidance, care and training of children and or vulnerable adults you are asked to attend a safeguarding meeting.

The meeting will take place this Wednesday 14th October at 7.00pm in the Church.



Fr. Patrick Doherty 79642496 / Fr. Kieran O'Doherty 79642359
 Sacristans: Glen 79643131/Maghera 79643061 Web Cam www.mcnmedia.live
 Baptisms: 79642983(Notification by Thursday) Pastoral Centre:79642983
 Pilgrim Statue: 79642983 / St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 07752111032
 PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE – www.facebook.com/magheraparish

It's a useful way to stay up to date with all our parish events. Please hit the 'Follow' button and we would be grateful if you could like and share our posts.

Sunday:	St Patrick's	9.30am
	St Mary's	Vigil 6.30am and Sunday 11.30am
		Wednesday 7.30pm and Friday 10.00am
Daily Mass	St Patrick's	Monday to Thursday 9.30am
		Friday 7.30pm (Mass for all deceased)
		Daily Rosary at 9.10am

CONFESSIONS – Daily after Morning Mass (except Sunday and Holydays) & St Mary's at 7pm on Wednesday (before Evening Mass) and Saturday 11am/12Noon & 5.30pm/6.15pm

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HOLY FACE OF JESUS: – Prayers every Tuesday after 9.30am Mass and Divine Mercy.

OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS NOVENA:

Begins in St Mary's Church on Wednesday evening 14 October after 7.30pm Mass and continues for nine Wednesdays.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS:

In St Mary's Church each Sunday evening at 6pm during October.

CONFIRMATION - Bishop Router will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the P7 children of the parish on Wednesday 26 May at 3pm.
IRISH CONFIRMATION – will take place in St Patrick's Church, Dungiven on Saturday 17 April at 11am

FIRST COMMUNION DATES

St Mary's P.S., Glenview P.S	Saturday 15 May
Bunscoil N.Brid	Saturday 29 May
St Patrick's P.S., Glen	Saturday 5 June

ENVELOPE COLLECTION - Thank you for last week's envelope collections of £3,060.00. We appreciate your support to the church and for bringing your envelopes and donations to the church and pastoral centre. May your generosity be rewarded. Anyone wishing to donate to Maghera parish may do so by visiting website: magheraparishderry.com and using donate button.

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SENIORS TUESDAY CLUB In Fairhill Youth Centre on Tuesdays at 10.30am.

ERRIGAL PARISH MISSION –will take place from 27 October to 2nd November. All are warmly welcome, whether from the parish or neighbouring communities. We invite you to join us for as much of the Mission as possible and to keep its success in your prayers. For more information, please visit:- <https://www.errigalparish.com/>

GLEN GAA Website www.wattygrahamsgac.com Lotto Numbers 40:25:28:33: No winner. Next week £13,000. No £50 winners. Flyover £16,800 in 45 Nos. or less.

FALLAGHLOON HALL - BINGO- Sunday night 7.30pm. Jackpot £500 in 45 numbers.

AN CARN - SET DANCING: CHAIR AEROBICS - Thurs 15 Oct from 9.30am/10.30am at An Carn.
Introduction to Punch Needle – Learn the basics of punch-needle and create your own unique tufted piece of art to bring home! All levels welcome, especially beginners – on Saturday 17 Oct from 11am/1pm. £25. **Bilingual Comedy Night:** Funny Focail – Half tri Ghaeilge agus half through English, providing a space to practice and learn cúpla focal, and most importantly to have a laugh with comedians Diane O'Connor Louise O'Toole & Aideen McQueen! Saturday 24 October – at 7.30pm. Adm. £10.

