SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2026

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

N O V E M B E R - M O N T H O F T H E H O L Y S O U L S

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF THE WEST TYRONE PASTORAL AREA:

Aghyaran • Ardstraw West & Castlederg • Drumquin

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SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

DAY	AGHYARAN	ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG	DRUMQUIN
Monday 9 Nov		Mass, Castlederg: 7.30pm.	Mass, 10.00am Rosary, at Grotto: 8.00pm
Tuesday 10 Nov	Mass, 10.00am		Rosary, 10.00am
Wednesday 11 Nov	Liturgy of Word with Holy Communion: 10.00am	Castlederg: Liturgy of the Word, with Holy Communion: 10.00am	Mass, 10.00am
Thursday 12 Nov	Mass, 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon		
Friday 13 Nov	Mass, 7.30pm	Mass, Castlederg: 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon	
Saturday 14 Nov	Vigil Mass, 7.30pm	Vigil Mass, Castlederg, 6.15pm	Vigil Mass: 5.00pm
Sunday 15 Nov	Mass, 11.00am	Mass: Dregish, 9.30am Drumnabey,12.30pm *Mass in Castlederg on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday*	Mass, 11.00am

ARDSTRAW WEST AND CASTLEDERG Parish Draw: Returns for November's draw should be made to the Parochial House on Thursday 19 November between 6.00 and 7.30pm. The next draw will take place on Sunday 29 November.

PASTORAL VISITATION OF THE HOUSEBOUND will take place this week as follows: **Wednesday 11 November** - Drumquin Town Area - Dooish Road, McCrea Park, Castlederg Road, Main Street, Creighmore Road and Loughrey Terrace, commencing at 11.00am - Fr Thomas. **Friday 13 November** - Castlederg Rural Area and Oakleigh Grove, Main Street and Derg Fold, commencing at 11.00am - Fr Thomas.

AN EVENING OF APPRECIATION FOR FR PAUL: Friday 20 November, in St Patrick's Hall, Castlederg, at 7.30pm. Everyone is warmly invited to attend this special occasion as we come together to show our gratitude and appreciation for Fr Paul. To help mark the occasion, donation envelopes are being distributed in all our churches this weekend. We kindly ask that all envelopes be returned for collection at our Masses next weekend, 14/15 November. Thank you very much for your generosity and support. We look forward to welcoming everyone.

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We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Maureen Logue, Young Crescent, whose Funeral Mass took place in Castlederg on Monday, and Danny McHugh, formerly Corgary Road, whose Funeral Mass took place in Aghyaran on Saturday. We offer our sympathy and our prayerful support to their families and to all who mourn their deaths. May they rest in peace.

Our prayers are asked for the happy repose of the souls of the recently deceased who have been enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society:

AGHYARAN: Danny Gallen, Ballymongan Road; Danny O'Donnell, Meenamullan Road.

ARDSTRAW WEST / C'DERG: Brendan Lennon, Crewe; Michael Harper, Castlefin Rd; Evelyn Baxter, Castlefin Park.

DRUMQUIN: Gerry O'Kane, Dooish Road; Frankie Breen, Dernalear Road.

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

AGHYARAN: £846 & €56; Church Restoration Fund: £704 & £28. **DRUMQUIN:** £1,087.

ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG: £1,913 & €25, made up of:
Castlederg £975 & €23, **Drumnabey** £339 & €2, **Dregish** £599.

Thank you to all who contribute by Standing Order.

PARISH BAZAAR DATES for your diary:

Dregish: Sunday 29 November, 7.00 – 9.00pm: Collectors will call at houses. Prizes/donations can also be brought to the hall after Mass on 8, 15 and 22 November.

Drumquin: Saturday 5 December.

Aghyaran: Sunday 6 December, commencing at 8.00pm

Castlederg: Tuesday 8 December: envelopes will be dropped into homes this coming week.

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2027, led by Bishop Michael Router. Please note: there are two options available, as follows:
Option 1: 8 - 13 July, 5 nights, £980, from City of Derry Airport, with priority given to Assisted Pilgrims and family members, Care Team, Youth, Youth Leaders and Priests.
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Single Supplement and Travel Insurance will be extra.
Expressions of Interest can be emailed to derrypilgrim@outlook.com. Bookings will begin in mid-January, with more details later. Pilgrimage Gift Vouchers of any value are available from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry, for anyone wishing to purchase them; you may be interested in purchasing one as a Christmas Gift for someone intending to participate in the pilgrimage. Please contact 028 7136 2475 for further information.

LEGION OF MARY meeting will take place in the Parochial House, Drumquin, this Thursday, 12 November, at 7.30pm.

BOOK LAUNCH: St Eugene's Hall, Dregish, on Fri 13 November, at 7.30pm; refreshments served. The Dregish History Group has produced two books: ***'Gathering Hidden Gems on the History of Dregish and the People Together,'*** a selection of interesting local history articles by members of the History Group**.** The second is a history of the ***Clergy of Ardstraw West*** by Brian Devenney, edited by Fr McCawille. Thanks to NLH Fund and Rapid for their support.

OMAGH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Day of Prayer, Praise and Healing, celebrating 50 years: next Sunday, 15 November in the Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh: Registration 9.30am, concluding in the afternoon with Mass. Theme: *People of God's Delight* (Ps 194.4). Speaker: Fr John Keane. Cost £40, including coffee and lunch. Book immediately, please, for catering purposes: Evelyn 07876 411435 or Kathleen 07596 609041.

TROCAIRE – WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help deliver school talks during our annual Lent Appeal during **February and March 2027.** We are particularly interested in hearing from people with public speaking experience, especially retired teachers or those who have worked with young people. Volunteers will visit local schools during school hours to share stories of hope, justice and solidarity from communities around the world. The role involves approximately **1-2 short talks per week** during the four-month campaign period. Full training, presentation materials and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Fionnuala McGuinness on 028 9080 8033 or fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week of December if you are interested!

SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE: LISIEUX, RUE DU BAC, NEVERS, PARIS, ROCAMADOUR and LOURDES
11 – 18 June 2027: 7 Nights, flying from Dublin to Paris/Lourdes to Dublin. Includes visits to the home of the Miraculous Medal, and see the incorrupt bodies of St Catherine Laboure and St Bernadette. In Paris, visit Sacre-Coeur. Cost £1,200 pp sharing. £250.00 deposit. Comprehensive Travel insurance is an extra £35.00. Single room supplement £345. Spiritual Director: Fr Joe McGuigan. Tel: Jean Reynolds 07729 402311 / email: jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk

MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT: St Joseph's Church, Ederney, Wed 9 Dec. Tickets in local shops or on Eventbrite.

SAFEFOOD'S FOOD ENVIRONMENT EXHIBITION will be in Omagh Library from 10 -17 November. You are invited to come and see people's vision for a healthier food environment.

ARDMORE PARISH

PARISH NEWSLETTER | SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2026

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reflection | Matthew 25:1–13

In today's gospel, Jesus tells the parable of ten virgins who were waiting for the bridegroom. Five were wise because they brought extra oil for their lamps, while the other five were foolish because they failed to prepare. When the bridegroom finally arrived, those who were ready entered the wedding celebration, while the others were left behind.

Through this parable, Jesus reminds us of the importance of being spiritually prepared because we do not know when He will return. The lamp is a symbol of our lives, our faith, and our relationship with God. Just as a lamp needs oil to continue burning, our spiritual lives need to be constantly nourished through prayer, love, acts of kindness, and unwavering trust in the Lord.

We are called to remain vigilant and faithful, keeping our hearts close to God so that our faith never grows weak or runs dry. By living according to His will each day, we stay prepared for the return of Jesus. Rather than fearing His coming, we should look forward to it with joyful anticipation, confidence, and hope, knowing that a life rooted in faith and obedience allows us to welcome Him with hearts full of peace and devotion.

Loving God, thank You for always being with me. Help me keep the lamp of my faith burning brightly each day. May I always be ready to welcome You with joy, hope, and a faithful heart.

Prayer for All the Deceased

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust. Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family to sing Your praise forever and ever. May the Divine Assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Sunday Readings | 15 November

First Reading	Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31
Psalm	128:1–2, 3, 4–5
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 5:1–6
Gospel	Matthew 25:14–30

Saints of the Coming Week

Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome • Tuesday: St Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church • Wednesday: St Martin of Tours, bishop • Thursday: St Josaphat, bishop and martyr • Saturday: St Laurence O'Toole, bishop

Diocesan News & Pilgrimages

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027

Led by Bishop Michael Router. Option 1: 8th–13th July, 5 nights, £980, departing City of Derry Airport. Priority will be given to assisted pilgrims and family members, care team, youth, youth leaders and priests. Option 2: 7th–14th July, 7 nights, £1,095, departing Belfast International Airport. Single supplement and travel insurance extra.

Expressions of interest: derrypilgrim@outlook.com. Bookings begin in January; more details to follow. Pilgrimage gift vouchers of any value are available from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop St, Derry, particularly as Christmas gifts. Telephone 028 71362475.

Columban Young Adults

A relatively new group for those aged 18–35 in the diocese who seek a community of like-minded young adults with Christ at the centre of their lives. November event: Holy Hour and meditation on Thursday 19th November at 7.00 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes

Church, Steelstown, Derry, delivered by recently retired Bishop Donal McKeown. Followed by Solemn Benediction and refreshments. New members welcome—bring a friend! Contact columbanyoungadults@gmail.com or follow on social media.

Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians

One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. Aid to the Church in Need is organising a Week of Witness from 15th–22nd November, with a special appeal to pray for the suffering Church on Red Wednesday, 18th November. Information: www.acnireland.org.

Vocations & Prayer

Pray for Vocations

During November, let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and parishes, as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come.

Considering a Vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood?

Meeting in Derry today (Sunday 8th November), beginning at 4.00 pm. For details contact Diocesan Vocations Director Fr Pat O'Hagan: pgoh2111@gmail.com or (028) 79386259.

Next Diocesan Vocations Holy Hour

Tuesday 1st December, 8.00–9.00 pm, following 7.30 pm Mass at St Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Waterside, Derry. Everyone welcome.

Community Events

Dublin Gospel Choir — Sacred Heart Church, Omagh

Sunday 29th November at 6.30 pm. A magical evening of music, from traditional hymns with a modern flair to soulful gospel classics and festive favourites, featuring local primary schools. Tickets £20 from Top News, the parish office or www.eventbrite.co.uk. Proudly hosted by Droim Ratha Na Sairsealaigh with Sacred Heart Church and its Reviving Omagh's Sacred Stories Heritage Project.

Marie Curie, Strabane — Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 10th December at 7.30 pm, Christ Church, Bowling Green, Strabane. All welcome; no tickets required, donations welcome. Featuring Strabane Brass Band, Class Act singers and special guest soloist Ruth Corey. Local clergy will present scripture readings telling the Christmas story, and Fr Declan Boland will offer a personal reflection. Your presence will add to an enjoyable evening for all.

Courses, Support & Opportunities

ACCORD Marriage Preparation

Marriage preparation courses available. Visit www.accordni.com.

Job Opportunity — St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry

Experienced Choir Director required (10 hours per week) to lead and manage the cathedral choir, ensuring music enhances worship and reflects liturgical themes. For job description/application pack contact (028) 71262302 or recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, BT48 9AP, or recruitment@derrydiocese.org by noon Thursday 12th November 2026.

Anam Cara — Supporting Parents After Bereavement

Monthly in-person support evening: Thursday 12th November at 7.30 pm, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny, F92 FK15. No registration required. Online information event: Thursday 19th November at 7.00 pm, exploring where creativity intersects with grief, with author and psychotherapist Sasha Bates. Open to all bereaved parents, regardless of their child's age, circumstances of death or time since bereavement. Contact info@anamcara.ie or 00353 85 288 8888.

Carmelite Open Day

A day of prayer, reflection and sharing with Carmelite friars and nuns for men and women aged 18–40. Saturday 21st November, 10.30 am–4.30 pm, Avila Retreat Centre, Donnybrook, Dublin. Register by 15th November: opendayavila@gmail.com.

Abide Women's Conference

20th–22nd November, Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran. Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braun, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan and Nashville Dominicans. Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, Diocese of Cork & Ross. Visit "Abide in His Love" on Eventbrite.ie. Registration: abideinhislove.eventbrite.com.

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." — 2 Maccabees 12:46

BALLINASCREEN & DESERTMARTIN PARISHES 8_NOVEMBER_2026

No. 54 ~ THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH OFFICES

Ballinascreen:

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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

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.



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: **4.30 pm - NB New Time**

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 ~ 9 November

10.00 am ~ Holy Rosary Church

7.30 pm ~ Holy Rosary - Mass in honour of Padre Pio.

Tuesday ~ 10 November

10.00 am ~ St Mary's, Coolcalm.

Wednesday ~ 11 November

10.00 am ~ Holy Rosary Church.

Thursday ~ 12 November

10.00 am ~ St Mary's, Coolcalm.

Friday ~ 13 November

10.00 am ~ St Mary's, Coolcalm.

7.30 pm ~ Holy Rosary Church.

CONFESSIONS

Ballinascreen: Holy Rosary at 5.30 pm - before Vigil Mass on Saturday.

Desertmartin: St. Patrick's, Keenaught at 4.00 pm - before Vigil Mass on Saturday.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

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DERRY DIOCESAN SOCIETY

If you wish to enrol someone in the society, please contact the parish office. The fee for a living or deceased member is £20. Prayers for the happy repose of the souls of the recently deceased members and all deceased members of the Derry Diocesan Society will take place at the Masses on the weekends of 7/8 November and 14/15 November.

MASS IN HONOUR OF PADRE PIO

The monthly mass in honour of St. Pio of Pietrelcina will be celebrated on Monday 9 November at 7.30 pm in Holy Rosary Church. Novena prayers and rosary at 7.00 pm. Adoration from 12 noon until 7.30 pm.

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

- Tuesday 17 November at 7.30 pm in Holy Rosary Church.
- Wednesday 18 November at 7.30 pm in St Patrick's Keenaught.

The names of all who died or were buried in our parish since last year's Parish Mass of Remembrance will be read out at this Mass. After all the names have been read out, a member of each of these bereaved families, will be invited to carry a lit candle to the altar. Each family should ensure that an adult has been selected to represent them. Candles will be provided at the back of the church during this Mass.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME

The Anniversary Mass on **Friday 20 November in Holy Rosary Church, will be held at the earlier time of 7.00 pm**, this schedule adjustment has been made to accommodate the town's Christmas lights switch-on event occurring the same evening.

MONTH'S MIND MASS

The Month's Mind Mass for Jacinta McEldowney, will take place on Saturday 14 November in St Patrick's Church, Keenaught at 4.30 pm.
The Month's Mind Mass for Terrence Hegarty, Ranaghan Road, will take place on Friday 20 November at 7.00 pm in Holy Rosary Church.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

The First Anniversary Mass for Brigid O'Neill, née Burke, Magherafelt will be held on Friday 20 November at 7.00 pm in Holy Rosary Church.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ballinascreen:

Annie Kelly, Mallon Villas;
Victor Lynn, Cordarragh;
Josephine Trainor, Moneyneena Rd.;
Marie Mullen, Glenshane Park;
Margaret McBride, Campbelltown Terrace.

Desertmartin:

Rose O'Hagan;
Selina O'Hagan;
Jimmy Lyttle;
Jim McIvor;
Gerry Murray;
Nellie Trainor;
Anne McGuigan;
Rosie Donnelly.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Jude Thomas Glasgow, Cahore Terrace;
Nora Sarah Conlon & Conall Patrick Conlon, Brackaghislea Road.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH BISHOP MICHAEL ROUTER

Led by Bishop Michael Router. There are two options available as follows:

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FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

Fully escorted group to Fatima accompanied by Spiritual Director, 28 June – 5 July 2027. Direct Daytime Flights Belfast to Porto return. Staying in 4* Hotel. Full Board. Services of JWT Pilgrimage Guide. Daily Mass & Spiritual Activities. Cost £975pps. Early Booking Offer: £100 OFF if Paid In Full by 30 November 2026. Further details contact Christina Lagan 07803192621

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PARISH COLLECTIONS

Ballinascreen:

Weekly Collection - £3547.80

Renovation Collection - £2468.50

Mission Collection - £81.50 (Total: £1592.65)

Desertmartin:

Weekly Collection - £1183.20

Renovation Collection - £686.20

Mission Collection - £145

Thank you for your generous support which is greatly appreciated.

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

CHOIR DIRECTOR: ST EUGENE'S CATHEDRAL, DERRY

10 hours per week: St Eugene's Cathedral is recruiting for an experienced choir director to lead and manage all aspects of the cathedral choir. They will ensure that the music enhances worship services and aligns with the church's liturgical themes. For a job description and application pack - Tel.: (028) 7126 2302 or Email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Submit completed applications to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, or Email to: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Applications to be received by noon on Thursday 12 November 2026.

DERRY DIOCESE VOCATIONS

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WARM WELCOME WEDNESDAY

In Workspace Community Hub, Wednesday 11 November from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. We will be joined by Inspire Wellbeing at 11.45 am for a mental health and wellbeing session. Inspire Wellbeing is an all-island charity focused on mental health, intellectual disabilities and addiction support. This session provides participants with an opportunity to consider what we really mean by 'mental health' and how we can look after our mental health and strengthen our overall wellbeing. Booking not required, just drop in on the day. Free tea, coffee and refreshments also served.

HAEMOCHROMATOSIS COFFEE EVENING

Free event, for anyone who suffers with haemochromatosis, waiting on diagnoses or family & friends, to learn more & support one another. Neil from haemochromatosis UK will be in attendance, to answer questions & offer advice & guidance. Venue: The Community Hub (next to library), Draperstown on Wednesday 11 November from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm. All welcome.

ABIDE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2026

20 - 22 November. Join hundreds of women at the **Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran,** Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin. A weekend of **faith, celebration, healing and joy! Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.**

FREE STRESS CONTROL CLASSES

The classes are **FREE** and the next round will commence on **Monday 9 November at 9.00 am**, with session two on the following Monday at 9.00 am (**16 November**). Access the online classes at https://ni.stresscontrol.org/.

RANGANNA GAEILGE / IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Join a growing community to learn Irish in a fun, welcoming environment! A New Christmas Themed 6-week course is starting on Monday 9 November in St Mary's Hall, Desertmartin, wrapping up with a festive *Céili Na Nollaig* (Christmas Céili) in the pub during Christmas week.

Bunrang (Beginners): 6:45pm – 8.00 pm.

Meanrang (Improvers): 8.00 pm – 9:30 pm

Spaces are limited. To book a place - Email: **knocknaginhc@gmail.com**, or Tel.: Edward **07835161927** / Gerard **02879631744**.

KNOCKNAGIN HALL

Craft Fair: Today, Sunday 8 November from 10:30 am to 3.00 pm. Santa will visit from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm! Bring the children along to meet Santa and get into the Christmas spirit! Over 25 stalls from all over Mid-Ulster packed with handmade goodies, festive decorations and so much more — there's something for everyone!

Social Tea Dance: Friday 13 November at 9.00 pm. Music by Kenny Paul. Adm £7 - includes refreshments. Everyone welcome

Céilí & Salsa Dancing Lessons have now finished.

SARSFIELD'S ACCORDION BAND.

Band practice on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. New and past members are welcome to come along.

SIXTOWNS CROSS COMMUNITY GROUP

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

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

Social Dance Classes every Tuesday night at 8.30 pm. All Welcome.