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GRANAGHAN & DISTRICT WOMEN'S GROUP – We will be delivering our first-ever Kids' Papier-mâché workshop during the Hallowe'en holidays on Tuesday 27 Oct from 1pm/3pm approximately. Our tutor will be Louie Winward. Louie is no stranger to Swatragh, but this will be her first time delivering a workshop for us. Open to boys and girls and geared towards 8–12-year-olds. Guaranteed to be messy but \$marvellous. Parents welcome to stay too. Places allocated on a first come, first served basis. Phone Anne McNicholl 07714757643.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING COURSE - will take place on 27th & 28th Oct from 9.30am/4.30pm in Heaney Homeplace, 45 Main Street, Bellaghy. Please Note – to be eligible to apply you must live within or directly deliver a service within the Northern HSC Trust area. E-mail: denise@cwsan.org or phone 07540969623

PUBLIC LECTURE – by Dr. Paul Shrimpton, writer, historian and scholar of St John Henry Newman. WHAT IS UNIVERSITY ACTUALLY FOR? Newman's Idea of Human Flourishing at University - Monday 12 October in Queen's University, Belfast at 7pm

The Parish of Moville

St Pius X, Moville St Mary's, Ballybrack

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



Parish Priest: Fr Colm O'Doherty (074) 9382057

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 11th We gather to celebrate the Eucharist, which is a celebration in hope and joy as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. To take part in it is a grace and a privilege. But we must wear the wedding garment of sinlessness and obedience to God's will. Many before us have been called to the feast but failed to stay.

Wednesday 14th St Callistus. A slave, who became Pope in 217 and was martyred in 222.

Thursday 15th St Teresa of Avila (1515-82). Deeply contemplative, highly active and practical, she established Carmelite convents under a reformed rule and wrote much on prayer and the spiritual life.

Friday 16th St Margaret Mary (1647-1690) visionary and ascetic, revived devotion to the Sacred Heart and was exemplary in her patience and trust.

St Gall was a monk of Bangor and set out with Columbanus for the continent. When Columbanus was exiled from France Gall accompanied him to Bregenz on Lake Constance. When Columbanus crossed into Italy, Gall remained in Switzerland. He lived in a hermitage which later became the monastery of St Gallen. He died around 630.

Saturday 17th St Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, died a martyr at Rome around 107. He urged Christians to unity in and around the Eucharist and their local bishop.

Sunday 18th 11.30am Mass will be celebrated in Ballybrack. Reader at this Mass will be Joanna McClenaghan.

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.

We offer our **sympathy** to the families and friends of Robert and Margaret Magee, Carnagarve and Frances Davern, O'Gara Villas, who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Baptism: We welcome into God's Family **Sarah Kate Hegarty**, Manor Court who was baptised recently.

Thank you for your generous financial support to the parish in the past week, which amounted to €3361.

40 Hours adoration begins today in St Pius X after the 10am Mass and will continue until Night Prayer at 9pm and resume again from 10am Mass on Monday concluding at 9pm that evening.

Prayer for Vocations: We pray that the men called to be priests of our diocese will know the truth of St Paul's words in our second reading, "There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength." We pray to the Lord.

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

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Moville Celtic Christmas Market (Christmas crafts, Santa's grotto) on Saturday 5 December 1-5pm. Stalls available for €20.

Greencastle Community Centre (9381054) info@greencastlecentre.ie Citizens Information drop-in clinic every Wednesday from 9:30am – 4:30pm. UnScripted – an after-school youth drama project begins on Tuesday 13 October at 4pm Food and transport provided. Balance with Bronagh for children with additional needs and aged 4 to 12 years on Saturday 31 October. Call [+447827057701](tel:+447827057701) to book. Tai Chi every Friday at 10am.

Annual Service of Remembrance for Miscarriage, Still Birth, Neo-Natal death and for children who have sadly died takes place today, Sunday 11 October in Letterkenny University Hospital at 3pm.

Serenity House (9382945) serenityhouse@eircom.net Eight-week Art Class begins on Tuesday 13 October at 7pm. Cost €60. Mindfulness and Resilience course by Claire Doherty begins on Monday 19 October at 7pm €60 for 6 weeks.

Carrowmena Community Centre (9367061) Monthly food market begins on Sunday 18 October from 2 to 5pm. Tables €5. Places available on several courses including Kid's Halloween craft, Christmas quilting, bird box building and woodwork.