GAELSCOIL & NAÍSCOIL NA SPEIRÍNÍ - OPEN AFTERNOON

Sunday 15 November from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm. Parents and children who are ready for Primary 1 and Nursery in September 2027 are very welcome to visit the school and meet with staff and pupils. Fun Activities for all. Santa Claus will be there to meet all the children too.

BINGO FOR BALI

Join us for an evening of fun bingo, laughter and great prizes as we raise funds for occupational therapy equipment for underprivileged children in Bali. Saturday 14 November in An Ráth Dubh, Moneyneany. Doors open at 7.00 pm, eyes down at 7:30 pm. Tickets £15, available at Centra, Draperstown; Heron's Chemist; or Spar, Tobermore. Or contact Katie at 07834276636 or Amy on 07517079916. All support greatly appreciated!

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:

29 November, Holy Rosary Church.
6 December, St. Patrick's, Sixtowns.
13 December, St. Columba's, Straw.
20 December, St Eugene's Moneyneena.
27 December, Holy Rosary Church.

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:

November 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

During this month of November let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come.

St Ergnat's GAC: Winter Wellbeing Event Sat 28th November 10am-1.30pm : Men's Health Check Bus, Cooking Demos, a chance to try out activities available in the community. **Booking for bus essential @ 07515 954734**

Ceili Class every Thursday night 7-9.30pm in the Open Door Complex. Everyone welcome.

"The Long Now" a staged reading by "Off the Cuff" on 13 Nov at 7.30pm In Seamus Heaney Homeplace. Admission £10.

St John Bosco Primary School Open Morning for children due to start primary school in September 2027 will be held on Tues 1 Dec from 9:30-10:30 am
We look forward to welcoming prospective parents to our school. Our new pupils will have their own special Induction Morning in June.

St Mary's PS, Greenlough – Open Day, Thursday 3 December, 3.30 – 5.30pm. Parents of prospective pupils are welcome to come along, explore the school, and meet the team. Email: www.stmaryspsgreenlough.com Tel: (028) 25821066.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027, under the leadership of Bishop Michael Router.
Option 1 – 7-14 July – 7 nights, £1,095, from Belfast International Airport.
Option 2 – 8-13 July – 5 nights, £980, from City of Derry Airport, with priority given to pilgrims requiring assistance, and to their family members, Care Team, and Youth, and Youth Leaders. There will be a Single Supplement. Travel Insurance will be an additional cost. Expressions of interest should be emailed to: derrypilgrim@outlook.com Bookings will begin in mid-January. **Pilgrimage Gift Vouchers,** (maybe a Christmas gift idea), of any value, are available to purchase from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop St, Derry**. Tel: (028) 71362475** for further information.

Greenlough Parish Office is closed until further notice, but is contactable by phone on (028) 25821190, or by email: greenloughparish@gmail.com
Website: www.greenloughparish.com
Bellaghy Parish Office: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am – 3pm;
Friday, 8-11am. Tel: (028) 79386259 or email: info@bellaghyparish.com
Website: www.bellaghyparish.com Please note: the office is closed on Tuesdays.

St Mary's, Bellaghy / St Joseph's, Ballyscullion
St Oliver Plunkett, Clady
8 November 2026 – 32nd Sunday of the Year

Eucharistic Adoration. As mentioned recently, we hope to renew or reawaken Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in our parishes. We will welcome guest speakers to our parishes, next weekend, 14/15 November.
Anyone interested in helping in any way is invited to a meeting in the Quiet Room of St Oliver Plunkett Church, Clady, at 6.45pm on Tues 10 November, and to a follow-up meeting in the St Carlo Acutis Adoration Chapel, Bellaghy, at 7pm, on Mon 16 Nov. Volunteers will be needed to assist with the distribution of forms at the weekend Masses of 14/15 Nov. **If you would like to help, please contact either parish office**.



During this month of November let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come. Let us continues to pray for those whom the Lord is calling to serve this diocese as priests, that as they discern their future, they will be open to the possibility of priesthood.

This week's diary:
Mon 9 – Bellaghy - Mass at 9.30am
Tues 10 – Greenlough, - Mass at 9.30am. Rosary at 7.30pm.
Wed 11 – Bellaghy - Mass at 9.30am
Thurs 12 – Greenlough – Adoration, 9am – 5pm
Friday 13 – Greenlough – Mass at 9.30am. **Service for the Dead, 7pm.**
Friday 13 – Bellaghy – Adoration, 10am – 8pm (Rosary at 7.30pm)
Sat, 5.30pm (Streamed from Greenlough) **Sun, 11am** (Streamed to Greenlough)
Sun 15 – Ballyscullion – Mass at 9.45am

Fr Pat hopes to visit the **Sick and Housebound as follows:** Monday – Bellaghy C (Ballynease area); Friday – Greenlough B (Mayogall Road, Ballymacpeake Road, Mullanamoyagh Road.

Baptism Dates – November & December 2026; January 2027
Bellaghy at 1pm – 5 December; 9 January
Greenlough at 4.15pm – 28 November; 19 December; 30 January.

Deaths: We pray for the families and friends of **Fr Philip, OCSO, Portglenone,** and **Danny Cassidy, Coleraine,** who died recently.

Anniversaries: **Sat/Sun 7/8:** 5.30pm (Anniversary Mass for James Toner, Barney and Rose McErlean), Bernie McIvor (Anniversary Mass at 11am), Eamon Ferris, Siobhan McErlean, Peter Kealey, Thomas Mullan, Jane Scullion, Dessie Diamond, Sinead McLarnon, Agnes McPeake, Elisha McCann, Paddy McCann, Jim McTeague, Mary Ann McLaughlin, Philomena Tohill, Jim McDonnell, Margaret Doherty, James McErlean, Mary Toner, John Lee, Rose Agnew, James O'Loughlin, Jim O'Loughlin, Des Diamond, Marion Devlin

Sat/Sun 14/15: Anthony Diamond (Month's Mind at 11am), Peggy Larkin (Month's Mind at 11am), Barney McCallion,

May they rest in peace.

ST. MALACHY'S G.A.C. – Lotto Nos 1 3 17 22 drawn Monday 2nd Nov . No winner. £25 each to Roger Lennox and Noel Cosgrove. Jackpot £700 next week.

St Ergnats lotto results for 3/11/26. 2,8,23,25. No winner. £30 each to Eileen Kerr and Sean Boyd. Jackpot now £1,450.

Bellaghy GAA Lotto No's 10,16, 21, 22. No jackpot winner. £25 each to Cathal McErlean & Tracey Downey. Next week's jackpot: £4700.

From St Columba to Sr Clare Crockett – Discover 1500 years of Faith and Culture at Long Tower Church, Derry. **Áras Cholmcille – St Columba's Museum, and Sr Clare Exhibition.** Also, take a **guided tour of the Church And Museum** (with lunch). **Tour, Lunch and Talk** (on Mondays and Tuesdays) at St Columba's Heritage Centre. For booking or further information, please email stcolumbatours@outlook.com

Called to Serve – A Day of Support and Inspiration for Parish Ministry will take place in Knock on Saturday 21 November, 10am – 3pm, for anyone already involved, or interested in getting involved, in any aspect of parish ministry – Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Music, Youth Ministry, Welcome/ Ushers, Flower arranging. For further information, please contact Nicola Mitchell at nicolamitchell@knockshrine.ie Please contact either parish office if you're interested in attending.

All three Churches in the Parishes of Bellaghy and Greenlough will have a Box or Book available in which you can put the names of those you wish to be remembered in our prayers during the month of the Holy Souls (November).



EVERYONE MATTERS SEN GROUP is having a fundraising **Bring & Buy** in The Open Door Complex, Bellaghy, next Sunday, 15 November, from 1.30 – 4.30pm. Bring along any unwanted items, including books, bric-a-brac, clothes, homeware, toys… Sellers' tables cost £15 each. Email the group at: everyonemattersbellaghy@gmail.com

TRÓCAIRE is looking for volunteers to help deliver talks in schools during their annual Lenten Appeal, during February and March next year. They are particularly interested in hearing from people with public speaking experience, retired teachers, or anyone who has worked with young people. Volunteers will work during school hours, sharing stories of justice, hope, and solidarity from communities around the world. Full training, presentation materials, and ongoing support will be provided. If interested, please contact Fionnuala McGuinness on (028) 90808033 or email: fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week in December.

Any outstanding payments of £26 for the **Messenger Magazine** should be returned to the sacristies of any of the churches, or to the Parish Office in Bellaghy, as soon as possible, please.

We welcome the **Rise & Shine Pilgrimage Trust** to our parishes this weekend, to deliver their annual appeal for financial aid towards next year's Pilgrimage to Lourdes with young people with additional needs. After this weekend donations can be left at any of the churches, Bellaghy Parish Office, or at the Pharmacy in Bellaghy

Please note: Anniversary Notices should be left at either parish office by noon on Wednesdays. From now on, any names received after this deadline will be held over to the following weekend.

Buncrana Parish Newsletter ST. MARY'S HALL & CINEMA

The collections for Graveyard Maintenance on All Saints and All Souls totalled €8,257.
Sincere thanks.

Anniversary Masses & Times

ST MARY'S ORATORY
Masses streamed on churchservices.tv/buncrana
Monday 9 Nov - Mass at 10am
Holy Souls
Tuesday 10 Nov - Mass at 10am
Special Intention
Wednesday 11 Nov - Mass at 10am
Thanksgiving Mass
Thursday 12 Nov- Mass at 10am
Veronica Cutliffe (1st A), plus
Deceased Members of DDS
Saturday 14 Nov - Mass at 4:30pm
Susan Devereaux (1st A),
Moya McColgan (1st A), plus
Michael McLaughlin
Sunday 15 Nov - Mass at 8:30am
Sunday 15 Nov - Mass at 12:30pm

ST. MARY'S, COCKHILL
Masses streamed on churchservices.tv/cockhill
Friday 13 Nov- Mass at 7pm
Eddie McLaughlin (5th A), plus
Annemarie Doherty (née Henderson) (3rd A)
Sunday 15 Nov - Mass at 11am
Dominic Coyle, plus
Michael Bradley (3rd A)

STAR OF THE SEA, DESERTEGNEY
Masses streamed on
www.youtube.com/@BuncranaParish
Sunday 15 Nov - Mass at 9:45am

BAPTISMS
We welcome into God's Family the following child who was recently baptised:
Lara Jane Devlin
May God guide and protect our children always.

DEATHS
Your prayers are asked for
Alec Fullerton (Nipper)
Lydia Carlin
Phyllis Hinde (née Doherty)
Chris Doherty (Mór)
Deirdre Hanna
who have died recently and for their families & friends saddened by their loss.

VOCATIONS MEETING
There will be a meeting for anyone considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, in Derry, on Sun 8 Nov, beginning at 4pm. For further info, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan pgoh2111@gmail.com or by calling (048) 79386259.

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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.

Priest on Call 074 9361253

Email: buncranaparish@gmail.com
Website: www.buncranaparish.com
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 November 2026

THROWING OPEN THE DOORS TO CHRIST NOVENA
Our Annual Novena continues this Sunday 8 November at 7pm in St Mary's Church, Cockhill. The ceremony will comprise of the Rosary, a talk given by an invited speaker, the Novena prayer and petitions (which can be placed in a box at the door of the church), a Eucharistic Healing Ceremony and finishing with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Once again, the theme of this year's Novena is "Throwing Open the Doors to Christ" – taken from the homily of Pope St John Paul II at the Opening Mass of his Pontificate on 22 October 1978. The guest speaker will be **Fr Stephen Baxter.** All are very welcome. Please come along, bring your families and make the most of this opportunity for prayer as we approach the season of Christ's birth.

"NOVEMBER REMEMBER" PASTORAL INITIATIVE
With the grim statistic of there having been 150 people killed on the country's roads so far this year (12 more than the same period last year) – 45 of these people aged under 25 and 30 aged over 65 (of the 29 pedestrians killed, 10 were over 65) – we need to redouble our efforts as road users to do what we can to make our roads safer, especially as we enter the darker and colder months.
To this end, while November is a time when we remember our dead, this year, in an attempt to acknowledge that the life and death of each of us has its influence on others, we would like as many people as possible to take on a pledge to use the roads with care in November. The details of that pledge are to be found on posters and our social media pages. There is also a prayer card available from the churches to be kept in your car and to be recited each day during the month. Signage has been placed on the roads entering our two parishes to remind us of this. Please do your best to participate in this and support it. ***Father Bradley***

READINGS FOR 32ND SUNDAY IN OT
First Reading: Wis 6:12-16. The Bk of Wisdom was written in Greek, c. 50 BC. Wisdom is 'the image of God's goodness'… it renews the world and, generation after generation, passing into holy souls, she makes them into God's friends .. Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim....By those who love her she is readily found...in every thought of theirs coming to meet them." Fantastic!
Second Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18. In this early letter St Paul still believed that he would live to see the return of Christ. Images such as the "trumpet of God" and "taken up in the clouds" were common among Jews at the time. What he teaches the Thessalonians is that it is certain that Christ will come again.
Gospel: Mt 25:1-13. Fr Joe Carolan (former PP) was famous for saying: 'We do not know the hour or the minute.' This parable teaches us that it is wise and prudent to keep ourselves always faithful to the gospel, firm in faith, always loving. 'Though I sleep my heart is awake.' (Song of Solomon: 5:2.)

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS
will take place on Fri 13 Nov at 6.15pm in St. Mary's Church, Cockhill, followed by Mass at 7pm.
All Welcome.

Fr Bradley 9363455
Fr Walsh 9361393
Fr Baker 9360151
Parish Office 9361253
Parish Catechist 086 785 3726

ADORATION CHAPEL
Please consider spending an hour in the Adoration Chapel
Sunday 2pm - 10pm
Monday - Wednesday 6am - 10pm
Friday 6am - 10pm

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2027
led by Bishop Michael Router: There are two options available as follows:
Option 1: 8 - 13 July, 5 nights, £980, from City of Derry Airport, with priority given to Assisted Pilgrims and family members, Care Team, Youth, Youth Leaders and Priests
Option 2: 7 - 14 July, 7 nights, £1,095, from Belfast International Airport.
Single Supplement and Travel Insurance will be extra.
Expressions of Interest can be emailed to derrypilgrim@outlook.com. Bookings will begin in mid-January, with more details later. Pilgrimage Gift Vouchers of any value are available from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry, for anyone wishing to purchase them, particularly as a Christmas Gift. Please contact 048 7136 2475 for further information.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DEAD
The Annual Parish Mass for the Dead will take place on
Friday 27 November at 8pm in St Mary's, Cockhill.
Families who have been bereaved from mid-October 2025–31 October 2026 will be contacted in the next few weeks, but there will be an opportunity on the night for any family to bring forward a candle for someone who has died. Candles will be on sale in the porch of the church on the night for €5. All Welcome.

JOB OPPORTUNITY
Choir Director:
St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, 10 hours per week: St Eugene's Cathedral is recruiting for an experienced choir director to lead and manage all aspects of the cathedral choir. They will ensure that the music enhances worship services and aligns with the church's liturgical themes. For a job description and application pack, tel (028) 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Submit completed applications to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, or email them to recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Applications must be received by noon on Thurs 12 Nov 2026.
Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

PARISH DRAW

Friday 30 October: Week 20
1st Prize: €500
Angela Harkin, Crana View
Promoter: Angela Harkin
2nd Prize: €300
Danny Henderson, c/o Promoter
Promoter: Marie Henderson
3rd Prize: €150
Eunan McLaughlin, Mac's Shop
Promoter: Bridget Hepper

BUNCRANA CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON We are delighted to invite all to our annual switch-on on Fri 27 Nov in the Market Square at 7pm sharp. Carndonagh Brass Band will provide the music. The Grinch and other Disney Characters and of course Santa will be there to meet everyone. Wrap up and turn up!
TROCAIRE is looking for volunteers to help deliver school talks during our annual Lent Appeal during **Feb and Mar 2027.** We are particularly interested in hearing from people with public speaking experience, especially retired teachers or those who have worked with young people. Volunteers will visit local schools during school hours to share stories of hope, justice and solidarity from communities around the world. The role involves approximately **1-2 short talks per week** during the four-month campaign period. Full training, presentation materials and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Fionnuala McGuinness on fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org or 048 9080 8033 by the first week of December if you are interested.
SCOIL ÍOSAGÁIN: ENROLMENT/Application Forms for children starting school in Sept 2027 are available from school Reception (entrance opposite the Grotto). Closing date for receipt of applications is Fri 13 Nov at 3pm. For further info please call 9362450 or contact principal@scoiliosagain.ie
LIFE CHAIN - Join Precious Life on Sat 14 Nov at Foyleside Shopping Centre at 2pm for a Life Chain to mark the 7th Anniversary of Westminster imposing abortion on Northern Ireland. For more info, please contact **Precious Life on 00447592280522**
FLOWER ARRANGING EVENT Tues 15 Dec at 7pm in The Lake of Shadows in aid of St Mura's NS, Buncrana. Tickets €10. Light refreshments included
SCOIL MHUIRE BUNCRANA Application into 1st year for 2027/2028 academic year for Scoil Mhuire will open on 19th Nov. For further info on the application process and to apply, please visit our website at www.scoilmhuirebuncrana.ie or collect an information pack directly from Reception.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
Fionán Bradley would like to thank all those who came to his coffee morning last week and to all those who helped out. A total of €1,920 was raised for Buncrana Community Hospital and Buncrana GAA. Many thanks.

BUNCRANA CINEMA See all show times www.buncranacinema.ie

Get the latest show times straight to your inbox: Buncranacinema.ie/subscribe

Primetime 16 | 110mins
Sat 7th & Sun 8th - 8.15pm
Mon 9th - Thurs 12th - 8.15pm

Wildwood
12A | 130mins
Sat 7th 5pm
Sun 8th 3pm

CONCERT: TWIXT FOYLE & SWILLY
Friday 13th November 7.30pm
tickets via Accessa.ie or pay on the door
€15 + Booking Fee

THIS WEEK ONLY: BINGO IS MOVED TO WED 11TH NOV

BINGO

St Mary's Hall
Wed 11 Nov at 8pm **(THIS WEEK ONLY)**
Single book €11
Double €17
Snowball: €5650

Community Corner

SLIABH SNEACHT CENTRE Drumfries Walking Group will be meeting on Fri 13 Nov at the Shore Front car park, at 10am everyone welcome. Our annual **Christmas Craft Fair** and Christmas Tree switch on takes place on Sat 28 Nov from 2-5pm, join us for a lovely family day out to start off the festive season.
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.
CRANA COLLEGE SCHOOL MUSICAL "Shrek" will take place in The Millennium Forum on Mon 9 and Tues 10 Nov Tickets on sale from The Millennium Forum's website. Come and enjoy a night of music, dancing and fantastic local talent.
BUNCRANA COMMUNITY LIBRARY is hosting a Dementia Friendly reading group. Thurs mornings from 11am during November. Suitable for early to mid range stage dementia. The reading group focuses on cognitive stimulation and social interaction as opposed to literacy based. No bookings required. Ring 074 93 61941 for further info.
SAMARITANS Call Free **116 123,** Text **087 2609090.**
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 Come and join the us on Sat mornings at 9am on the shore front by the play park.
GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS for people living with Parkinson's every Wednesday at 2pm in The Exchange.
COCKHILL CEILI CLUB Classes on Thursdays in Cockhill Hall. 8pm-9.30pm. Beginners Welcome.
CÉILÍ on Fri 13 Nov from 8pm-11pm in Illies National School. Music by Martin Doogan. Adm €10 (incl. Supper and Raffle.) All 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
BUNCRANA PARENT AND TODDLERS' GROUP Wed and Thurs from 10am to 11:45am in St Mary's Hall.
IRISH GRINDS specialising in Oral and Grammar for LC. Wednesday availability. Experienced Tutor. WhatsApp: +353 0872408308
WANTED Piano for Plaza Youth Centre. Music/piano lessons starting. (Not confined to youth). Ring: 087 291 3186
RACHEL'S VINEYARD Have you been affected or hurt by abortion? Please contact Michelle on 00447871765181
DIGITAL MEDIA COURSE (QQI LEVEL 3) Learn how to create photo montages, reels, short videos, music playlists, posters and social media posts using your phone or laptop. No experience necessary. Starts Tues 10 Nov, 10am-1pm, at the FET Centre, Buncrana. For more info contact Claire on 086 174 0684.
SWILLY GARDENING CLUB Our last meeting of 2026 will take place on Mon 16 Nov at 8pm in the Buncrana Youth Club. Join us for a night of fun. Guest Speaker is Caroline McGonagle and Bernie Doherty will give us a few songs. There will be a raffle on the night. contact Anne by text on 087 9560134.

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**

Parishes of Camus, Clonleigh and Leckpatrick
Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A – 8th November 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

Gospel Reflection *(Matthew 25:1-13)*

In today's gospel, Jesus tells the parable of ten virgins who were waiting for the bridegroom. Five were wise because they brought extra oil for their lamps, while the other five were foolish because they failed to prepare. When the bridegroom finally arrived, those who were ready entered the wedding celebration, while the others were left behind. Through this parable, Jesus reminds us of the importance of being spiritually prepared because we do not know when He will return.

The lamp is a symbol of our lives, our faith, and our relationship with God. Just as a lamp needs oil to continue burning, our spiritual lives need to be constantly nourished through prayer, love, acts of kindness, and unwavering trust in the Lord. We are called to remain vigilant and faithful, keeping our hearts close to God so that our faith never grows weak or runs dry. By living according to His will each day, we stay prepared for the return of Jesus. Rather than fearing His coming, we should look forward to it with joyful anticipation, confidence, and hope, knowing that a life rooted in faith and obedience allows us to welcome Him with hearts full of peace and devotion.

Loving God, thank You for always being with me. Help me keep the lamp of my faith burning brightly each day. May I always be ready to welcome You with joy, hope, and a faithful heart.

Remembering Our Deceased Loved Ones During the month of November, we are especially encouraged to remember and pray for the faithful departed, those members of our families and dearly beloved who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. As we pray for all our holy souls, we think also of all who grieve at this time.

Prayer For All The Deceased

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust. Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family to sing Your praise forever and ever.

May the Divine Assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Requiescant in Pace We offer our sympathy of the family and friends of
John McConnell, Derry Rd, Strabane
Joe Cullen, Lower Main St, Strabane
Ann Wallace, Alexander Place, Strabane

Anniversaries Susan Carlin, William Cooke, Johnny Diver, Josie Doherty, Lila Doherty, Charlie Dolan, Joseph Flanagan, Jim Gallagher, Margaret Gallagher, Robert Gibson, Fr Augustine Gillespie, Ruby Hynes, Betty Kelly, Pat Kelly, Brigid Masterson, Joan McElchar, Isobel McElwee, Jim McFadden, Billy McGonagle, Mary McNulty, Charles O'Kane, Kathleen Patton, Hugh Rooney. May they rest in peace.

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

Thank You for your generosity to last week's collections
Leckpatrick £1,311.61 (£361.40 grounds maintenance)
Clonleigh €1,625.43 (€272.43 graveyard works)
Camus £1,667,64 (£385.80 grounds maintenance)
Thanks also to those who pay by standing order.

Readings Sunday 15th November:
1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
Psalm: 128: 1-2,3,4-5
2nd Reading: 1st Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Saints of the Coming Week:
Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
Tuesday: St Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St Martin of Tours, bishop
Thursday: St Josaphat, bishop and martyr
Saturday: St Laurence O'Toole, bishop

Please Note that weekday Masses at **Sacred Heart Church, Derry Rd** is now at **7.45 am**.

We wish to remind you that the **Vigil Mass** at **St Patrick's, Murlog** is now at **6.00 pm**, until further notice. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

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The Next Diocesan Vocations Holy Hours will take place on Tuesday 1st December from 8 - 9 pm, following 7.30 pm Mass in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Waterside, Derry. Everyone welcome.

Dublin Gospel Choir – Sacred Heart Church, Omagh Join us on Sunday 29th November 6.30 pm for a magical evening of music! From traditional hymns with a modern flair to soulful gospel classics and festive favourites. Featuring local primary schools. Tickets £20 from Top News, parish office or www.eventbrite.co.uk. Proudly hosted by Droim Ratha Na Sairsealaigh in with Sacred Heart Church and its Reviving Omagh's Sacred Stories Heritage Project.

Marie Curie, Strabane Christmas Carol Service takes place on Thursday 10th December at 7.30 pm at Christ Church, Bowling Green, Strabane. All welcome – no tickets - any donations welcome on the evening. Those entertaining include Strabane Brass Band, Class Act singers, and special guest soloist, Ruth Corey. A number of our local clergy will take part, enhancing the evening with scripture readings telling the story of Christmas. Fr Declan Boland will offer a personal reflection. Your presence will surely add to a most enjoyable evening for all.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses available. Please visit www.accordni.com
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Parish Christmas Draw Tickets will be available during the week. Further details, including prizes on offer, will be posted next week. We appreciate the support from everyone throughout our parishes and beyond.

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

Parish Bingo and Lucky Four in St Pat's Hall on Thursdays at 8 pm. Some fun, excitement and slight competition.

Abide Women's Conference from 20th - 22nd November at Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran. Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braun, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Dominicans, etc. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, Cork & Ross diocese. Please visit Abide in His Love at Eventbrite.ie. Registration at https://abide inhislove.eventbrite.com

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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: **6.00 pm**; Sunday: 9.45 am
St Mary's Cloughcor: Sunday 8.30am (8th Nov - alternate Sundays - 22nd Nov)
St Joseph's Glenmornan: Sunday 8.30am (15th Nov - alternate Sundays – 29th Nov)

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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. Feel free to call in or phone on 028 71882215.
Reminder that the deadline for parish bulletin notices is 2 pm on Wednesdays.
A Small Collection of Candles, Mass cards / Mass bouquets available for purchase at the Pastoral Office. **St Pio prayer cards** also available.
A gentle reminder that we can only accept cash /cheque payments. Thank you.

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 (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.

Cappagh Parish News

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th 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

St. Mary's Church, Knockmoyle
Rosary: Every Tuesday at 8pm, during October

Corpus Christi Church, Mountfield
Rosary: Every Thursday at 8pm

Remembering our Beloved Deceased

Masses for the Holy Souls: Corpus Christi, Mountfield on Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm.
St. Mary's Church, Knockmoyle on Wednesday 11th November at 7.30pm.

Greenhill: Mass to remember those buried in Greenhill Cemetery will be celebrated on Sunday 8th November in Christ the King Church, Strathroy at 12noon. You are invited to take Holy Water at the end of Mass to bless your family grave.

Remembrance: The Annual Mass of Remembrance, for all who died in our parish during the past year, will be celebrated on Wednesday 18th November in St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher at 7.30pm. *If you have a family member who died in the past year but didn't live in the parish; and you would like them included in this Mass -contact the parish office by Monday 16th November*

Mass Times: All Saints & All Souls

All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation): Sun 1st Nov
Vigil (31st Oct): 6.30pm: St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher
9am & 11:15am: St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher
12noon: Christ the King Church, Strathroy

All Souls Day: Mon 2nd Nov
10am: St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher
7.30pm: Christ the King Church, Strathroy

All Souls Indulgence

1. From noon on 1 Nov until midnight on 2 Nov all who have confessed, received Holy Communion & prayed for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father & Hail Mary, or any prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, & reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. Confession may be made at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1 Nov. Holy Communion may be received on any day from 1-8 Nov. Conditions above apply also for this.
2. The faithful who visit a cemetery & pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1-8 Nov. Conditions above apply also for this.

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
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Sacred Heart Church

Carndonagh

7th & 8th November 2026 (32nd Week 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

Eucharistic Adoration after 7 pm Mass every Friday during November

Deaths: We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sheamus Harkin, Carrowmore,Glentogher, his funeral Mass was on Friday.

Anniversary and Month's Mind Masses

Sat 7th Nov	Martina O'Connor, Hollymount (30th Anniv) 7pm
Sun 8th Nov	Sr. Brendan 9am
Mon 9th Nov	Brendan Flanagan, Norria, Lagg (Month's Mind) 10am
Fri 13th Nov	John McGonagle, Churchtown (30th Anniv) 7pm
Sat 14th Nov	Patrick Callaghan, Mullins (7th Anniv) 7pm
Sun 15th Nov	Tony Lafferty, Kinnaglug, Malin Rd (Month's Mind) 9am
Mon 16th Nov	Eugene Ruddy, Millbrae (2nd Anniv) 10am
Tue 19th Nov	Paddy Logue, Cedar Grove (2nd Anniv) 10am
Fri 20th Nov	Sheila & Neilly Diver, Diamond 7pm
Sat 21st Nov	Sean Kelly, Churchtown (2nd Anniv) 7pm

Anniversaries at this time

Bridie Kelly, Convent Rd. Denis Doherty (T), Falduff. Mary O'Donnell, Priestown. Michael Gallagher, Mullins & Mae Kelly, Diamond.

PARISH DRAW RETURNS are due on Tuesday, 10th Nov at 7pm in the Parish Office.

Weekly Collection amounted to €2584.85 & Stg £57.45
Thank you for your generosity



BAPTISM

Baptisms: We welcome into God's family: AJ Doherty, Clos Padraig

Good As New for Church funds open at the back of the parish office. All washed and clean donations are welcome. Furniture in good condition accepted too. Tel. Don on 0868554796.

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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

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 8 NOVEMBER 2026

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

N O V E M B E R - M O N T H O F T H E H O L Y S O U L S

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF THE WEST TYRONE PASTORAL AREA:

Aghyaran • Ardstraw West & Castlederg • Drumquin

PRIESTS OF THE PASTORAL AREA:

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REV THOMAS CANNING, Tel 028 82831 225

OFFICE FOR THE PASTORAL AREA:

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

Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.30am – 1.00pm

Parish Email addresses:

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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 9 Nov		Mass, Castlederg: 7.30pm.	Mass, 10.00am Rosary, at Grotto: 8.00pm
Tuesday 10 Nov	Mass, 10.00am		Rosary, 10.00am
Wednesday 11 Nov	Liturgy of Word with Holy Communion: 10.00am	Castlederg: Liturgy of the Word, with Holy Communion: 10.00am	Mass, 10.00am
Thursday 12 Nov	Mass, 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon		
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Saturday 14 Nov	Vigil Mass, 7.30pm	Vigil Mass, Castlederg, 6.15pm	Vigil Mass: 5.00pm
Sunday 15 Nov	Mass, 11.00am	Mass: Dregish, 9.30am Drumnabey,12.30pm *Mass in Castlederg on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday*	Mass, 11.00am

ARDSTRAW WEST AND CASTLEDERG Parish Draw: Returns for November's draw should be made to the Parochial House on Thursday 19 November between 6.00 and 7.30pm. The next draw will take place on Sunday 29 November.

PASTORAL VISITATION OF THE HOUSEBOUND will take place this week as follows: **Wednesday 11 November** - Drumquin Town Area - Dooish Road, McCrea Park, Castlederg Road, Main Street, Creighmore Road and Loughrey Terrace, commencing at 11.00am - Fr Thomas. **Friday 13 November** - Castlederg Rural Area and Oakleigh Grove, Main Street and Derg Fold, commencing at 11.00am - Fr Thomas.

AN EVENING OF APPRECIATION FOR FR PAUL: Friday 20 November, in St Patrick's Hall, Castlederg, at 7.30pm. Everyone is warmly invited to attend this special occasion as we come together to show our gratitude and appreciation for Fr Paul. To help mark the occasion, donation envelopes are being distributed in all our churches this weekend. We kindly ask that all envelopes be returned for collection at our Masses next weekend, 14/15 November. Thank you very much for your generosity and support. We look forward to welcoming everyone.

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We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Maureen Logue, Young Crescent, whose Funeral Mass took place in Castlederg on Monday, and Danny McHugh, formerly Corgary Road, whose Funeral Mass took place in Aghyaran on Saturday. We offer our sympathy and our prayerful support to their families and to all who mourn their deaths. May they rest in peace.

Our prayers are asked for the happy repose of the souls of the recently deceased who have been enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society:

AGHYARAN: Danny Gallen, Ballymongan Road; Danny O'Donnell, Meenamullan Road.

ARDSTRAW WEST / C'DERG: Brendan Lennon, Crewe; Michael Harper, Castlefin Rd; Evelyn Baxter, Castlefin Park.

DRUMQUIN: Gerry O'Kane, Dooish Road; Frankie Breen, Dernalear Road.

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

AGHYARAN: £846 & €56; Church Restoration Fund: £704 & £28. **DRUMQUIN:** £1,087.

ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG: £1,913 & €25, made up of:
Castlederg £975 & €23, **Drumnabey** £339 & €2, **Dregish** £599.

Thank you to all who contribute by Standing Order.

PARISH BAZAAR DATES for your diary:

Dregish: Sunday 29 November, 7.00 – 9.00pm: Collectors will call at houses. Prizes/donations can also be brought to the hall after Mass on 8, 15 and 22 November.

Drumquin: Saturday 5 December.

Aghyaran: Sunday 6 December, commencing at 8.00pm

Castlederg: Tuesday 8 December: envelopes will be dropped into homes this coming week.

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LEGION OF MARY meeting will take place in the Parochial House, Drumquin, this Thursday, 12 November, at 7.30pm.

BOOK LAUNCH: St Eugene's Hall, Dregish, on Fri 13 November, at 7.30pm; refreshments served. The Dregish History Group has produced two books: ***'Gathering Hidden Gems on the History of Dregish and the People Together,'*** a selection of interesting local history articles by members of the History Group**.** The second is a history of the ***Clergy of Ardstraw West*** by Brian Devenney, edited by Fr McCawille. Thanks to NLH Fund and Rapid for their support.

OMAGH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Day of Prayer, Praise and Healing, celebrating 50 years: next Sunday, 15 November in the Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh: Registration 9.30am, concluding in the afternoon with Mass. Theme: *People of God's Delight* (Ps 194.4). Speaker: Fr John Keane. Cost £40, including coffee and lunch. Book immediately, please, for catering purposes: Evelyn 07876 411435 or Kathleen 07596 609041.

TROCAIRE – WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help deliver school talks during our annual Lent Appeal during **February and March 2027.** We are particularly interested in hearing from people with public speaking experience, especially retired teachers or those who have worked with young people. Volunteers will visit local schools during school hours to share stories of hope, justice and solidarity from communities around the world. The role involves approximately **1-2 short talks per week** during the four-month campaign period. Full training, presentation materials and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Fionnuala McGuinness on 028 9080 8033 or fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week of December if you are interested!

SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE: LISIEUX, RUE DU BAC, NEVERS, PARIS, ROCAMADOUR and LOURDES
11 – 18 June 2027: 7 Nights, flying from Dublin to Paris/Lourdes to Dublin. Includes visits to the home of the Miraculous Medal, and see the incorrupt bodies of St Catherine Laboure and St Bernadette. In Paris, visit Sacre-Coeur. Cost £1,200 pp sharing. £250.00 deposit. Comprehensive Travel insurance is an extra £35.00. Single room supplement £345. Spiritual Director: Fr Joe McGuigan. Tel: Jean Reynolds 07729 402311 / email: jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk

MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT: St Joseph's Church, Ederney, Wed 9 Dec. Tickets in local shops or on Eventbrite.

SAFEFOOD'S FOOD ENVIRONMENT EXHIBITION will be in Omagh Library from 10 -17 November. You are invited to come and see people's vision for a healthier food environment.

Parishes of Camus, Clonleigh and Leckpatrick

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A – 8th November 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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Gospel Reflection *(Matthew 25:1-13)*

In today's gospel, Jesus tells the parable of ten virgins who were waiting for the bridegroom. Five were wise because they brought extra oil for their lamps, while the other five were foolish because they failed to prepare. When the bridegroom finally arrived, those who were ready entered the wedding celebration, while the others were left behind. Through this parable, Jesus reminds us of the importance of being spiritually prepared because we do not know when He will return.

The lamp is a symbol of our lives, our faith, and our relationship with God. Just as a lamp needs oil to continue burning, our spiritual lives need to be constantly nourished through prayer, love, acts of kindness, and unwavering trust in the Lord. We are called to remain vigilant and faithful, keeping our hearts close to God so that our faith never grows weak or runs dry. By living according to His will each day, we stay prepared for the return of Jesus. Rather than fearing His coming, we should look forward to it with joyful anticipation, confidence, and hope, knowing that a life rooted in faith and obedience allows us to welcome Him with hearts full of peace and devotion.

Loving God, thank You for always being with me. Help me keep the lamp of my faith burning brightly each day. May I always be ready to welcome You with joy, hope, and a faithful heart.

Remembering Our Deceased Loved Ones During the month of November, we are especially encouraged to remember and pray for the faithful departed, those members of our families and dearly beloved who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. As we pray for all our holy souls, we think also of all who grieve at this time.

Prayer For All The Deceased

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust. Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family to sing Your praise forever and ever.

May the Divine Assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

John McConnell, Derry Rd, Strabane

Joe Cullen, Lower Main St, Strabane

Ann Wallace, Alexander Place, Strabane

Anniversaries Susan Carlin, William Cooke, Johnny Diver, Josie Doherty, Lila Doherty, Charlie Dolan, Joseph Flanagan, Jim Gallagher, Margaret Gallagher, Robert Gibson, Fr Augustine Gillespie, Ruby Hynes, Betty Kelly, Pat Kelly, Brigid Masterson, Joan McElchar, Isobel McElwee, Jim McFadden, Billy McGonagle, Mary McNulty, Charles O'Kane, Kathleen Patton, Hugh Rooney. May they rest in peace.

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

Thank You for your generosity to last week's collections

Leckpatrick £1,311.61 (£361.40 grounds maintenance)

Clonleigh €1,625.43 (€272.43 graveyard works)

Camus £1,667,64 (£385.80 grounds maintenance)

Thanks also to those who pay by standing order.

Readings Sunday 15th November:

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Psalm: 128: 1-2,3,4-5

2nd Reading: 1st Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Saints of the Coming Week:

Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Tuesday: St Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church

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Considering a Vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood? There will be a meeting for anyone considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, in Derry, today (Sunday) beginning at 4 pm. For further details, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, at pgoh2111@gmail.com or (028) 79386259.

The Next Diocesan Vocations Holy Hours will take place on Tuesday 1st December from 8 – 9 pm, following 7.30 pm Mass in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Waterside, Derry. Everyone welcome.

Dublin Gospel Choir – Sacred Heart Church, Omagh Join us on Sunday 29th November 6.30 pm for a magical evening of music! From traditional hymns with a modern flair to soulful gospel classics and festive favourites. Featuring local primary schools. Tickets £20 from Top News, parish office or www.eventbrite.co.uk. Proudly hosted by Droim Ratha Na Sairsealaigh in with Sacred Heart Church and its Reviving Omagh's Sacred Stories Heritage Project.