Congratulations to the winners of the October Parish Draw.

Prize	Number	Name	Promoter
€700	264	Laura & Tamara Cullen Byrne	Bridget McGhee
€400	490	Davin & Shay Doherty	Oliver Doherty
€250	311	Ciaran & Danielle McKenna	Helen Gillen
€150	507	Mags Lafferty	Susanne McLaughlin
€100	340	Maura Gillen	Kay Doherty

Do This in Memory Mass in St Pius X next Sunday, 18th October, at 10am. All boys and girls who are preparing for First Communion, along with their parents, are asked to attend.

Safeguarding If you have any concerns with regards to Safeguarding children or adults, please contact Marie O'Kane, The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person at 00447596500793 or dlp@derrydiocese.org. Local Safeguarding Representatives are Mary McGranaghan and Brídín Hannaway

A short reflection on today's Gospel Matthew 21:1-14

In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a wedding banquet prepared by a king. The invitation is generous and freely offered, yet many of those invited choose not to come. Eventually, the invitation is extended to everyone - to people from the roads and crossroads, to those who might never have expected a place at the table.

This is a beautiful reminder of the generosity of God. His invitation is not reserved for a select few. God calls each of us into friendship with him and offers us a place in the joy of his Kingdom. We do not earn this invitation; it is a gift of grace.

Yet the Gospel also reminds us that accepting God's invitation calls for a response. The wedding garment can be understood as a sign of a heart that has been changed by God's love - a life clothed in faith, compassion, forgiveness and charity. It is not enough simply to hear God's invitation; we are called to let it shape the way we live.

Perhaps there are times when we are like those who were too busy or distracted to accept the invitation. The pressures and concerns of daily life can easily push God to the margins. This Gospel invites us to pause, recognise the grace being offered to us, and respond with open and grateful hearts.

As a parish community, may we remember that there is always room at God's table. May we welcome others with the same generosity that God shows us, and may our lives bear witness to the joy of accepting his invitation.

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Saint Carlo Acutis Day of Prayer. You are invited to come to St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry today, 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 Ruter. 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.

Mass bouquets are available for £2 each as a thanksgiving for the gift of St Carlo Acutis. Bouquets can be purchased from the parish office during the week and after Masses next weekend. St Carlo, known for his deep love of the Eucharist and his inspiring witness of faith in the digital age, is a powerful intercessor for young people, families, and all those seeking to grow in holiness. This is a beautiful way to celebrate this joyful occasion and to share a spiritual gift with someone you love or remember in prayer.

International Exhibition - The Eucharistic Miracles of the World, designed and created by St. Carlo Acutis will take place in The Cathedral Hall, Infirmary Road until 16th October 2026. Come and discover the remarkable stories of Eucharistic miracles from around the world, brought together through the inspiring work of St. Carlo Acutis. Admission is free - all are welcome.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

**Eugene Hillick
James Kelly**

May they rest in peace

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate

Colleen McDevitt & Allan Watt
who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral
May God bless you abundantly in love, joy and happiness

Collection

Priests Collection: £5,197

Parish Development: £1,076

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

SVdP: £60

Flowers for the Altar: £40

Water Aid: £500

Hungry Children: £10, £20, £10

Smile Train: £40, £100, £10

Mary's Meals: £20, £10, £20

Sight Savers: £20, £40

Matt Talbot Prayer Society: £20, £5

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Raymond Cassidy
Rose McCaul
Kathleen Bradley
Jim Bradley
Maureen Keys
Robbie Herron
Annie Phelan
John Kelly**

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God's family:

**Lyra Rae Patterson
Dáire Daniel Coyle**

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Readers for 17th /18th October

6.15pm Mary Morrison

7.30pm Stephen Orr/Karl Orr

9.30am Kate Doherty

11.00am St Anne's PS

12.30pm Marie Canning

7.00pm Anna Begley

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Would you like to become an Altar Server in St Eugene's Cathedral? We are recruiting for anyone who is in Primary 5 and upwards, to come and serve at our weekend Masses. If you are interested in becoming an altar server, please email Lauren at lauren.doherty@derrydiocese.org or phone the parish office on 02871 262894 for more information.'

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Book of Memories of Father Paddy O'Kane. A new book is being planned about well-known Derry priest Father Paddy O'Kane, who died in 2022. Due for publication next year, it will include memories and stories from those who knew him, alongside selections from his *Derry News* column. If you have a memory or story to share, author Ciaran O'Neill would be delighted to hear from you. Email: caoneill1971@gmail.com Phone: 07875 904354

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Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

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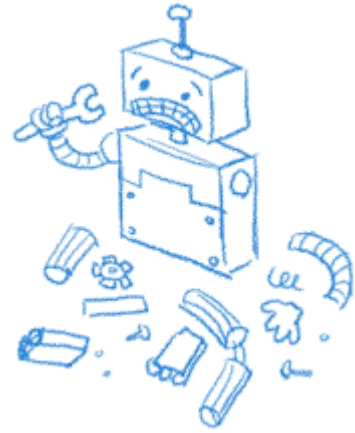
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THE CHURCH OF

*Our Lady of Lourdes**Serving the Parishes of Steelstown & Culmore**Sunday 11th October 2026**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)***MASS TIMES****SUNDAYS**

Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 09.00am;
 11.00am;
 12.15pm

WEEKDAYS

Monday – Friday: 7.45am
Monday: 7.00pm
Tuesday – Saturday: 10.00am

CONFESSIONS**WEEKEND**

Saturday: After 10am Mass;
 5.45pm – 6.25pm
Sunday: 10.30am – 10.50am

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 6.30pm – 6.55pm
Tuesday: 8.10am – 8.30am
Thursday: 9.30am – 09.50am

DEVOTIONS**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursday: 08.00 – 09.55am
 10.30am – 12 noon

ROSARY

Before 10am Mass

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

After 10am Mass

During his recent visit to the Grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes, Pope Leo XIV made the following appeal. Dear brothers and sisters: I would like to make an appeal that is particularly close to my heart, here in this place. It was here that the Immaculate Virgin appeared to Saint Bernadette with the rosary and, as it were, guided her in prayer. For this reason, today I invite all the faithful and all Christian communities to pray the holy rosary throughout the coming month of October, with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict. Let us accompany this prayer with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering dialogue and reconciliation. May our most holy Mother intercede for us!"

As we gather here in this church, dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes, let us take up the Pope's invitation and commit to praying the Holy Rosary each day for peace in our hearts and in our homes, in our country and in our world!

The rosary is recited here on Mondays at 6.30pm and on Tuesdays-Saturdays at 9.30am.

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us!

PARISH OFFICE

Wednesday – Friday: 9am – 3pm

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PRIEST

Rev. Declan McGeehan P.P./Adm.
declan.mcgeehan@derrydiocese.org

Urgent sick calls: 073 5238 7817

SYMPATHY—We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of: John Duffy, 16 Larkhill and Mark Doherty, 77 Drumleck Dr.

ANNIVERSARIES—Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Harry McIvor; Patrick Collins; Margaret Collins; Eugene Grant; Tina Keyes; Chris Allen; John Doherty; Robbie Herron; Annie Doherty; Barney Meenan; Lynn Meenan; Michael Meenan; Mary Sammon; Tommy Sammon and Sarah Patton.

MISSION SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER—Next Sunday is Mission Sunday, a day when we are given the opportunity to express unity and solidarity with Christian communities all over the world. Contributions will be used to build simple mission churches, to educate seminarians as well as female religious novices, to assist in the formation of catechists and lay leaders, for building health facilities for children and adults as well as for providing emergency aid in times of war or natural disaster or to assist missionaries in their efforts to care for refugees. There is an envelope in your box for the Mission Sunday Collection.