Marie Curie, Strabane Christmas Carol Service takes place on Thursday 10th December at 7.30 pm at Christ Church, Bowling Green, Strabane. All welcome – no tickets – any donations welcome on the evening. Those entertaining include Strabane Brass Band, Class Act singers, and special guest soloist, Ruth Corey. A

number of our local clergy will take part, enhancing the evening with scripture readings telling the story of Christmas. Fr Declan Boland will offer a personal reflection. Your presence will surely add to a most enjoyable evening for all.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses available. Please visit www.accordni.com

Job Opportunity St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry is recruiting an experienced Choir Director (10 hours per week) to lead and manage all aspects of the cathedral choir, ensuring that the music enhances worship services and aligns with the church's liturgical themes. For a job description / application pack, please contact (028) 71262302 / recruitment@derrydiocese.org Completed applications must be submitted to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, BT48 9AP or to recruitment@derrydiocese.org by noon on Thursday 12th November 2026.

Anam Cara – Supporting Parents After Bereavement Monthly in-person support evening takes place on Thursday 12th Nov at 7.30 pm in Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny, F92 FK15. No registration required. **Next information event** takes place ONLINE on Thursday 19th November at 7.00 pm. It will centre around where creativity intersects with grief with renowned author and psychotherapist, Sasha Bates and is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. Please contact info@anamcara.ie or 00353 85 288 8888.

Carmelite Open Day A Day of Prayer, reflection and sharing with the Carmelite friars and nuns, for men and women, aged 18-40, will take place on Saturday 21st November from 10.30 am – 4.30 pm in Avila Retreat Centre, Donnybrook, Dublin. Registration by 15th November. Please contact: opendayavila@gmail.com

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

Parish Bingo and Lucky Four in St Pat's Hall on Thursdays at 8 pm. Some fun, excitement and slight competition.

Abide Women's Conference from 20th – 22nd November at Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran. Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braun, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Dominicans, etc. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, Cork & Ross diocese. Please visit Abide in His Love at Eventbrite.ie. Registration at https://abide inhislove.eventbrite.com

'It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead,

that they may be loosed from sins'. (2 Maccabees 12:46)

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: **6.00 pm**; Sunday: 9.45 am

St Mary's Cloughcor: Sunday 8.30am (8th Nov – alternate Sundays – 22nd Nov)

St Joseph's Glenmornan: Sunday 8.30am (15th Nov – alternate Sundays – 29th Nov)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: **7.45 am**: Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road

10.00 am: St Patrick's Church, Lifford

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

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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.

Feel free to call in or phone on 028 71882215.

Reminder that the deadline for parish bulletin notices is 2 pm on Wednesdays. **A Small Collection of Candles, Mass cards / Mass bouquets** available for purchase at the Pastoral Office. **St Pio prayer cards** alsoavailable.

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

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

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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 WEEK

6.30pm Mass – Paddy, Ellen, Louise & Martina Mc Faul, Ballyliffin
10am Mass – James & Bridget Doherty (Davis), Letter
7:30pm Mass – Fri 13 Deceased members of the Derry Diocesan Society

RECENT DEATH

Paddy Mc Carron, Ballintrieve & The Cross, Clonmany who died in Leicester during the week. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

James Conaghan, Letter; Bibby Doherty, Tanderagee
Brigid Doherty, The Square, Clonmany; Packie Friel, Dunaff

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

10am Mass in St Michael's Church on Sunday November 15 will be offered for Damian McDonald, Tiernasligo, on the first anniversary of his death. May he rest in peace.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.
Tuesday: St Leo the Great
Wednesday: St Martin of Tours.
Thursday: St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr.
Saturday: St Laurence O'Toole, Bishop

VOCATIONS

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SYMPATHY

We offer sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Maureen McLaughlin, St Columbcille Village & Helena Ford, née Toland, St Columbcille Village, who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

COLLECTION

Parish collection last weekend - €2,210. Thank you for your generosity.

ROSARY

At the Grotto in St Mary's Church on Wednesday at 8:30pm. All are welcome. to join in as we pray for peace in the world.





Clonmany Parish Newsletter

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CLONMANY GENEALOGY & HERITAGE GROUP

Invites you to an evening of local history and nostalgia with a special one-hour film presentation by David Gallagher, entitled "Potato Gathering in the Fields of Donegal". Taking place in the Market House on Friday, November 20 at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm), the film explores the fascinating history of potato growing in Donegal, from the traditional methods of planting and harvesting by hand to the modern technologies used today. Accompanying the presentation will be an exhibition of old potato-related artefacts, offering a glimpse into the tools and traditions of days gone by. Afterwards, join us for some refreshments and a friendly chat, with an opportunity to share memories and reminisce about times past. Admission: €5. Everyone welcome!

TIERNASLIGO NS—SILVER CIRCLE RESULTS WEEK - 5

1st Prize €50 Joey & James Cole. Seller: Joey Kearney-€5
2nd Prize: €30 Anna Doherty. 3rd Prize: Rose Kelly, Dunaff. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you for your continued support.

SCOIL MHUIRE

Application into 1st year for 2027/2028 academic year for Scoil Mhuire will open on 19th November. For further information on the application process and to apply, please visit our website at www.scoilmhuirebuncrana.ie or collect an information pack directly from Reception.

BALLYLIFFIN TIDY TOWNS 2027 CALENDAR

Twelve stunning photographs of beautiful Inishowen! Only €7—100% local production. Ideal present to be posted around the world to your family and friends! On sale locally - ballyliffintidytown@gmail.com

DAY OF PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE:

Tomorrow, Saturday November 14 is the day of Prayer for Marriage and Family Life. Proposed Theme: Remembering our beloved dead. We can understand the anguish felt by those who have lost a much-loved person, a spouse with whom they have shared so much. Jesus was deeply moved and began to weep at the death of his friend (Lazarus). It consoles us to know that those who die do not completely pass away, and faith assures us the risen Lord will never abandon us. Indeed "our loved ones are not lost in the shades of nothingness; hope assures us they are in the good strong hands of God".

PARISH DRAW RESULTS FOR OCTOBER

PRIZE	WINNER	PROMOTER
€1000	Joanne Quinn, Leenankiel	Marie Porter
€150	Monica Mc Laughlin, Muineagh	Anthony Doherty
€150	Frances Doherty, Gortfad	Frances Doherty
€150	Molly & Niamh Donaghey, Magheramore	C McGroarty
€150	Winnie Coyle, Cloontagh	N Mc Laughlin
€150	Charlie Doherty (H) Urrismanagh	Daniel Doherty
€100	Dolores & Danny Kelly, Tullagh	Ed Mc Laughlin
€100	Mary & Pat Devlin, Straid	Kathleen Doherty
€100	Andrew & Sally Campbell, Dunaff	Bernard Friel
€100	Michael Bradley, Crossconnell	Ed Mc Laughlin

Thank you to our promoters and everyone who supports the parish draw. If you are not already in the draw, now is a good time to join – €10 monthly or €100 for yearly subscription. Contact a promoter in your area or the Parish Office on 0749376114 or email: clonmanyparish1@outlook.com.

CLONMANY SHAMROCKS CLUB

Lotto Numbers on 29/10/2026 - 06,13,14,25.
€20 Prizes went to: Lee Davenport, Gaddyduff; Edward McLaughlin, Dunaff; Sueanne McGonigle, Roxtown.
Next on 05/11/2026. The Jackpot will be €15,000.
The deadline for physical Lotto envelopes for each week's draw is each Wednesday at 6pm.
Lotto envelopes entered after this are entered into the following week's draw. Online entries can still be entered up to 7pm on the day of the draw. Online entries after this time are automatically entered into the following week 's draw.
Online link https://hub.klubfunder.com/
Tickets available for collection & return - Centra & Mac Tams
Results: Sunday 1st Nov. 2026: Jackie Crossan Premier Div: Aileach FC 4 Clonmany Shamrocks 2
Inishowen Eng. Div 2: Clonmany Res 3 QPS Youths 0
Fixtures: Sunday 8th Nov. 2026 Jackie Crossan Premier Div. Clonmany Shamrocks v Q.P.S. at 2pm
Inishowen Eng. Div. 2: Carrowmena v Clonmany Res at 11am.

REMEMBERING THE PERSECUTED - RED WEDNESDAY

Today two great themes of **Pope Francis** and of **Pope Leo** come together — it is World Day of the Poor, and it is the launch of Aid to the Church in Need's Week of Witness including Red Wednesday this November 18, when many churches around the country will be lit in red to remember the blood of the martyrs - past and present.

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Red Wednesday—a day of prayer and remembrance for persecuted Christians. This day provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of standing in solidarity with those persecuted for following Christ. It is a chance to support our brothers and sisters who endure oppression and violence simply because of their belief in Christ. When we remember the martyrs and suffering Christians, we honour their unwavering courage in the face of adversity. These individuals show us what it truly means to stand firm in one's faith—even when threatened with violence or death. Their example teaches us that courage is not the absence of fear, but the refusal to renounce one's beliefs in the midst of it. This day is a reminder that true discipleship requires a willingness to endure suffering for the sake of Christ.
Red Wednesday also serves as a reminder that Christians around the world are suffering in silence. As a global community of believers, we are called to stand in solidarity with them, not only by wearing red and praying but by actively seeking ways to support and advocate for those whose lives are at risk because of their faith. The colour red symbolizes both the blood shed by martyrs and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, uniting all Christians in a shared witness to the Gospel. In this way, Red Wednesday is a call to be actively involved in the lives of our persecuted brothers and sisters, remembering that their suffering is not just a distant tragedy but a reality that calls for our attention, compassion, and action. As we observe Red Wednesday, we are reminded of the true cost of discipleship—the courage required to stand firm in one's faith despite external pressures and dangers. The example of martyrs and suffering Christians serves not only as an inspiration but also as a challenge to reignite our own faith and commitment to Christ, especially in the face of complacency or indifference. Let us take this day to reflect on the courage of those who endure persecution for Christ and use it as an opportunity to renew our own commitment to following Him, no matter the cost. As we stand in solidarity with our persecuted brothers and sisters, we also ask for the strength to follow Christ with greater conviction and to bear witness to His love and truth, no matter the challenges we may face.

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Daily Mass
Monday, s7.30 pm; **Tuesday & Wednesday**, 10 am [Blessed Sacrament Exposition after 10 am Mass until 2 pm];
Thursday, 7.30 pm;
Friday, **7.30** pm [Margaret McGrenaghan, Kilmaroo, 1st Anniversary] **Saturday** 11 am.

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

Anniversary Mass this weekend
Saturday 8 pm James Ruddy, Oldtown
Sunday 10 am Sunday 10 am Philomena Doherty, Leiter
Next Weekend
Saturday Vigil 8 pm Joseph Ruddy, Dunross

Weekly Offering €1,055
Development Collection €245
We acknowledge the receipt of €120 from the Whist Club.
Envelopes can be left in McGuinness' shop.

First Reading
Wisdom 6:12-16
Wisdom will come to those who seek it.
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
God will raise all those who have died.
Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

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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.

At the back of the church, there is a new donation box for flowers, so we can dress our altar for the special occasions in the Church's' life.

Group 3 Altar Society for November.

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Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin.
A beautiful weekend of **faith, celebration, healing and joy! Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.**

Culdaff FC Annual Bazaar will be held in Bocan Hall on Sunday 6th Dec. Entry is free and there will be the usual array of prizes, teas/ coffee & snacks and a visit from the man himself Santa Claus. Doors will open at 4.30pm and further updates nearer the time.

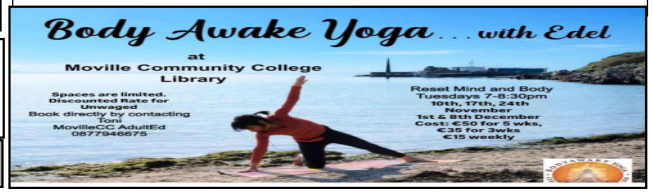
Carrowmenagh Community Centre Tel 074 93 67061
Places available on our **Christmas wreath making, Christmas Centrepiece, Christmas lanterns, and Kids Build a Christmas tree workshops.** Contact the centre for more information and to book.

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

Greencastle Centre - Christmas Craft Fair Saturday 21st November 12pm – 3pm tables only €20.
- Bridge Builders Youth Drop-in every Friday Men's Shed Moville 2-4pm secondary school aged children.
- Christmas Wreath Workshop Thursday 26th November 7-9pm €45 Tel: 00447947431574
Email: hayleydoman@hotmail.com to book.
- Solar PV info event Wednesday 11th November 7pm.

Whist
1st Bridgid McCauley
2nd John Doherty,
3rd Betty Doherty
Fr Jim & John McLaughlin

Tickets Fr Jim, Vincent Lynn, Rose Thompson, Patrick McLaughlin, Eamon Donaghy
Other Winners Margaret McGilloway, Patrick McLaughlin, John McLaughlin, Gerard Doherty, Vera Deeny



The Deep End – Awaiting the bridegroom *Triona Doherty*
Have you ever run out of fuel? Many of us will be familiar with the panic of seeing the red fuel light appear on the dashboard when we are miles from a petrol station, or had to deal with a flat tyre or a dead car battery. Thankfully these days we have mobile phones and roadside rescue to bail us out. But even with all the warning signals available to us, we can still run out once in a while.
In this wedding story , the bridesmaids who run out of oil for their lamps are condemned as 'foolish'. Among the wedding customs in Jesus' time was a torch-lit procession at night time from the bride's home to the groom's. Bridesmaids were required to be in a constant state of preparedness, since the groom could appear at any time.
In this parable, the fact that the bridesmaids fell asleep is not the issue; all 10 bridesmaids grow drowsy and fell asleep. The issue is that some of them – the foolish ones – were not sensible or watchful enough to ensure they had sufficient oil, because of this they miss out on the wedding feast. There was no one to bail them out; the other bridesmaids had to carry on, for fear that sharing their oil would mean no one would have enough to continue. They must have got quite a shock when they eventually arrived at the bridegroom's house, only to be denied and turned away.
This parable must have served as a dramatic warning to the early Christian community, who were hoping for Jesus' speedy return. It let them know that they could be in for a long wait – 'you do not know either the day or the hour' – and that they must be prepared. As well as having the light of faith, they must possess the fuel – the motivation and the actions – to keep it lit.



Points to Ponder - In today's Gospel, Jesus draws from this revelation about the future the practical moral that a Christian needs to be on the watch, living each day as if it were his last.
The important thing is not to speculate about when these events will happen and what form they will take, but to live in such a way that they find us in the state of grace.
Living each day as if it were your last is a powerful concept that can help us to live more fully and with greater purpose. It reminds us that our time on this earth is limited and that we should make the most of every moment. It also encourages us to focus on what is truly important in life, such as our relationships with others and our relationship with God.
Keeping watch is another important aspect of this passage. It reminds us to be vigilant and to stay alert to the signs of the times. We should be aware of the world around us and the events that are unfolding, so that we can respond appropriately. This means being informed about what is happening in our communities, our nation, and the world, and taking action when necessary.
Today's Gospel, then, is a powerful reminder to Christians to live each day as if it were their last and to keep watch for the signs of the times. By doing so, we can live more fully and with greater purpose, and we can be prepared for whatever the future may hold for us.

Spraoi agus Sport Activities for Children and Families
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 spraoiagussport.ie.
Oíche na hÓige
Spraoi Social, our weekly drop-in space for teenagers, will host Oíche na hÓige on Friday 13 November, 6pm-8pm. Young people can enjoy creative activities, refreshments and a relaxed social space. Spraoi Social, Unit 6, SuperValu Shopping Centre, Carndonagh. Book at spraoiagussport.ie.
Gríosadh Inís Eoghain: Is é an tUisce an Saol!
A free family science and creativity day exploring the importance of water, our rivers, coasts and seas. Enjoy hands-on activities, workshops, storytelling and more on Saturday 14 November at BIM Fisheries College, Greencastle. Book free at spraoiagussport.ie/griosadh-2026
Adult Creative Stitch & Sensory Stitch
Spraoi agus Spórt will host two six-week stitching programmes from 3 November to 8 December. Adult Creative Stitch takes place Tuesdays from 1pm-3pm, while Sensory Stitch runs Tuesdays from 6.30pm-8.30pm. Suitable for beginners and experienced crafters. The Sewing Room, Millbrae, Carndonagh, F93 WY07. Book at spraoiagussport.ie.
Club Gaeilge
Spraoi agus Spórt makes learning Irish fun with Club Gaeilge. Sessions run Thursdays from 5 November 2026 to 17 June 202



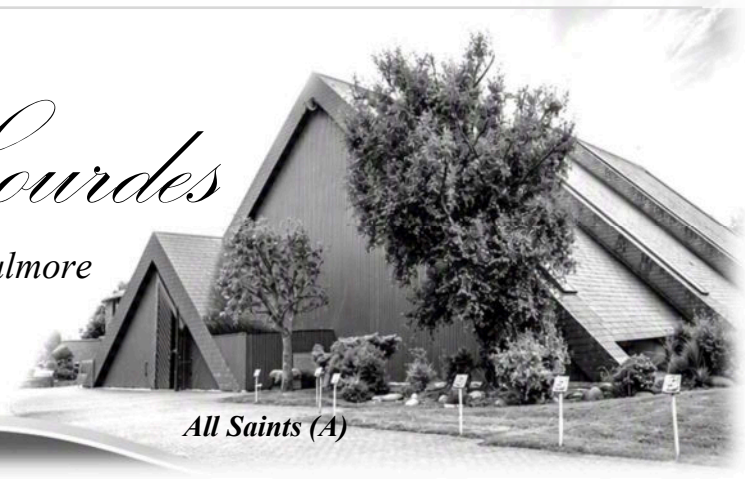
Carn drama club presents "The Pride of Inishdara". Written & directed by local man Tony Doherty. 26th 27th & 28th Nov. Doors open 7.30, show starts 8pm. Admission E10 at the door.

FROM ST COLUMBA TO SR CLARE
Discover 1,500 years of faith and culture at Long Tower.
Aras Cholmcille - St Columba's Museum & Sr Clare Exhibition: Self-guided visit, including an audio/video headset for Long Tower Church (ask at reception). £8 per person; £15 for family groups, including under-18s. Open Monday - Saturday: 10.30 to 3pm.
Guided Church & Museum Tour with Lunch: £20 per person. Explore the church's artwork, St Columba's kneeling stones, Penal Mass site and museum, with lunch at Cloisters Café. Wednesday–Friday 9am; Saturday 11am & 2.30pm; Sunday 2.30pm. Free tea and coffee after 9am tours.
St Columba to Sr Clare — Tour, Lunch & Talk: Mondays and Tuesdays, 12 noon, at St Columba's Heritage Centre. Talks by Sr Clare's sisters, Shauna/Megan (Mondays), and the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother (Tuesdays). £20 per person.
Departures: Guided tours leave from Visit Derry, 1 Waterloo Place, BT48 6BT; Monday/Tuesday visits depart at 11.30am.
Booking: Email stcolumbatours@outlook.com at least 48 hours in advance, indicating meal arrangements.

THE CHURCH OF

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Serving the Parishes of Steelstown & Culmore



Sunday 1st November 2026 ***All Saints (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

PLENARY INDULGENCE

From 12 noon on 1 November until midnight on 2 November all who have confessed, received Holy Communion and prayed for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a Church or oratory and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. Confession may be made at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1 November. Holy Communion may be received on any day from 1 November to 8 November. The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1 to 8 November.
The conditions mentioned above apply also for this.