PARISH CELLS – Next weekend, after all Masses, you are invited to the Conference Room to learn more about the ‘Parish Cell System of Evangelisation’. Parish Cells are small groups of 4 to 12 people who meet in their home every two weeks to deepen their faith and friendship, to encourage one another in living their Christian faith each day, and to explore simple ways of sharing the Gospel with others. For more information, visit: parishcellsireland.ie.

BIBLE ALIVE RENEWAL REMINDER—The Parish order of Bible Alive is due for renewal in November. Bible Alive is a monthly booklet which provides commentary and reflection for the readings used at Mass each day plus articles relating to scripture, prayer and life. If you wish to order Bible Alive for the next year, please contact the Sacristan. Cost is £30 per year or £3 per month. If paying by cheque, please make payable to: ‘Our Lady of Lourdes Church’.

DONATIONS—Fr McGeehan acknowledges a donation of £40 for those in need and also donations for the Holy Family Parish in Gaza.

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POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER – For mental health ministry Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Fr Micheál McGavigan PP – Fr Roni Zacharias CC – Fr Stephen Ward CC

Sunday 11th October 2026 – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a wedding feast. The king has everything prepared and sends out invitations, yet many people refuse to come. Some are simply too busy, while others reject the invitation altogether. In the end, the king opens his doors to everyone he can find, and the banquet hall is filled. The Gospel invites us to reflect on the contrast between God's vision and the world we often experience. So much of modern life is marked by division, conflict and people retreating behind barriers of fear, anger and suspicion. Yet God's dream for humanity is not a barricade but a banquet: a place where people gather, where differences are overcome, and where everyone is welcomed. Each day we make a choice. We can add to the barriers that divide people or help build the table where people can meet, listen, forgive and belong. God's invitation remains open. The feast is ready. Will we accept it?

WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY

Devin Rian Harrison; Isla Kate McLaughlin; Rose Diver; Noah Hamill.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

We offer our sympathies to the family and friends of: Shaun Gallagher, Capall Court; Ann Gale, Ederowen Park; Frances Davern (nee Green), Moville

ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel McGill; Robbie Herron; Pat O'Neill; Paula McCrystal; Lily Martin; Mary Campbell; Niamh McCafferty; Sadie Smith; James McLaughlin; Bridget Logue; Eileen McClintock; Patsy Bradley; Bessie McCartney; Liam Deery; Maura Rogan; Monica Wilson; Roy Turton; Ena Deeney; Pearse Lynch.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

1st: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6. Psalm: 95:1, 3-5, 7-10, R/v7.

2nd: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5. Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21.

VISITATION OF THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Fr Stephen will be visiting the sick and housebound in his care on Monday 19th and Friday 23rd October.

WELCOME TO DAVID STOTT

A Seminarian for the Diocese of Derry who has been assigned to our Parish on Pastoral Placement for the next year. David will reside in Carnhill and minister throughout the Parish. Please be sure to say hello and give him a welcome.

THREE PATRONS MONTHLY CASH PRIZE DRAW

November: 5 x £100; 1 x £500; Top Prize £1,000. December: 5 x £100; 1 x £500; JUMBO PRIZE £2,000. Tickets cost £20. Monthly promoter prize of £50 for each winning ticket. Tickets are available from Church sacristies and Parish Offices. Card payments available at the Pennyburn Parish Office. Draws take place Friday, 20th November & Friday 18th December.

LECTIO DIVINA ON SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Take some time to pray, reflect and share as we explore the Gospel for the coming Sunday. Every Monday after the 10am Mass in the Emmaus Room, Pennyburn.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Every Sunday in our three Churches: 9.45am Mass in St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn; 10.30am Mass in St Brigid's Church, Carnhill and 11am Mass in St Joseph's Church, Galliagh. Children in P1-4 are invited to attend, where they will take part in an activity themed on Sunday's Gospel.

PARISH COFFEE MORNING

Three Patrons Parish will host a Coffee Morning in aid of the Foyle Hospice on Thursday 22nd October in the Emmaus Room after the 10am Mass. We ask that anyone who would be willing to supply some home bakes, please contact the parish office before Friday 16th October. Thank you.

FAMILY PRAYER BOOK

This Sunday begins psalter week 4.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St Patrick's Church: £1,488 - St Brigid's Church: £2,403 - St Joseph's Church: £1,236

2nd Collection (Maintenance & Pastoral Outreach): £1,300.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

BANK DETAILS FOR ONLINE DONATIONS: A/C Name: The Parish of the Three Patrons

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THE CARE FOR CREATION GROUP

'The environmental challenge we are undergoing affects us all. Therefore, everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation.' (South African Bishops' Conference)

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RISE & SHINE

Brings 400 children and young people with additional needs on a week-long pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes each Easter. This trip is free for our guests and volunteers pay for their own trip. Every single group includes a group leader, a nurse, and carers. We are accompanied by a team of volunteer doctors who provide additional medical support. If you know of anyone who may be interested in being a guest, applications close on the 15th of October.

- Representative speaking at all masses this weekend -

A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER

Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend, St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo. Friday 9th to Sunday 11th April 2027. This residential Weekend starts at 7.30pm - 4.30pm on Sunday and is open to all married couples. To book visit: www.marriageencounter.ie

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PARISH GROUPS & MEETINGS

Monday	After 10am Mass	Lectio Divina	Emmaus Room, Pennyburn
	After 11am Mass	Holy Souls Prayer Group	Our Lady's Chapel, Galliagh
	1pm – 2.30pm	Legion of Mary	Meeting Room, St Joseph's Church, Galliagh
	7pm – 8.30pm	Carnhill Folk Group	St Brigid's Church, Carnhill
	7pm - 9pm	Woman's Craft Group	Kildare Room, Carnhill
Tuesday	After 11am Mass	Devotion to the Holy Face	Our Lady's Chapel, Galliagh
	11.30am - 2.30pm	St. Pio's Café	St Pio Centre, Galliagh
	12pm – 1pm	Reflection on Sunday Scriptures	St Pio Centre, Galliagh
	5.00pm – 5.30pm	St Brigid's Junior Choir	St Brigid's Church, Carnhill
	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Living Disciples Prayer Group	St Pio Centre, Galliagh
Thursday	11.30am - 2.30pm	St. Pio's Café	St. Pio Centre, Galliagh
	4.45pm – 5.30pm	St Brigid's Youth Choir	St Brigid's Church, Carnhill
	6pm – 7pm	Divine Will Prayer Group	Kildare Room, Carnhill
	7pm – 8pm	Holy Hour for the Unborn	Our Lady's Chapel
	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Youth Prayer Group	St. Pio Centre, Galliagh
	8.15pm – 10pm	Be Still – Men's Prayer Group	Our Lady's Chapel
	11.30am-12.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayer Group	Our Lady's Chapel, Galliagh
Friday	11.30am-12.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayer Group	Our Lady's Chapel, Galliagh
Saturday	12noon – 1pm	The God Club	Kildare Room, Carnhill

PARISH SCHEDULE

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PENNYBURN

Sunday Mass:	Vigil 6.15pm; 9.45am
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday: 10am; Wednesday: 7pm
Confessions:	Wednesday: 6.15pm – 6.45pm; Saturday: 5.15pm – 6pm
Eucharistic Adoration:	Wednesday: 10.30am – 4pm in the Emmaus Room
Baptisms:	Saturday: 4.30pm; Sunday: 1.30pm

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, CARNHILL

Sunday Mass:	Vigil 5pm; 10.30am & 12.30pm
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday: 9.30am; Thursday: 7pm; Saturday: 11am
Confessions:	Thursday: 6.15pm – 6.45pm; Saturday after 11.00am Mass and 4pm - 4.45pm
Eucharistic Adoration:	Daily: 8.00am – 8.00pm in St Carlo Acutis Chapel
Baptisms:	Saturday: 3.30pm

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GALLIAGH

Sunday Mass:	11.00am; 12.30pm (<i>An tAifreann Naofa</i>); 6.30pm
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday: 11am; Tuesday: 7pm
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Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday 11th October 2026

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be clothed in

Jesus' favourite way of teaching was by telling stories or parables. In today's gospel, he tells a story about a banquet prepared by a King for his son's wedding. When everything is ready for the feast, the king sends his servants, not once but twice, to call the invited guests to come. When these refuse to come, for one reason or another, he finally asks his servants to go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone they can find, good and bad alike, to come to the wedding. These come, and the **'wedding hall is filled'** (Mt 22:10).