A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

Lord, be with us in these November days of darkness. In our anxiety and fear help us to remember that death is the dawning of eternal life.
Give to those who have died freedom from pain and bring them to the peace of heaven. In moments of sadness may we experience the closeness of your friendship and may we always know the strength of your presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

PARISH OFFICE
Wednesday – Friday: 9am – 3pm
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steelstown@derrydiocese.org / culmoreparish@derrydiocese.org

PRIEST
Rev. Declan McGeehan P.P./Adm.
declan.mcgeehan@derrydiocese.org
Urgent sick calls: 073 5238 7817

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

1 NOVEMBER THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
Sunday 1 Nov is the Feast of All Saints. Mass times are 9am, 11am and 12.15pm.

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER ALL SOULS DAY
Monday 2 Nov is All Souls Day. Mass times are 7.45am, 10am and 7pm.

Parishioners and friends who have died since November last year will have a special place in our prayer on Monday 16th November. Their names will be read out at the 7pm Mass on Monday 16th. During this Mass, the names of those who died in the past year will be called out, and a member of each family will be invited to bring forward a candle for their loved one.

IN MEMORIAM – We pray for the happy repose of the souls of: Michael McLaughlin; Roseann McCallion; Mary Coyle; Grace Doherty; Tommy Mitchell; Emily Oakley; Rose Coyle; Rosaline Gillen; Eamonn Gillen and Siobhan McEleney.

COLLECTION - Last Sunday's Collection amounted to £3,365.00. Thank you for your generosity.

COLUMBAN YOUNG ADULTS – for those aged 18-35, who are seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. The next gathering will take place on Thursday 19th November, 7pm, in our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry. Bishop Donal McKeown will lead a holy hour and meditation, followed by pizza and refreshments in the Conference Room. New members always welcome! For further information contact: columbanyoungadults@gmail.com or follow us on social media.

STEELSTOWN BRIAN ÓGS SENIOR LADIES – Good luck to Steelstown Brian Ógs senior ladies in the Ulster Senior Club Championship semi-final today, Sunday 1 November.

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'.

MINSTRY TO THE SICK – If you would be willing to visit and pray with the sick in the nursing homes here in Steelstown and Culmore Parishes, please contact the Parish Office with your details.

THE PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP - Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagroarty, will take place on Tuesday 3 November. Starting with Rosary at 6.45pm before Mass and will finish with a blessing with a first class relic of St. Pio, after the Novena.

MATT TALBOT PRAYER SOCIETY - Monthly Mass on Monday 2 November at 7.30pm in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. Everyone is welcome: Mass is offered for enrolled members of the society and their families. Anyone dealing with addiction either personally or within their families is encouraged to attend. Spiritual Packs for the Protection of family homes from Drugs will be distributed after Mass. To enrol yourself or someone else please email: vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com.

CRAFT FAIR - Carnhill Community Centre, (the wee grey hut), are holding a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday the 7 November 2026. 11am.-3pm. £1 admission, children under 11 are free. Please support your local craftworkers.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER - For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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 8th November 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:

Tuesday 10th November – 10.30am – 1.30pm
Thursday 12th November – 10.30am – 1.30pm
Friday 13th November – 10.30am – 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

Brendan Smyth (Ballycairn), Patrick Joseph Henry (Macosquin) Meta Stanley (Formerly Armour Ave Ballymoney, buried in Aghadowey), Brian Higgins (Carthall Terrace), Mary Dougan (Quilly Rd)

Months Mind

Anne McLaughlin (Saturday 7th November 6pm St John's)

Derry Diocesan Society

Brendan Doherty, Louise Dempsey, Laurene Moore, Bridie Clyde, Fr Brendan McKeefry, Patsy Breen, Patrick Stewart, James Peden

Anniversaries

Bobby Friel
Maureen Coyle, Jason O'Neill, Jim McCann

Parish Collections 30th & 31st October 2026

	St Johns	Aghadowey	Dunboe
Weekly:	£658.69	£238.00	£133.00
Loose:	£705.89	£40.00	£49.43
Priests:	£698.25	£249.00	£154.00
Total:	£2926.26		

Masses - week commencing 9th November

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 7th November – Catherine / Offertory – Martin & Philomena
Saturday 14th November – Philomena / Offertory – Peter & Geraldine
Saturday 21st November – Marie / Offertory – Maggie & Presley

Dunboe Eucharistic Minister Rota
Saturday 7th November – Linda
Saturday 14th November – Karen
Saturday 21st November – Maggie
Saturday 28th November - Vincent

Dunboe Cleaning & Flowers Rota
November - Catherine McNally

St Johns Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 14th November – Brian O'Kane
Sunday 15th November – Peter Devlin

St Johns Minister of the Word November
Vigil: Nuala
Sunday Mass: Anita

Aghadowey Offertory
Sunday 8th November – Christopher & Kathleen Owens
Sunday 15th November – Paddy & Violet Dempsey
Sunday 21st November – Don & Mary McNicholl

Aghadowey Cleaning rota
November - Ava Clarke & Lauren Gibson

Christmas Wreath Making



Save the Date, for our Christmas Wreath Making Class in Aghadowey Hall ***Wednesday 16th December at 7.00pm.*** Message to book your place **07746618857.**

Save The Date……..

Sunday 13th December, our Annual Carol Service in St Mary's Church, followed by our annual Bazaar, cake sale and December draw.



More details to follow in due course!



SVP Senior Citizens Night out

St John's SVP Conference is hosting a 'Senior Citizen Night Out' for St John's Parish at the Lodge Hotel on Monday 16 November at 6pm.
The evening begins with a free draw, followed by a two-course meal and music by Henry Gaile & Bernadette Quinn.

Tickets for a second draw will be sold after the meal. Places are limited. To reserve yours, you must book and make a minimum donation of £10. Payment is due by Wednesday 11th November.

Leave your name, contact number and donation in the sacristy at St John's to book, or contact Anne on 07789306587.

Bookings close on Wednesday 11th November.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

'Sacramental Preparation Talk for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Parents/Guardians of Year 4 and Year 7 pupils attending **St. John's Primary School** who intend to receive the Sacraments of **First Holy Communion** or **Confirmation** in this academic year are warmly invited to attend a Sacramental Preparation Talk with their child on:
Monday 23rd November 2026
7.00pm
Assembly Hall, St. John's Primary School
The evening will be led by representatives from the **Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre** and **Fr. Neil Farren** and will provide guidance and support as families prepare for these important milestones in their child's faith journey.
We encourage all parents/guardians of children preparing for these Sacraments to attend.
We look forward to welcoming you.'

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

2027, led by Bishop Michael Router: There are two options available as follows:
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Expressions of Interest can be emailed to derrypilgrim@outlook.com. Bookings will begin in mid-January, with more details later. Pilgrimage Gift Vouchers of any value are available from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry, for anyone wishing to purchase them, particularly as a Christmas Gift. Please contact 028 7136 2475 for further information.

The Causeway Churches Forum

Founded in 1998, The Causeway Churches Forum is built on a foundation of dialogue and friendship for people of all Christian denominations across the Causeway Coast.
To hear more about what we do and our plans for the future, we warmly invite you to our open evening on **Wednesday 11th November at 7pm** in the CRUN building at the top of Brook Street Coleraine.

St. John's P.S. Open Night

Children due to start primary school in **September 2027** and their families are warmly invited to attend the **St. John's P.S. Open Night** on **Wednesday 2nd December 2026** from **6.30pm to 8.00pm**.
Come along and discover all that St. John's has to offer, meet our dedicated staff, and see our school in action.
St. John's Primary School
Hazelbank Road
BT51 3DX
If you are unable to attend our Open Night, individual appointments can be arranged. Please contact the School Office on **028 7034 4437** to book a visit.
We look forward to welcoming you and your family to St. John's P.S. and showing you how we are **Reaching New Heights**.

We Pray

During this month of November let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come.

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2026

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

N O V E M B E R - M O N T H O F T H E H O L Y S O U L S

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF THE WEST TYRONE PASTORAL AREA:

Aghyaran • Ardstraw West & Castlederg • Drumquin

PRIESTS OF THE PASTORAL AREA:

REV CHRISTOPHER McDERMOTT, Tel 028 816 71393
REV THOMAS CANNING, Tel 028 82831 225

OFFICE FOR THE PASTORAL AREA:

Parochial House, 16 Castlefin Road, Castlederg, BT81 7BT. Tel: 028 816 71393
Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.30am – 1.00pm

Parish Email addresses:

aghyaranparish@derrydiocese.org
castledergparish@derrydiocese.org drumquin@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 9 Nov		Mass, Castlederg: 7.30pm.	Mass, 10.00am Rosary, at Grotto: 8.00pm
Tuesday 10 Nov	Mass, 10.00am		Rosary, 10.00am
Wednesday 11 Nov	Liturgy of Word with Holy Communion: 10.00am	Castlederg: Liturgy of the Word, with Holy Communion: 10.00am	Mass, 10.00am
Thursday 12 Nov	Mass, 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon		
Friday 13 Nov	Mass, 7.30pm	Mass, Castlederg: 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon	
Saturday 14 Nov	Vigil Mass, 7.30pm	Vigil Mass, Castlederg, 6.15pm	Vigil Mass: 5.00pm
Sunday 15 Nov	Mass, 11.00am	Mass: Dregish, 9.30am Drumnabey,12.30pm *Mass in Castlederg on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday*	Mass, 11.00am

ARDSTRAW WEST AND CASTLEDERG Parish Draw: Returns for November's draw should be made to the Parochial House on Thursday 19 November between 6.00 and 7.30pm. The next draw will take place on Sunday 29 November.

PASTORAL VISITATION OF THE HOUSEBOUND will take place this week as follows: **Wednesday 11 November** - Drumquin Town Area - Dooish Road, McCrea Park, Castlederg Road, Main Street, Creighmore Road and Loughrey Terrace, commencing at 11.00am - Fr Thomas. **Friday 13 November** - Castlederg Rural Area and Oakleigh Grove, Main Street and Derg Fold, commencing at 11.00am - Fr Thomas.

AN EVENING OF APPRECIATION FOR FR PAUL: Friday 20 November, in St Patrick's Hall, Castlederg, at 7.30pm. Everyone is warmly invited to attend this special occasion as we come together to show our gratitude and appreciation for Fr Paul. To help mark the occasion, donation envelopes are being distributed in all our churches this weekend. We kindly ask that all envelopes be returned for collection at our Masses next weekend, 14/15 November. Thank you very much for your generosity and support. We look forward to welcoming everyone.

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We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Maureen Logue, Young Crescent, whose Funeral Mass took place in Castlederg on Monday, and Danny McHugh, formerly Corgary Road, whose Funeral Mass took place in Aghyaran on Saturday. We offer our sympathy and our prayerful support to their families and to all who mourn their deaths. May they rest in peace.

Our prayers are asked for the happy repose of the souls of the recently deceased who have been enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society:

AGHYARAN: Danny Gallen, Ballymongan Road; Danny O'Donnell, Meenamullan Road.

ARDSTRAW WEST / C'DERG: Brendan Lennon, Crewe; Michael Harper, Castlefin Rd; Evelyn Baxter, Castlefin Park.

DRUMQUIN: Gerry O'Kane, Dooish Road; Frankie Breen, Dernalear Road.

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

AGHYARAN: £846 & €56; Church Restoration Fund: £704 & £28. **DRUMQUIN:** £1,087.

ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG: £1,913 & €25, made up of:
Castlederg £975 & €23, **Drumnabey** £339 & €2, **Dregish** £599.

Thank you to all who contribute by Standing Order.

PARISH BAZAAR DATES for your diary:

Dregish: Sunday 29 November, 7.00 – 9.00pm: Collectors will call at houses. Prizes/donations can also be brought to the hall after Mass on 8, 15 and 22 November.

Drumquin: Saturday 5 December.

Aghyaran: Sunday 6 December, commencing at 8.00pm

Castlederg: Tuesday 8 December: envelopes will be dropped into homes this coming week.

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LEGION OF MARY meeting will take place in the Parochial House, Drumquin, this Thursday, 12 November, at 7.30pm.

BOOK LAUNCH: St Eugene's Hall, Dregish, on Fri 13 November, at 7.30pm; refreshments served. The Dregish History Group has produced two books: ***'Gathering Hidden Gems on the History of Dregish and the People Together,'*** a selection of interesting local history articles by members of the History Group**.** The second is a history of the ***Clergy of Ardstraw West*** by Brian Devenney, edited by Fr McCawille. Thanks to NLH Fund and Rapid for their support.

OMAGH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Day of Prayer, Praise and Healing, celebrating 50 years: next Sunday, 15 November in the Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh: Registration 9.30am, concluding in the afternoon with Mass. Theme: *People of God's Delight* (Ps 194.4). Speaker: Fr John Keane. Cost £40, including coffee and lunch. Book immediately, please, for catering purposes: Evelyn 07876 411435 or Kathleen 07596 609041.

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SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE: LISIEUX, RUE DU BAC, NEVERS, PARIS, ROCAMADOUR and LOURDES
11 – 18 June 2027: 7 Nights, flying from Dublin to Paris/Lourdes to Dublin. Includes visits to the home of the Miraculous Medal, and see the incorrupt bodies of St Catherine Laboure and St Bernadette. In Paris, visit Sacre-Coeur. Cost £1,200 pp sharing. £250.00 deposit. Comprehensive Travel insurance is an extra £35.00. Single room supplement £345. Spiritual Director: Fr Joe McGuigan. Tel: Jean Reynolds 07729 402311 / email: jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk

MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT: St Joseph's Church, Ederney, Wed 9 Dec. Tickets in local shops or on Eventbrite.

SAFEFOOD'S FOOD ENVIRONMENT EXHIBITION will be in Omagh Library from 10 -17 November. You are invited to come and see people's vision for a healthier food environment.

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 8.00pm - Bowls.
Sat 2.00pm - Groogan O'Doherty School of Dancing
Booking forms and hall rates are available to download at www.drumraghparish.com/st.joseph's hall

Marys Meals Coffee Morning Strathroy Comm. Centre
Sat 28th November
11am to 1.30pm
Contact Pauline
07922868753

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Drumragh Parish Draw Winners November

Winner		Promoter
£2,000	Collette Hall	Ann Byrne
£1,000	Clodagh & Ciaran Hannah	Brian McKenna
£500	Alan Norman	Tommy Sharkey
£250	Bernadette Mathers	Claire Diamond
£100	Basia Szyaka	Brian McKenna
£100	Oliver Boyle	Jim McGread
£100	Kirsty O'Neill	Raymond McNally
£100	Sunny Jim	Elizabeth Broderick
£100	Marian McKernan	Ann Byrne
£100	Jim McGread	Jim McGread
£100	Clanabogan Drama Circle	Brian McKenna
£100	Anne Howe	Parish Office
£100	Olivea & Declan McCawley	Kevin O'Gara
£100	Dathi McKenna	Brian McKenna
£100	Promoter's Prize:	Claire Grugan

Christmas Draw 1st December Cards for 2027 are now available from a member of the draw committee, or the parish office.
The option to pay by card will be available for those who wish this year.

Fr Paul Fraser PP
Tel: 028 82243011
E-Mail: info@drumraghparish.com
Website: www.drumraghparish.com
Parish Office 028 82242092
Open: Mon/Tues/Thurs 9-2pm

Parish of Drumragh

Sacred Heart Church, Omagh
St. Mary's Church, Drumragh

8th November 2026

Mass & Confession Times

Sacred Heart, Omagh **5.30pm** *Saturday Vigil*, **10.00am & 12.30pm**
St. Mary's, Drumragh **10.30am**

Mass schedule for the Cappagh Parish Churches
Christ the King, Strathroy *Saturday Vigil*: **6.30pm, 12noon**
St Mary's Killyclogher *Saturday Vigil:* **9.00am, 11.15am**
Weekday Mass Times *unless otherwise announced*
Sacred Heart **10.00am** *Mon-Sat* **7.30pm *Thursday***
Eucharistic Adoration Thursday after the 10.00am Mass until 6.45pm
Confessions *unless otherwise announced*
Sacred Heart **Saturdays after the 10.00am Mass**
Christ the King Saturday 5.30pm – 6.20pm
St Mary's Killyclogher Saturdays after the 10.00am Mass

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD The Annual Parish Memorial for those who have died throughout the year will take place at the 7.30pm evening Mass on **Thursday 12th November**. As a Parish Community we will remember all who have died or were laid to rest in our Parish from 1st October 2025. The names of the deceased will be read out and a candle lit for each one in their memory. We offer our prayerful solidarity and support to the bereaved and invite you to join us for Mass on this evening. Please share this invitation as widely as possible. A Book of Remembrance will be available for you to enter the names of your beloved who have died elsewhere. They will be prayed for at daily Mass throughout the month of November. *"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead" "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on them for ever."*

List of Deceased — November 2025 onwards
Families are asked to check the list at the front of the church of those who have died since November 2025 to ensure that no names have been missed. If a loved one's name is missing, please let the parish office know **before Tuesday 10th** so that the list can be updated. Thank you for your help.

Heavenly Father, we entrust our dearly departed into Your loving embrace, praying that they find eternal peace in Your presence. Comfort the hearts of their grieving families, surrounding them with Your love and strength as they navigate this time of sorrow. May cherished memories bring solace, and may Your grace guide them toward healing and hope. Amen.

Mass Intentions Sacred Heart Church

Thursday 12th November	7.30pm	Parish Memorial Mass for deceased.
Saturday 14th November	5.30pm	Kathleen Donnelly – Month Mind
Sunday 15th November	12.30pm	Sean Montieth – 1st Anniversary
		Phyliss Mullin – 2nd Anniversary

Deaths – We pray for Philomena MacRory, Deerpark.
Christy McGuigan, Bracken Walk

Baptisms - We welcome into our Parish Community, ***Amalia Reese Esguerra Yu, Ruadh Patrick McGinty, Jack Anthony Cartin and Erin Rose Donaghy who were baptised on 31st October.***

Vocations

During this month of November let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come.

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

Louise Rodgers	***Denis Mills***	***Charlie Connolly***
Brenda Drumm	***Tomas Urniezius***	***Ryan Gormley***
Patricia Ann Daly	***Carrie Anne Browne***	***Aileen McKernan***
Kathleen Trainor	***Violetta Sobolewska***	

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

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group Day of Prayer and Healing

Speaker: Fr John Keane Theme 'People of God's' delight **Sunday 15th November**. Silverbirch Hotel, BT79 7DH. Registration 9.30am Holy Mass & Healing Service in afternoon. £40 includes coffee and lunch. Booking by Sunday 1st November (essential for catering purposes) Please include any dietary Requirements Contact Evelyn 07876 411435 Or Kathleen 07596 609041

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT EVENING

Parents/Guardians who would like their child to receive the Sacraments must register with the parish. There will be an Enrolment Evening for First Holy Communion on **Tuesday 10th November at 7pm in Sacred Heart Church**.
It is essential that parents/guardians attend, along with their child.
Registration Forms must be brought to the Church on the Enrolment Evening.

Dublin Gospel Choir – Live at Sacred Heart Church

Join us on **Sunday 29th November 6.30pm** for a magical evening of music! From traditional hymns with a modern flair to soulful gospel classics and festive favourites. An evening not to be missed.
Featuring local Primary Schools
Tickets £20 available from Top News, Parish Office or online at - www.eventbrite.co.uk (search Dublin Gospel Choir)
Limited tickets available. Unreserved seating
Proudly hosted by Droim Ratha Na Sairsealaigh in association with Sacred Heart Church and its Reviving Omagh's Sacred Stories Heritage Project

Eucharistic Ministers to the Care homes & Hospitals

The Extraordinary Ministers in our parish actively serve individuals in residential care homes and hospitals. We urgently need more volunteers to help with this vital pastoral service. You will receive training and support, as teams normally go out in pairs. If you are considering this ministry and would like information, please contact the parish office. Your help would be warmly welcomed.

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The parishioners of Drumragh Parish *would like to express our sincere gratitude to Fr Kevin & Fr Malachy for all their help and support to our parish since the death of Fr Hasson. We are deeply grateful for the time, care and dedication they have given during this difficult period, ensuring that the parish continued to run smoothly and that the needs of our parish community were met while still looking after their own busy parish in Cappagh.*
Their generosity and kindness have been greatly appreciated by us all, and we thank them most sincerely for everything they have done.
We also thank all the other priests who have helped at short notice celebrating Mass and Confessions, and who helped with Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals when required. Thank You!

8th November 2026 Dungiven Parish Bulletin No 1868

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.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES

For Cathal Moore today Sunday 8th Nov. at 11.30 am. Mass in St. Patrick's. For Rita Myles on Saturday 14th Nov. at 6.00 pm. Mass in St. Patrick's.

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: £3,332
MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION: £2,608
Thank you to all who contributed.



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 18th November at 7.30 pm. in the Committee Room.***

S.V.P. HELPLINE 079 2792 992

THANK YOU

Sister Orla of the Loreto Sister, in South Sudan, would like to thank the parishioners of Dungiven for their very generous donation of £4,634. Also, to Dungiven Parish Missionary Outreach Trust Fund of £10,000.

TRAINING FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Fr. Sweeney will be conducting training in St. Patrick's Church on **Mon. 9th Nov. at 8.00 pm.** for all Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers taking Holy Communion to the Sick**.** **It is very important that all ministers attend this training.**

VOCATIONS

During this month of November let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL OPENING HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9.00 am. – 6.00 pm.
Tuesday and Thursday
9.00 am. **– 8.00** pm.

ST. MARY'S GORTNAGHEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Warmly invites parents and children starting P1 in September 2027 to an Open Afternoon on Thursday 3rd December, 2.00 – 2.45pm., with the Principal's welcome at 2.15pm. Please spread the word—all welcome!

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2027

Fr. Gerry will be leading another pilgrimage to Lourdes next year.

Dates: Tuesday 10th August – Sunday 15th August 2027 (5 nights). Flight times are to be confirmed. **Cost:** £975 per person sharing ***Single Supplement:** £40 per night.

Travel Insurance: Pilgrims may arrange their own travel insurance. Travel insurance is mandatory for the pilgrimage, anyone arranging their own insurance must provide details of their policy as proof of cover at the time of booking. Pilgrims may prefer to purchase travel insurance through Joe Walsh Tours at the following prices:

- **Ages 3–17:** £35
- **Ages 18–50:** £49
- **Ages 51–65:** £69
- **Ages 66–79:** £89
- **Ages 80–90:** £129

***Early Booking Discount:** A discount of £100 per person is available for those who pay the full balance by **15th Nov. 2026**.

Deposit: £200 per person, plus the cost of insurance if you choose to take insurance through Joe Walsh Tours.

For further information or to book your place, please contact **Mary on 07719968862.**

2027 CHURCH ART CALENDARS
For sale in Parish Office. Price £1.50.

KEVIN LYNCH H. C.

Lotto no's: 6, 11, 27 & 28. Lucky dip: Margaret Owens. Jackpot: £2,400. *Bingo: Fridays 8.00 pm. in Wanes World.*

WHIST DRIVE: St. Peter's Hall, Drumsurn today, Sun. 8th November at 7.30 pm.

CLEANERS FOR DUNGIVEN CHAPEL NOVEMBER

Martina McNicholl, Hilary Wetzelaer, Marian Murphy.

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2027.

Led by Bishop Michael Router: There are two options available as follows:

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Single Supplement and Travel Insurance will be extra.

Expressions of Interest can be emailed to derrypilgrim@outlook.com. Bookings will begin in mid-January, with more details later. Pilgrimage Gift Vouchers of any value are available from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry, for anyone wishing to purchase them, particularly as a Christmas Gift. Please contact 028 7136 2475 for further information.

DUNGIVEN LIBRARY

ART EXHIBITION - Of Art from local artists, put together by the Dungiven Regeneration Group. On Wed. 11th Nov. at 6.00 pm. here in the library – feel free to come in and get a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits and meet some of the people who have created the pieces on show.

WINTER CRAFTS - Our first winter craft for children this November will be on Sat. 21st Nov., where we'll be making paper-plate snow globes and having a story time session. At 12 noon and booking is required. Contact the library to book your place – for children aged 8+.

GO-ON CLINIC - If you'd like to be able to use WhatsApp, but don't know where to start, then make sure you book in for our **'Introduction to WhatsApp'** Go-On clinic from 11.00 am. – 12 noon here in Dungiven Library.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Errigal Parish News - Sunday 8th November 2026

Weekday Masses: St. Mary's Church: Monday and Tuesday at 10am.
St. Joseph's Church: - No Mass.

St. Mary's Church - (Vigil): Anniversary Mass - For Lizzie McGilligan on Saturday 14th November at 6pm.
Anniversary Mass - For Katie Mullan on Saturday 7th November at 6pm.
Memorial Mass - For Forgotten Children on Sunday 8th November at 10am.
Month's Mind Mass: For Celine McGilligan on Sunday 15th November at 10am.

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St. Joseph's Church - (Vigil) - Anniversary Mass:
First Anniversary Mass - For Dan McNicholl on Sunday 8th November at 11.30am.

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

Eucharistic Adoration: - Adoration on Monday after morning Mass.

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November - Annual Masses for the Deceased: of our parish in the past year -

St. Mary's Church - Saturday 7th November at 6pm.

St. Joseph's Church - Sunday 8th November at 11.30am.

A candle ceremony will be part of the Mass, and a family member of the deceased is invited to come forth and light a candle in remembrance of their loved one, which they can collect in the sacristy after Mass. Please nominate a family member to participate in the candle ceremony.

The names of the deceased of our parish will be displayed in each church during the month of November.

'Death is the Gateway to Eternal Life'
Death is just another step along life's changing way.
No more than just a gateway to a new and better day.
And parting from our loved ones is much easier to bear.
When we know that they are waiting, for us to join them there.

So death is just a natural thing, like the closing of a door.
As we start upon a journey, to a new and distant shore.
And none need make this journey, undirected or alone.
For God promised us safe passage, to this vast and great unknown.
So let your grief be softened and yield not to despair.
You have only placed your loved one, in the loving Father's care.
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'For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 1 Thess 4:14

November List of the Dead: In each of our churches in the parish during November there will be a basket placed in the sanctuary for parishioners to place sealed envelopes of the names of the dead of their loved ones/family circle/relatives/friends. If money is added it will be donated to charity.

Plenary Indulgence: Is applicable from the 1st to the 8th November, for the faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased and the Holy Souls.

Mission Thanks - To Fr. John Walsh, Dominican Order for leading us in a meaningful and prayerful Mission this past week. Also grateful thanks to all who participated and prepared for the Mission those who provided a ministry or service. Special thanks to our Parish Pastoral Group for their deliberations in preparing for the Mission in recent months.

Requiescant in Pace: We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of Danny Cassidy, 47 Coolnasillagh Rpoad who died recently.

Errigal Youth Group: Parish Gift (Growing in Faith Together) - Grow closer to God, connect with friends, get involved in your community and discover your gifts! Saturdays directly after the Vigil Mass in November - Ballerin Errigal Hall (November). Registration available in QR code available in community apps.

Confirmation Candidates Gathering Dates: The autumn gathering of the Confirmation classes (P7's) from both local schools will take place on -

Tuesday 24th November - (Glenullin Community Centre).

Each evening from 7pm - 8.30pm. Parental consent forms will be required for those who gather it will be obtained via each school.

Parish Safeguarding Meeting: After the Vigil Mass on Saturday 7th November in Ballerin Parochial House 6:45-7:45pm. All Sacristans, Choir Leaders, Children's Liturgy helpers, JP2 helpers, Youth Ministry helpers, Confirmation committee members who are over 18 years old should attend if you were not at the October meeting. Please bring 3 forms of ID with you to the meeting for verification purposes. These will be scanned for parish records.
Anyone who teaches, trains cares, supervises, provides advice and guidance to children or vulnerable adults on behalf of the parish should attend, even if you were vetted before COVID. Eucharistic Ministers/Readers do not need to be vetted. Baptism groups don't need vetted either. (Most of Youth Ministry helpers are recently vetted). If you are unable to attend this session, there will be another Safeguarding session in Glenullin on 5th December 6:45-7:45pm.

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.

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

Errigal SVP: Could You Spare a Little Time to Help Others? 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/

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. 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 028 9080 8030.

St. Mary's - November Altar Society: Clare Mullan, Carol Mullan, and Roisin McGilligan.
St. Mary's - November Collectors - (Vigil) Ann O'Neill & Bernie McGilligan. **(Sunday)** Seamus O'Kane & Charlie O'Kane.
St. Joseph's - November Altar Society: Donna Bradley, Anne McCloskey, & Mary Kate McLaughlin.
St. Joseph's - November Counters: Eileen & Sonia McLaughlin, Emma Niblock.
St. Joseph's November Collectors: (Sunday) Criostal McNicholl, Danny McGoldrick, & Paul McGowan.

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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.

Papal Charity - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN): The forthcoming 'Week of Witness' and Red Wednesday commemorations, which this year will take place from **Sunday November 15th -22nd** (with Red Wednesday falling on Wednesday November 18th).
Every year, the Week of Witness prayerfully marks the reality that Christians continue to be persecuted in many parts of the world because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Today, 413 million Christians live in countries where they are denied full religious freedom, while 220 million Christians - one in every ten Christians - live in countries where they are exposed to persecution because of their faith.
ACN is asking parishes to consider marking this special week, and I have pleasure in enclosing some material that I would be delighted if you were to forward on to parishes and highlight on websites and social media. This material can also be downloaded via:
https://www.acnireland.org/witness#witness-resources

Parish Collections - Thank you. 183 boxes of envelopes in circulation.
Standing Orders for the month of October (in brackets)
Returns (Pink/Yellow - 116 White - 83)
St. Mary's - Parish: £595 (£586.50) Renovation: £220 (£83)
St. Joseph's - Parish: £900 £1217.00) Renovation: £445 (£905.00)

Ballerin GAA Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot. The numbers are 12, 15, 21, 24. Jackpot is £4450. Lucky Dip Winner £50 - Jacqueline Toner.
Glenullin GAA Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot. The numbers are 9, 14, 18, and 31. Jackpot £10,000. £20 winners - Christopher Kelly, Orla O'Kane, Anthony McNeill, George Mimnagh, Briege O'Kane, Gerard Mullan, and Joe McKeever.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers
St. Mary's Church - Church Readers - 14th/15th November
Saturday Vigil - Ursula Mullan.
Sunday Morning - Seamus O'Kane.
If anyone is interested in becoming a Reader in St. Mary's Church, please gave your name to Fr. Crowley training will be provided.
Eucharistic Ministers - 14th/15th November
Saturday Vigil - Corey Bradley & Paddy Bradley.
Sunday Morning - Amanda Ferris & Kate McGill.
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Readers & Eucharistic Ministers
St. Joseph's Church - Church Readers - 14th/15th November
Saturday Vigil -
Sunday Morning - Adrian Cullerton.
If anyone is interested in becoming a Reader in St. Joseph's Church, please gave your name to Fr. Crowley or Mairead Mc Nicholl (Lector Co-Ordinator), training will be provided.
Eucharistic Ministers - 14th/15th November
Saturday Vigil -
Sunday Morning - Graine O'Kane & Kate McNicholl.

Trocaíre Is looking for Volunteers: To help deliver school talks during our annual Lent Appeal during **February and March 2027.** We are particularly interested in hearing from people with public speaking experience, especially retired teachers or those who have worked with young people. Volunteers will visit local schools during school hours to share stories of hope, justice and solidarity from communities around the world. The role involves approximately **1-2 short talks per week** during the four-month campaign period. Full training, presentation materials and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Fionnuala McGuinness on 028 9080 8033 or fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week of December if you are interested!

Feasts during the Week: Tuesday - St. Leo the Great: He died in 461, taught the two natures, human and divine, of Christ at the Council of Chalcedon, 451, and the primacy of the See of Peter. **Wednesday - St. Martin of Tours (335 - 97):** Bishop Tours, apostle of rural Gaul, founder of monasteries. A patron of France, soldiers, and innkeepers. **Thursday - St. Josephat (1580 - 1623):** Bishop of Polotz, worked for the reunion of Ukrainian Catholics, his murder by those who opposed it brought about many conversations. **Saturday - St. Lawrence O' Toole:** Was born in Castledermot, Co. Clare in 1123. He studied at Glendalough, becoming a monk there and later its abbot in 1148. In 1162 he was chosen as the first native Archbishop of Dublin. He attended the Third Lateran Council in 1179 and, returning as Papal Legate, he held synods to extend reform. He worked for peace and reconciliation and died on a mission of meditation with King Henry II and the Irish rulers at Eu in Normandy in 1180.

Diocesan Vocations: During this month of November let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come.
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 titles 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.
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.

Fahan Parish Newsletter

Fr Baker will visit tbe sick in his care on Friday 13th November in the Inch area from 10.30am and the Fahan area from 2.30pm

Baptism

We welcome into God's family the following child who was baptised:
Arabella Oceane McMahon, Cheshire, England
May God guide and protect our children always

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Adoration in St Mura's Parish Church on Friday after the 10am Mass. All welcome.
Prayer for Vocations During this month of November let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come.
Altar Servers We are recruiting new altar servers so any pupil currently in 3rd Class or older, and who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome to apply. Forms are available from the schools
The Columban Youth Adults a relatively new group for those aged 18-35 in the diocese, who are seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. Our November event will be a Holy Hour and meditation Thur 19 Nov, 7pm at our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry, delivered by recently retired Bishop Donal McKeown. The meditation will be followed by Solemn Benediction and then refreshments. We are actively seeking new members-please come along and bring a friend! For info contact columbanyoungadults@gmail.com or follow us on social media.
Precious Life Join Precious Life on Saturday 14th November at Foyleside Shopping Centre, Orchard St, Derry at 2pm for a Life Chain to mark the 7th Anniversary of Westminster imposing abortion on Northern Ireland. For more information, please contact Precious Life on 00447592280522
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
Burt Bingo every Tuesday in St. Marys Hall, Burt at 9pm.
Burt GAA Lotto 6,12,13,28 &30 Weekly Winner Darina Friel
Beginners Line Dancing Class at St Mary's Hall, Burt Thursdays 7:45pm-8:45pm.
Community Drop In Fahan Presbyterian Church Hall Tooban 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.
Mary's Meals wish to thank all who donated to their recent coin & note collection held in Buncrana. Your generosity is very much appreciated"
Scoil Mhuire Application into 1st year for 2027/2028 academic year for Scoil Mhuire will open on 19th November. For further information on the application process and to apply, visit our website at www.scoilmhuirebuncrana.ie or collect an information pack directly from Reception.

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All Saints Collection Burt €985 Inch €350 Fahan €925 **All Souls Collection** €625 ***Sincere Thanks***	fahanparish@derrydiocese.org www.fahanparish.com **8th November 2026** **Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**	**Fr Bradley 9363455** **Fr Baker 9360151** **Parish Office 9360151** (Mon-Thurs 10am-12:30pm)

Mass Schedule

St. Aengus' Burt
(churchservices.tv/burt)
Monday 9th November Mass at 10am
Saturday 14th November Mass at 6.30pm
Sunday 15th November Mass at 10.15am

Our Lady of Lourdes, Inch
Sunday 15th November Mass at 9am
Sr. Finian Anniversary Mass

St Mura's Church, Fahan
(churchservices.tv/fahan)
Wednesday 11th November Mass at 7pm
Friday 13th November Mass at 10am
Sunday 15th November Mass at 11:30am

Chapel Of Ease, Fahan
Thursday 12th November Mass at 10am

Annual Mass for The Dead

The Celebration of Mass for our dead takes place on
Wednesday 18th November at 7pm in **St Mura's Church, Fahan**
Families who have been bereaved from November 2025 to October 2026 will be contacted in the next couple of weeks, but there will be an opportunity for families to bring forward a candle for anyone who has died. Candles will be on sale on the night for €5. All welcome to attend.

Throwing Open The Doors to Christ Novena

This year's Novena continues this Sunday at 7pm in St Mary's Church, Cockhill.
For the nine Sundays before Christmas we will gather for one hour and the ceremony will comprise of the Rosary, a talk given by an invited speaker, the Novena prayer and petitions (which can be placed in a box at the door of the church), a Eucharistic Healing Ceremony and finishing with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Once again, the theme of this year's Novena is "Throwing Open the Doors to Christ" – taken from the homily of Pope St John Paul II at the Opening Mass of his Pontificate on 22 October 1978. The Guest speaker on the night will be Fr. Stephen Baxter All are very welcome. Please come along, bring your families and make the most of this opportunity for prayer as we approach the season of Christ's birth.

"November Remember" Pastoral Initiative

With the grim statistic of there having been 150 people killed on the country's roads so far this year (12 more than the same period last year) – 45 of these people aged under 25 and 30 aged over 65 (of the 29 pedestrians killed, 10 were over 65) – we need to redouble our efforts as road users to do what we can to make our roads safer, especially as we enter the darker and colder months.
To this end, while November is a time when we remember our dead, this year, in an attempt to acknowledge that the life and death of each of us has its influence on others, we would like as many people as possible to take on a pledge to use the roads with care in November. The details of that pledge are to be found on posters and our social media pages. Also there is also prayer card that can be collected from the Churches to be kept in your car to be recited each day during the month.
There will be signage placed on the roads entering our two parishes to remind us of this.
Please do your best to participate in this and support it.

Father Bradley

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Parish of Granaghan

Rev. Christopher McDermott

The Solemnity of All Saints

1st November 2026

www.granaghanparish.com
E-mail: james.devine@derrydiocese.org
Telephone: 028 7940 1236

Weekly Masses: Saturday 31st October Vigil at 4pm and Sunday 1st November at 11am

Weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 09:15am

CLG Sleacht Neil Notices: Remembrance Mass Thursday 12th Nov 7.30pm Slaughtneil Hall.
Ladies Shopping Trip to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre: Bus Leaving from Pitch at 8am Cost £20 Contact Donna To book your seat 07518885703

For the future priests of our diocese, the men who will preach the Good News of the Beatitudes (today's Gospel) - the happiness that comes from persevering in faith, and trusting in the goodness and mercy of Almighty God through the ups and downs of life. **Fr Pat O'Hagan**

Matt Talbot Prayer Society Monthly Mass: Monday 2 November at 7.30pm in **St Eugene's Cathedral,** Derry. Everyone welcome: Mass is offered for enrolled members of the society and their families. Anyone dealing with addiction personally or family is encouraged to attend. Spiritual Packs - Protection of family homes from Drugs will be distributed after Mass. To enrol please email: vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com

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Collection for Sunday 25th October
Weekly: £1213.47 Missions: £95.00



An Carn
Evening Sewing Class - Wednesday 4 Nov - 9 December | 7 - 9pm | £45
Set Dancing - Wednesday 4 Nov - 9 December | 7:30 - 9pm | £30
Introduction to Printmaking - 4-week Course, enjoy learning a popular printing technique where you'll learn the basics in Lino printing through demonstrations before creating your own designs! Wednesday 4 - 25 November | 11am - 12:30pm | £20
Chair Aerobics - Thursday 5 Nov - 10 December | 9:30 - 10:30am | £24
Ceol beo / Live Music: Ger O'Donnell, Trevor Sexton & Don Stiffe - The combination of these three powerhouses of Irish vocals is one of the most exciting things happening in Irish music in recent times. Don't miss this night of music! Saturday 7 November | Doors @ 7:30pm | An Coire Arts Centre | £25 | U16's - Free

Forbidden

St Ergnat's GAC: Winter Wellbeing Event Sat 28th November 10am-1.30pm: Men's Health Check Bus, Cooking Demos, a chance to try out activities available in the community. **Booking for bus essential @ 07515 954734**

Ceili Class every Thursday night 7-9.30pm in the Open Door Complex. Everyone welcome.