Like most of the parables of Jesus, this is a story about the Kingdom of God. All are called to be part of the kingdom, but not everyone appreciates the invitation, or responds to it appropriately. Sadly, despite repeated invitations, they refuse to come. Instead, they seize the servants, mistreat and kill them. This refers to the hostile reception given to the prophets.

All are invited, good and bad alike, until the wedding hall is filled.

What Jesus is saying is that everyone is invited to the Kingdom of God. All kinds of people are called to be part of God's new world. It does not belong to an elite group of specially chosen ones. It encompasses saints and sinners.

The only requirement is a 'wedding garment' (Mt 22:11-12). But what is this wedding garment? St Paul gives us the answer: **"You should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience.... Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love."** (Colossians 3: 12-15)

World Mission Sunday - 18th October 2026

Next weekend the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday, the weekend which the Pope annually invites all Catholics throughout the world to support the Churches missionary life.

The second collection next weekend is the Annual Mission collection

Baptisms – We welcome into God's family: **Zoe Catherine Barr**, Oak Country Park.

Anniversaries – For those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Robert McMenamin, Aidan Quigley, Rose & Willie McLaughlin, Grace Shiels, Samuel Fraser, Sarah Duddy, William Strawbridge, Robbie Herron, Maeve Kerr, Paula McElwee, Shiela Quigg.

Offertory Collections: Glendermott: £4,425.00 Strathfoyle: £525.00

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Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Many of us want to read the Bible but can find it difficult to understand. The Parish will be running 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible', an eight-part course that will help us to understand the main story of the Bible and how all the different parts fit together. It gives the 'big picture' and helps us see what the Bible is really about. We will meet on Monday evenings starting on 2nd November at 8pm (after 7.30pm Mass) in the Parish Hall, St Columb's Church. Sessions will begin with prayer, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion. By the end, you'll feel more confident reading the Bible and have a better understanding of how you fit into God's plan. To register for the course, please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office (028 71 342303 or email secretary@watersideparish.net).

Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena - The Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots began after the 7.30pm Mass on Thursday, 1st October in St Eugene's Cathedral. It will continue for the following eight Thursdays, concluding on 26th November. Do you have "knots" in your life? All are welcome to join in prayer and reflection during this special time of grace.

Trench Road Folk Group have returned for practises on Wednesday evenings in Malvern Terrace Parish Hall at 7pm. New and returning singers are welcome. Ages P7 up to and including adults.'

"He who sings, prays twice." (St Augustine) – St Columb's Church resumed in September. 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

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Derry Diocesan Young Adult Community: Derry Youth Ministry invites everyone aged 18–35 to join their new community every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm, starting 20 October, at Claudy Pastoral Centre. Each week features a varied programme including invited speakers, scripture, prayer, food, and fellowship, alongside organised social events. Everyone is welcome to come along! For more details, please contact yvonne.rooney@derrydiocese.org.

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)

Rise & Shine Group – DERRY GROUP 110 (formerly The Irish Pilgrimage Trust) – Do you know a young person who would benefit from a week of friendship, fun, faith and unforgettable memories in Lourdes? Rise & Shine brings children (11+) and young adults with additional needs on a week-long pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes each Easter. The trip is free for our guests as our volunteers fundraise for it. For more information, and to apply, please see www.riseandshine.ie. Applications for the 2027 Easter Pilgrimage are currently open and close on 15th October 2026.

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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
Church of Immaculate Conception	9.15am
St Oliver Plunkett's Church	11.00am Mon. Tues. Thurs.
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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