"The Long Now" a staged reading by "Off the Cuff" on 13 Nov at 7.30pm In Seamus Heaney Homeplace. Admission £10.

St John Bosco Primary School Open Morning for children due to start primary school in September 2027 will be held on Tues 1 Dec from 9:30-10:30 am
We look forward to welcoming prospective parents to our school. Our new pupils will have their own special Induction Morning in June.

St Mary's PS, Greenlough – Open Day, Thursday 3 December, 3.30 – 5.30pm. Parents of prospective pupils are welcome to come along, explore the school, and meet the team. Email: www.stmaryspsgreenlough.com Tel: (028) 25821066.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027
under the leadership of Bishop Michael Router.
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Bookings will begin in mid-January. **Pilgrimage Gift Vouchers,** (maybe a Christmas gift idea), of any value, are available to purchase from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop St, Derry**. Tel: (028) 71362475** for further information.

Greenlough Parish Office is closed until further notice, but is contactable by phone on (028) 25821190, or by email: greenloughparish@gmail.com Website: www.greenloughparish.com
Bellaghy Parish Office: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am – 3pm; Friday, 8-11am. Tel: (028) 79386259 or email: info@bellaghyparish.com Website: www.bellaghyparish.com Please note: the office is closed on Tuesdays.

St Mary's, Bellaghy / St Joseph's, Ballyscullion
St Oliver Plunkett, Clady
8 November 2026 – 32nd Sunday of the Year

Eucharistic Adoration. As mentioned recently, we hope to renew or reawaken Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in our parishes. We will welcome guest speakers to our parishes, next weekend, 14/15 November. **Anyone interested in helping** in any way is invited to a meeting in the **Quiet Room of St Oliver Plunkett Church, Clady, at 6.45pm on Tues 10 November,** and to a follow-up meeting in the **St Carlo Acutis Adoration Chapel, Bellaghy, at 7pm, on Mon 16 Nov**. Volunteers will be needed to assist with the distribution of forms at the weekend Masses of 14/15 Nov. **If you would like to help, please contact either parish office**.



During this month of November let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come. Let us continue to pray for those whom the Lord is calling to serve this diocese as priests, that as they discern their future, they will be open to the possibility of priesthood.

This week's diary:
Mon 9 – Bellaghy - Mass at 9.30am
Tues 10 – Greenlough, - Mass at 9.30am. **Rosary at 7.30pm.**
Wed 11 – Bellaghy - Mass at 9.30am
Thurs 12 – Greenlough – Adoration, 9.00am – 5.00pm
Friday 13 – Greenlough – Mass at 9.30am. **Service for the Dead, 7.00pm**.
Friday 13 – Bellaghy – Adoration, 10am – 8pm (Rosary at 7.30pm)
Sat, 5.30pm (Streamed from Greenlough) **Sun, 11am** (Streamed to Greenlough)
Sun 15 – Ballyscullion – Mass at 9.45am

Fr Pat hopes to visit the **Sick and Housebound as follows: Monday – Bellaghy C** (Ballynease area); **Friday – Greenlough B** (Mayogall Road, Ballymacpeake Road, Mullanamoyagh Road.

Baptism Dates – November & December 2026; January 2027
Bellaghy at 1.00pm – 5 December; 9 January
Greenlough at 4.15pm – 28 November; 19 December; 30 January.

Deaths: We pray for the families and friends of **Fr Philip, OCSO, Portglenone,** and **Danny Cassidy, Coleraine,** who died recently.

Anniversaries: Sat/Sun 7/8: **Anniversary Mass at 5.30pm for Agnes McPeake, Elisha McCann and Jim McDonnell; Anniversary Mass at 11am for Bernie McIvor;** Eamon Ferris, Siobhan McErlean, Peter Kealey, Thomas Mullan, Jane Scullion, Dessie Diamond, Sinead McLarnon, Paddy McCann, Jim McTeague, Mary Ann McLaughlin, Philomena Tohill, Margaret Doherty, James McErlean, Mary Toner, John Lee, Rose Agnew, James O'Loughlin, Jim O'Loughlin, Des Diamond, Marion Devlin.
Sat/Sun 14/15: Anniversary Mass for James Toner, Barney and Rose McErlean at 5.30pm; **Month's Mind at 11am** for **Anthony Diamond**, **(Month's Mind at 11am for Peggy Larkin,** Barney McCallion.

May they rest in peace.

ST. MALACHY'S G.A.C. – Lotto Nos 1 3 17 22 drawn Monday 2nd Nov . No winner. £25 each to Roger Lennox and Noel Cosgrove. Jackpot £700 next week.

St Ergnats lotto results for 3/11/26. 2,8,23,25. No winner. £30 each to Eileen Kerr and Sean Boyd. Jackpot now £1,450.

Bellaghy GAA Lotto No's 10,16, 21, 22. No jackpot winner. £25 each to Cathal McErlean & Tracey Downey. Next week's jackpot: £4700.

From St Columba to Sr Clare Crockett – Discover 1500 years of Faith and Culture at Long Tower Church, Derry. **Áras Cholmcille – St Columba's Museum, and Sr Clare Exhibition.** Also, take a **guided tour of the Church And Museum** (with lunch). **Tour, Lunch and Talk** (on Mondays and Tuesdays) at St Columba's Heritage Centre. For booking or further information, please email stcolumbatours@outlook.com

Called to Serve – A Day of Support and Inspiration for Parish Ministry will take place in Knock on Saturday 21 November, 10am – 3pm, for anyone already involved, or interested in getting involved, in any aspect of parish ministry – Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Music, Youth Ministry, Welcome/ Ushers, Flower arranging. For further information, please contact Nicola Mitchell at nicolamitchell@knockshrine.ie Please contact either parish office if you're interested in attending.

All three Churches in the Parishes of Bellaghy and Greenlough will have a Box or Book available in which you can put the names of those you wish to be remembered in our prayers during the month of the Holy Souls (November).



EVERYONE MATTERS SEN GROUP is having a fundraising **Bring & Buy** in The Open Door Complex, Bellaghy, next Sunday, 15 November, from 1.30 – 4.30pm. Bring along any unwanted items, including books, bric-a-brac, clothes, homeware, toys… Sellers' tables cost £15 each. Email the group at: everyonemattersbellaghy@gmail.com

TRÓCAIRE is looking for volunteers to help deliver talks in schools during their annual Lenten Appeal, during February and March next year. They are particularly interested in hearing from people with public speaking experience, retired teachers, or anyone who has worked with young people. Volunteers will work during school hours, sharing stories of justice, hope, and solidarity from communities around the world. Full training, presentation materials, and ongoing support will be provided. If interested, please contact Fionnuala McGuinness on (028) 90808033 or email: fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week in December.

Any outstanding payments of **£26** for the **Messenger Magazine** should be returned to the sacristies of any of the churches, or to the Parish Office in Bellaghy, as soon as possible, please.

We welcome the **Rise & Shine Pilgrimage Trust** to our parishes this weekend, to deliver their annual appeal for financial aid towards next year's Pilgrimage to Lourdes with young people with additional needs. After this weekend donations can be left at any of the churches, Bellaghy Parish Office, or at the Pharmacy in Bellaghy

Please note: Anniversary Notices should be left at either parish office by noon on Wednesdays. From now on, any names received after this deadline will be held over to the following weekend.

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

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

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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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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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

READINESS AND WEARINESS Matthew 25:1–1

Readiness is compatible with weariness. In the parable of the ten bridesmaids, all ten fall asleep, including the wise. Jesus does not condemn their tiredness. The difference lies in the oil they have brought.
We might understand that oil as our willingness to open our hearts to Christ: to receive his love, acknowledge our need, and allow him to sustain us. We cannot manufacture grace, but we can make room to receive it.
Sometimes we imagine that being ready for God means having everything accomplished, our problems resolved, and our weaknesses overcome. Yet Christ can meet us amid unfinished tasks, anxious thoughts, and tired bodies. Our weariness need not close our hearts.
Even a simple prayer can keep the lamp of faith burning: "Lord, I am tired, but I am here. Help me welcome you."
The Bridegroom comes to gather us into his joy. Readiness means remaining willing to receive the love he offers, even when we have little strength.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP will continue on Tuesday at the 7.15pm Mass. Please place Petitions in the box at the front of the altar.

ANNIVERSARIES We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Paul McElhinney, Elizabeth Breslin, Maire Coyle, Margaret Hasson, Benny McLaughlin

SUNDAY COLLECTION 1st Nov £2506.36 & €161.91 Standing Orders £400 **2nd Collection** £932.51 & €54.60 Thank you for your generosity

HOLY FAMILY PARISH DRAW
Our Parish Draw will begin in January 2027 to provide funds for the refurbishment and future capital needs of our Parish. Monthly subscription of **£10 by standing order or cash payment of £120 for year**. Part payments for a ticket can be made to the parish office over the next twelve weeks Tickets on sale and standing order forms available after Masses every weekend or at the parish office from this weekend. All standing order and cash payments need to be completed by 10th January for the first draw on **Saturday 30th Jan.** A subscriber to the Draw must be at least 18 years of age.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
During this month of November let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come. There will be a meeting for anyone considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, in Derry, today Sunday 8 November, beginning at 4pm. For further details, contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, pgoh2111@gmail.com (028) 79386259

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ANAM CARA'S next Bereavement Information Evening will centre around where creativity intersects with grief with renowned author and psychotherapist, Sasha Bates. This event is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. This event will take place online on Thursday 19 November at 7pm. For more info info@anamcara.ie or call 085 288 8888

FREE 4- Week Dementia Education Programme for Family Carers
Starting Thursday 21 January 2027, 7.00pm at the Health for Life Healthy Living Centre, Creggan. Designed for those supporting a loved one with a dementia diagnosis at home. Learn about dementia, communication, behaviours, coping strategies, and available supports. Family members are welcome to attend together. Please note: this course is not suitable for people living with dementia or those currently undergoing assessment/diagnosis. **Booking essential:** eilish.brown@healthforlifenw.org | 028 7137 3870.

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

ST. ANNE'S ORATORY - WEEKDAY MASSES - Monday, Thursday & Friday at 9.15am.

In Remembrance: Tommy McKendry, Breda Bradley, Kathleen O'Neill Shirley O'Neill, Bridie O'Neill, Brendan McAlary, Jim Donaghy, Molly Scally, John McCloskey, Kathleen & Shirley O'Neiall, Mickey Diamond, Tommy Flanagan Jonathan Montgomery, Ethel McCamphill, bridie McWilliams and Joseph Bradley. **May they rest in Peace.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Monday from 12noon until 7pm in Drumagarner. Concludes with public prayers. All welcome.

Plenary Indulgence: Is applicable from the 1st to the 8th November, for the faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased and the Holy Souls.

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 titles 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.

Prayer Reflection: Everyday; I need you Lord but this day especially, I need some extra strength to face whatever is to be. This day more than any other day, I need to feel you near me. To fortify my courage and to overcome my fear. By myself I cannot meet, the challenge of the hour. There are times when human creatures need, a higher power, to help them bear what must be. And so dear Lord, I pray you, hold my trembling hand. And be with me Lord this day. Amen

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S.V.P. Thrift Shop: Christmas Fayre - Thursday 12th November. 10.00am - 8.00pm. Lots of Toys, Gifts, Jewellery and Party Wear. Light Refreshments and Christmas Raffle.

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Choir-ee-okee
Singing for joy and wellbeing
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Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Bellaghy
In aid of Parkinson's UK.



Stage Reading by Off the Cuff Theatre
'The Long Now'
Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Bellaghy
Friday 13th November at 7.30 pm
Admission: **£10.**



K-Pop Inspired Class with Selena
Tuesday 10th November (5 week course)
4.00 pm - 5.30 pm
Mayogall Hall
Contact Selena on 07561533135.



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PARISH OFFICE
Please have all Anniversaries names & News Items in **by WEDNESDAY** each week.

The Parish Office is open
Monday - Thursday from 10.00 am.

Thank-You





Lavey Parish

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Jesus said to the crowds: ***"Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."*** *These words of Jesus are usually heard as a warning about being prepared for death and, no doubt, they are that. But they are also a call to be prepared for life! It is so easy to get used to even the most wonderful gifts of life and love and take them for granted. Our call is to be alert to these and to celebrate them daily, especially in our love relationships of marriage and family life and also within the community of faith. We miss out on so much joy and happiness with each other. Husbands and wives get so busy that they have no time to be with each other and to enjoy their marriage. Parents are so focused on giving their children as much as possible that they can neglect the most important thing of all, the gift of themselves. And in the faith community we can be so intent on doing our duty that we neglect to enjoy what we are doing.*



Father Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.

Parishes of Camus, Clonleigh and Leckpatrick
Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A – 8th November 2026
Parish Clergy: Fr Michael McCaughey, PP: (028) 71882274 / (028) 71882215
Fr Declan Boland (priest in residence)
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Email: clonleighparish@derrydiocese.org; **Website**: www.clonleighparish.com

Gospel Reflection *(Matthew 25:1-13)*

In today's gospel, Jesus tells the parable of ten virgins who were waiting for the bridegroom. Five were wise because they brought extra oil for their lamps, while the other five were foolish because they failed to prepare. When the bridegroom finally arrived, those who were ready entered the wedding celebration, while the others were left behind. Through this parable, Jesus reminds us of the importance of being spiritually prepared because we do not know when He will return.

The lamp is a symbol of our lives, our faith, and our relationship with God. Just as a lamp needs oil to continue burning, our spiritual lives need to be constantly nourished through prayer, love, acts of kindness, and unwavering trust in the Lord. We are called to remain vigilant and faithful, keeping our hearts close to God so that our faith never grows weak or runs dry. By living according to His will each day, we stay prepared for the return of Jesus. Rather than fearing His coming, we should look forward to it with joyful anticipation, confidence, and hope, knowing that a life rooted in faith and obedience allows us to welcome Him with hearts full of peace and devotion.

Loving God, thank You for always being with me. Help me keep the lamp of my faith burning brightly each day. May I always be ready to welcome You with joy, hope, and a faithful heart.

Remembering Our Deceased Loved Ones During the month of November, we are especially encouraged to remember and pray for the faithful departed, those members of our families and dearly beloved who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. As we pray for all our holy souls, we think also of all who grieve at this time.

Prayer For All The Deceased

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust. Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family to sing Your praise forever and ever.

May the Divine Assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Requiescant in Pace We offer our sympathy of the family and friends of
John McConnell, Derry Rd, Strabane
Joe Cullen, Lower Main St, Strabane
Ann Wallace, Alexander Place, Strabane

Anniversaries Susan Carlin, William Cooke, Johnny Diver, Josie Doherty, Lila Doherty, Charlie Dolan, Joseph Flanagan, Jim Gallagher, Margaret Gallagher, Robert Gibson, Fr Augustine Gillespie, Ruby Hynes, Betty Kelly, Pat Kelly, Brigid Masterson, Joan McElchar, Isobel McElwee, Jim McFadden, Billy McGonagle, Mary McNulty, Charles O'Kane, Kathleen Patton, Hugh Rooney. May they rest in peace.

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

Thank You for your generosity to last week's collections
Leckpatrick £1,311.61 (£361.40 grounds maintenance)
Clonleigh €1,625.43 (€272.43 graveyard works)
Camus £1,667,64 (£385.80 grounds maintenance)
Thanks also to those who pay by standing order.

Readings Sunday 15th November:
1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
Psalm: 128: 1-2,3,4-5
2nd Reading: 1st Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Saints of the Coming Week:
Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
Tuesday: St Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St Martin of Tours, bishop
Thursday: St Josaphat, bishop and martyr
Saturday: St Laurence O'Toole, bishop

Please Note that weekday Masses at **Sacred Heart Church, Derry Rd** is now at **7.45 am**.

We wish to remind you that the **Vigil Mass** at **St Patrick's, Murlog** is now at **6.00 pm**, until further notice. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Envelope Collection SVdP will distribute Christmas collection envelopes at Masses during the weekend of 21st/22nd November for return the following weekend. Your support is greatly welcomed.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027, led by Bishop Michael Router: There are two options available: **Option 1:** 8th - 13th July, 5 nights, £980, from City of Derry Airport, with priority given to assisted pilgrims and family members, care team, youth, youth leaders and priests. **Option 2:** 7th - 14th July, 7 nights, £1,095, from Belfast International Airport. Single supplement and travel insurance extra. Expressions of interest can be emailed to derrypilgrim@outlook.com Bookings will begin in January. More details later. Pilgrimage gift vouchers of any value are available from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop St, Derry for anyone wishing to purchase them, particularly as a Christmas gift. Please tel 028 71362475 for information.

Columban Young Adults is a relatively new group for those aged 18 - 35 in the diocese, who are seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. Our November event will be a Holy Hour and meditation on **Thursday 19th November at 7.00 pm** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry, delivered by recently retired Bishop Donal McKeown. Meditation will be followed by Solemn Benediction and refreshments. We are seeking new members. Please come along and bring a friend! For information, please contact columbanyoungadults@gmail.com or follow us on social media.

Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity, 'Aid to the Church in Need', which works to support them, is organising a 'Week of Witness' from 15th - 22nd November to highlight their plight, with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on 'Red Wednesday', 18th November. More information is available at www.acnireland.org

Pray for Vocations During this month of November, let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come.

Considering a Vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood? There will be a meeting for anyone considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, in Derry, today (Sunday) beginning at 4 pm. For further details, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, at pgoh2111@gmail.com or (028) 79386259.

The Next Diocesan Vocations Holy Hours will take place on Tuesday 1st December from 8 - 9 pm, following 7.30 pm Mass in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Waterside, Derry. Everyone welcome.

Dublin Gospel Choir – Sacred Heart Church, Omagh Join us on Sunday 29th November 6.30 pm for a magical evening of music! From traditional hymns with a modern flair to soulful gospel classics and festive favourites. Featuring local primary schools. Tickets £20 from Top News, parish office or www.eventbrite.co.uk. Proudly hosted by Droim Ratha Na Sairsealaigh in with Sacred Heart Church and its Reviving Omagh's Sacred Stories Heritage Project.

Marie Curie, Strabane Christmas Carol Service takes place on Thursday 10th December at 7.30 pm at Christ Church, Bowling Green, Strabane. All welcome – no tickets - any donations welcome on the evening. Those entertaining include Strabane Brass Band, Class Act singers, and special guest soloist, Ruth Corey. A number of our local clergy will take part, enhancing the evening with scripture readings telling the story of Christmas. Fr Declan Boland will offer a personal reflection. Your presence will surely add to a most enjoyable evening for all.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Courses available. Please visit www.accordni.com
Job Opportunity St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry is recruiting an experienced Choir Director (10 hours per week) to lead and manage all aspects of the cathedral choir, ensuring that the music enhances worship services and aligns with the church's liturgical themes. For a job description / application pack, please contact (028) 71262302 / recruitment@derrydiocese.org Completed applications must be submitted to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, BT48 9AP or to recruitment@derrydiocese.org by noon on Thursday 12th November 2026.

Anam Cara - Supporting Parents After Bereavement Monthly in-person support evening takes place on Thursday 12th Nov at 7.30 pm in Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny, F92 FK15. No registration required. **Next information event** takes place ONLINE on Thursday 19th November at 7.00 pm. It will centre around where creativity intersects with grief with renowned author and psychotherapist, Sasha Bates and is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. Please contact info@anamcara.ie or 00353 85 288 8888.

Carmelite Open Day A Day of Prayer, reflection and sharing with the Carmelite friars and nuns, for men and women, aged 18-40, will take place on Saturday 21st November from 10.30 am - 4.30 pm in Avila Retreat Centre, Donnybrook, Dublin. Registration by 15th November. Please contact: opendayavila@gmail.com

Parish Christmas Draw Tickets will be available during the week. Further details, including prizes on offer, will be posted next week. We appreciate the support from everyone throughout our parishes and beyond.

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

Parish Bingo and Lucky Four in St Pat's Hall on Thursdays at 8 pm. Some fun, excitement and slight competition.

Abide Women's Conference from 20th - 22nd November at Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran. Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braun, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Dominicans, etc. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, Cork & Ross diocese. Please visit Abide in His Love at Eventbrite.ie. Registration at https://abide inhislove.eventbrite.com

'It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins'. (2 Maccabees 12:46)

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: **6.00 pm**; Sunday: 9.45 am
St Mary's Cloughcor: Sunday 8.30am (8th Nov - alternate Sundays - 22nd Nov)
St Joseph's Glenmornan: Sunday 8.30am (15th Nov - alternate Sundays – 29th Nov)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: **7.45 am**: Sacred Heart Church, Derry Road
10.00 am: St Patrick's Church, Lifford
Tuesday: **10.00 am**: Immaculate Conception Church, Strabane
Wednesday: **7.45 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: **7.45 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. Feel free to call in or phone on 028 71882215.
Reminder that the deadline for parish bulletin notices is 2 pm on Wednesdays.
A Small Collection of Candles, Mass cards / Mass bouquets available for purchase at the Pastoral Office. **St Pio prayer cards** also available.
A gentle reminder that we can only accept cash /cheque payments. Thank you.

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 (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.

Limavady Parish

8 November 2026

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME FOR WEEK COMMENCING Monday 9 November 2026

Monday 9 November - Friday 13 November	10.00am	Mass: Christ the King Church (streamed)
Thursday 12 Nov.	1.00pm to 6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration in St. Mary's Church.
Saturday 14 Nov.	4.30pm	Vigil Mass: Christ the King Church (streamed)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: St Finlough's Church (streamed)
Sunday 15 November	9.00am	Mass: Christ the King Church.
	10.30am	Mass: St Mary's Church (streamed)
	12.00noon	Mass: Christ the King Church

Readings for next Sunday: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. Ps 127:1-5, R/ v 1. 1 Th 5:1-6. Mt 25:14-30



TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

PARISH OFFICE 028 777 62522
(MONDAY – THURSDAY:9.00am -1.00pm)



Msgr. McCanny 028 777 29759. Fr Harkin 028 777 63944
Email:parishoflimavady@btinternet.com. Website:www.limavadyparish.org

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

IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES PLEASE REMEMBER THE SVP RED BOX.
HELPLINE 075123603

SYMPATHY:

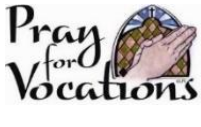
We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:
Michael (Micky) Clyde, 52 Kings Lane, Ballykelly
who has died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lorraine Meehan, Beth Kavanagh, Roddy O'Kane, Annette James, Clare Henry, Kathleen and Lewis Johnston, Fergus Doherty, Brigid Murray, Doreen McCann, Kathleen Grant, Charlie and Mary Sweeney, Martha Harkin, Naomi Giles, Willie John McCorriston, Hugh McLaughlin, Carole McLaughlin, James Donaghy, Mark Holmes, Eddie Magee.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH CONFESSIONS
in Christ the King Church
on **Sunday 8 November**
from **3.00pm to 5.00pm**



During this month of November let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come.

Prayer:



Reach out this day, O Lord, to all who are suffering,
especially to those like yourself who are suffering
at the hands of their fellow men and women.
Enlighten the minds of all peoples so that we may strive
to be like you "gentle and humble of heart."
Give new courage to those who are weighed down by their sufferings.
Console those who are lonely and depressed.
Give new health to those who are sick.
Stand close to those who are bereaved or deserted.
Bring us all in due time to that eternal happiness where we will live by the spirit and praise you and the Father forever and ever. Amen

Baptism

We welcome into God's family:

EÒIN PAUL NICELL

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH
EACH THURSDAY
FROM 1.00pm to 6.00pm.
Please ensure the Blessed Sacrament Is never left alone.

SANTA AT ST. FINLOUGH'S COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 28th November
10.00am to 12 noon
All welcome!






CÉILÍ NEWS:
Céilí classes continue in the **Drummond Hotel**
Wednesday nights,
8pm to 9.30pm.
New members welcome.

OUR NEXT CÉILÍ IS ON SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER.
ALL PROCEEDS TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
PLEASE SUPPORT!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR:
on **Saturday 5th December**
from **10.00am to 3.00pm.**
Tables are £20 each.



Trocaire is looking for volunteers to help deliver school talks during our annual Lent Appeal during **February and March 2027**. We are particularly interested in hearing from people with public speaking experience, especially retired teachers or those who have worked with young people. Volunteers will visit local schools during school hours to share stories of hope, justice and solidarity from communities around the world. The role involves approximately **1-2 short talks per week** during the four-month campaign period. Full training, presentation materials and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Fionnuala McGuinness on 028 9080 8033 or fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week of December if you are interested!

Trócaire
TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2027, led by Bishop Michael Router: There are two options available as follows:
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Single Supplement and Travel Insurance will be extra.
Expressions of Interest can be emailed to derrypilgrim@outlook.com. Bookings will begin in mid-January, with more details later. Pilgrimage Gift Vouchers of any value are available from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry, for anyone wishing to purchase them, particularly as a Christmas Gift. Please contact 028 7136 2475 for further information.

ST. FINLOUGH'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRAW



1ST Prize:	£500 heating oil
2nd Prize:	£200 Tesco vouchers
3rd Prize:	£200 McAtamney's Voucher
4th Prize:	£100 Tesco Voucher.



Each line £5. 5 lines £20.
Draw takes place at the last Bingo on **Friday 18th December 2026**
Get your line and be in with a chance to win.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE COLLECTION:

Weekly Collection: **£4,985**



Standing Order: If you wish to set up a Standing Order, please contact the parish office – Tel: (028) 777 62522.
Office open Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 1.00pm.

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Regional Emergency Social Work Services 0800 1979 995

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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Rev. Pat O'Hagan

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

OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS NOVENA: - Continues in St Mary's Church on Wednesday evening 11 November after 7.30pm Mass.

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED: The 7.30pm Mass in Glen next Friday 13 November will be offered for the dead and especially for all in our parish who died from 13 November 25 to Friday 13 November 26. **A book of Enrolment for all our deceased will be on the Sanctuary of each church during the month of November.**

BEST WISHES *to Fr. Patrick Lagan who will be installed as Parish Priest of Greencastle next Saturday 14 November at 7.30pm and as Parish Priest of Gortin on Saturday 21 Nov at 7.30pm.*

ANAMCARA DONEGAL, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Face to Face Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Thurs 12 November at 7.30pm in the Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny This event is Free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age of their child. We also offer online support group meetings. email info@anamcara.ie

ENVELOPE COLLECTION: - Thank you for last week's envelope collections of £3,398.00 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

FEASTS THIS WEEK Monday: St Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the church
Tuesday: St Martin of Tours, bishop and St Laurence O'Toole, bishop

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

CHAIR PILATES – For over 50's. Classes are FREE. 4 weeks course in Fairhill Youth Club, starting on Thursday 12 November at 10.15am. Tutor: Rebecca Williamson

GLEN GAA Website www.wattygrahamsgac.com Lotto Numbers 37:32:36:49: No winner, next week Jackpot £15,000. Three £50 winners: Niamh Glass, Faolan McEldowney and Ryan & Jamie Duggan. Flyover £17,000 in 45 Nos or less.

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

BRACKAGH HALL - 45-CARDS -continues in Brackagh Hall on Mon 2 Nov. at 7.30pm.

CLG Sleacht Neil – REMEMBRANCE MASS on Thurs 12 Nov at 7.30pm in Slaughtneil Hall. **Cooking classes and nutrition workshops** with the "Sporty Dietician" in Slaughtneil Hall on Tues 10th, 17th, 24th November at 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Spaces limited. Tel. Donna 075188857. **SLAUGHTNEIL BING0** on Saturday - 14 November at 8pm. Usual prizes

Rainey Street, on Monday 23 Nov at 10am. Kindly let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE – Fully escorted group pilgrimage to Fatima accompanied by Spiritual Director, 28 June-5 July 2027. Direct Daytime Flights from Belfast to Porto. Return Staying in 4* `hotel. Full Board. Services of JWT Pilgrimage Guide. Daily Mass and Spiritual Activities. Cost: £975pps. Early Booking Offer: £100 off if paid in full by 30 November 2026. For further details, please Contact Christine Lagan: 07803192621.

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 November 2026

Oil You Cannot Borrow

Nobody wastes oil these days. Ask anyone who has just filled their car or home heating oil tank. In the 1970s people recall filling the tank without a second thought. Now we watch the gauge and treat every drop as precious. Keep that in mind, because this Sunday's Gospel is about lamps and oil. Last Sunday we looked at the finished picture, the saints. This Sunday asks how you get there.

Ten bridesmaids wait for the bridegroom. He is late. All ten fall asleep, the wise as well as the foolish. Sleep is not the sin. When the shout goes up at midnight, the difference is who has oil. Five do. Five do not, and by the time they buy some, the door is shut.

The oil is the point. It is the one thing in the story that cannot be borrowed. You cannot borrow another person's prayer life, or their habit of forgiving, or their years of coming to Mass when nobody made them. The oil is a life filled a little at a time, long before it is needed.

The first reading calls that oil wisdom and says something consoling. Wisdom is bright, does not fade, and is found by those who look for it. It even comes looking for us. We seek and the Holy Spirit finds and plants those sevenfold gifts in us in Baptism.

November keeps the second reading close. Saint Paul tells people grieving their dead not to grieve as those who have no hope. Jesus died and rose, and it will be the same for those who have died in him. It's not known when the bridegroom is returning, but he is coming.

So, this week, fill the lamp, say the prayer, forgive that one thing. And during the Forty Hours this Sunday and Monday: an hour before the Blessed Sacrament is free oil, there for the taking. A drop at a time, to put in your own tank, so your light may shine later, when needed...

Fr Sean

Announcements

Last week's collections amounted to: ***Melmount:*** £2951.00; ***Sion Mills*****:** £1461.00. Thank you.

Forty Hours *St. Mary's Church, Melmount today Sunday 8 November – Monday 9 November.*

Sunday 8 November 8.00am *Morning Prayer,* 11.30am *Mass,* 3.00pm *Divine Mercy Chaplet*, 6.00pm *Holy Hour: Angelus, Evening Prayer and Stations of the Cross,* 9.00pm *Rosary,* 9.30pm *Night Prayer.*

Monday 9 November 12.00am *Rosary,* 3.00am *Rosary,* 6.00am *Angelus and Chaplet,* 8.00am *Morning Prayer & Rosary*, 10.00am *Mass,* 12.00pm *Angelus and Midday Prayer,* 3.00pm *Divine Mercy Chaplet,* 6.00pm *Angelus and Chaplet*, 8.00pm *Holy Hour: with Evening Prayer and Rosary,* 9.30pm *Night Prayer,* 12.00am *Solemn Benediction to conclude the 40 Hours.*

Legion of Mary will meet in the Green Room, Sion Mills each Monday evening at 7.30pm.

We congratulate the following couple who were recently united in the Sacrament of Marriage:

Holly Swann and Stephen Cairns

May they Rest in Peace

Deaths

Paul Devine, 133 Ballycolman Estate

Judy Doherty, 7 Landsdowne Park

Tommy Murray, 72 Laurel Drive

Celine Connolly, 248 Melmount Road

John McConnell, 15 Derry Road

Philomena MacRory, Omagh

Andy Gormley, Dublin formerly Claudy

Michael McBride, Plumbridge

Maureen Quinn, Stevenage, London

Anniversaries

Fr. Augustine Gillespie, Suzanna Howard, Thomas Howard

Jim Roarty Jnr., Jim O'Donnell, Eamon Coyle

Charlie Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Celine O'Neill

Patsy McGarrigle, Annie Brennan, Mary McNulty

Sean Duffy, Thaddaeus Gamble, John Porter

Louis Farren, Susan Carlin, Emma Walsh

Hugh Donaghey, Charlie McColgan, Marc Harkin

Gerry McMenamin, Kate Ward, Tony Coyle, Molly Finlay

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament The Blessed Sacrament can be adored in the Adoration Room, St. Theresa's, Sion Mills anytime while the church is open.

Annual Service for the Dead The Annual Service in remembrance of deceased members of our families and parish will take place next Sunday, 15 November at 4.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Melmount and at 6.00pm in St. Theresa's Church, Sion Mills. Families who have suffered a

bereavement since November 2025 are asked to nominate a representative to carry a candle to the altar in commemoration of their dead. *(Candles will be provided).*

Vocations During this month of November let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come.

There will be a meeting for anyone considering a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, in Derry, today Sunday 8 November beginning at 4.00pm. For further details, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Pat O'Hagan at
Pgoh2111@Gmail.Com
or by calling 028 79386259.

Parish Draw Promoters should make their returns for November to the Parish Office on **Monday 16 November from 2.00pm - 4.30pm.** The Draw for November will take place on Thursday 19 November at 10.30am in the Parish Office.

Baptism Dates Melmount

November: Saturday 14, 21 & 28.

December: Saturday 12; Sunday 20.

Baptisms will be at 3.30pm on a Saturday and 12.45pm on a Sunday.

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses 2027 (Pre-Marriage Courses) will take place in January 29/30; February 19/20 and March 19/20. All courses are now online for booking at
Www.Accordni.Com
Please Note: These courses are in person and not online courses.

Pilgrimage to Fatima 5 July 2027 for 7 Nights Led by *Spiritual Director:* Fr Sean O'Donnell. *Group Leader:* Patricia Moore. For booking and more information contact Patricia Moore 07743936548 or Anne McCambridge 07784953408.

Volunteers are Required one morning per month to help with Eucharistic Adoration for St. Mary's P.S. children as part of the Children of the Eucharist (COTE) programme. Safeguarding requirements apply. If you would like to get involved, please leave your contact details with the Parish Office.

The Columban Young Adults

is a relatively new group for those aged 18yrs – 35yrs in the diocese, who are seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. Our November event will be a Holy Hour and meditation on Thursday 19 November at 7.00pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry delivered by recently retired Bishop Donal McKeown. The meditation will be followed by Solemn Benediction and then refreshments. We are actively seeking new members – please come along and bring a friend. For any further information please contact us at Columbanyoungadults@Gmail.Com
or follow us on social media.

Managing Grief at Christmas Time – Free Support Workshops Christmas can be an especially difficult time when grieving the loss of a loved one. Road Victim Support Northern Ireland–Donegal invites anyone experiencing grief to join us for a free, donation-based workshop, facilitated by Counsellor Debbie Mullan. These welcoming and supportive workshops offer practical tools for coping with grief, managing difficult emotions, navigating Christmas traditions and finding meaningful ways to remember loved ones. Open to everyone who has experienced bereavement, regardless of the circumstances of their loss. Wednesday 18 November: The Hub, Cookstown, 7pm–9pm. Free to attend – optional donations welcome. For further information and booking call 077 48570558. You don't have to navigate grief alone this Christmas. Everyone is warmly welcome.

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Derrypilgrim@Outlook.Com

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Dlp@Derrydiocese.Org

Northern Ireland emergency services: PSNI on 101; *Social Services:* Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 028 71314090 and ask for the Duty Social Worker. *Regional Emergency* Social Work Services 0800 1979 995.

The Parish of Moville

St Pius X, Moville St Mary's, Ballybrack

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



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Bulletin email address: movillebulletin@gmail.com

Parish website: www.movilleparish.com

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 8th The door is closed against the bridesmaids who did not keep vigil nor trim their lamps. The concern of the Christian should be readiness for the call of the Lord, to seek the light of Christ in daily living and to keep burning brightly the light received at baptism. It is true wisdom to be always eagerly longing for the Lord.

Monday 9th Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. This church in Rome is known as "the mother and head of all the churches in the city and in the world". It is the Cathedral Church of the diocese of Rome where Pope Francis is Bishop.

Tuesday 10th Pope St Leo the Great. Pope (440-461). A gifted pastor and teacher, who intervened decisively at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 in defence of the doctrine of the Incarnation.

Wednesday 11th St Martin of Tours (317-397). Born in Hungary, educated in Italy, baptized a Christian at the age of 20. Took up the life of a hermit in France and set up the first monastery there.

Thursday 12th St Josaphat (1580-1623). A bishop who worked for the reunification of Christians in Eastern Europe and died a martyr's death in 1623.

Saturday 14th St Laurence O'Toole (1123-80). Monk and Abbot of Glendalough, he became Archbishop of Dublin in 1162. He continued the movement of reform begun by Ceallach and Malachy. He died in Eu in Brittany in 1180 while on a mission to restore peace between the kings of Ireland and England.
First Anniversary Mass for Roisin McCartney at 6.30pm.

Sunday 15th 11.30am Mass will be celebrated in Ballybrack. Reader for this Mass is Teresa Ward.

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 Jim Cavanagh, Carrowhugh, William Bergin, Carnagarve and England and George Murphy, Blackpool who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Thank you for your generous financial support to the parish in the past week, which amounted to €3374 and €1425 for the Missions.

Prayer for Vocations: During this month of November let us pray for the deceased priests who served **our** diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come. We pray to the Lord.

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Concert, **Simple Gifts**, presented by Danu Young Women's Choir, takes place on 4 and December at 7pm in St Columb's Hall, Derry.

Moville Drama Group will stage the hilarious 3 Act Comedy Play, *A Wake in the West* in St Eugene's Hall at 8pm each evening from Tuesday 17 to Saturday 21 November. No tickets on sale – pay at the door – adults €10 children €5.

Scoil Eoghain, Parents Association is holding a **Vinted Toy Sale** on 14 November in the school hall, from 11am to 1pm. Please contact Danielle to book a table and more information. Toy donations can also be made to the Parents Association table where all proceeds will go to the school. Please ensure that all Toys are off high quality, and good working order, as some of these toys maybe regifted

Light up of Moville Christmas Tree is on Sunday 29 November at 5pm. Collection envelopes will be delivered to households over the next few weeks. Donations can be left in the post office, given to a committee member or made online.

Carrowmena Community Centre (9367061) Places are available on Christmas decoration courses and Kids Build a Christmas tree.

Greencastle Community Centre (9381054) info@greencastlecentre.ie Christmas Wreath Workshop on Thursday 26 November at 7pm. Contact Hayley 00447947431574. Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday 21 November from 12 noon to 3pm Tables €20. Bridge Builders Youth Drop-in every Friday in Men's Shed Moville 2 to 4pm for secondary school children. Solar PV info event on Wednesday 11 November at 7pm.

If you'd like to receive a copy of the **parish newsletter** by email, please send an email to: movillebulletin@gmail.com The newsletter will be sent out securely, giving no one else access to your email address, in accordance with GDPR.

Life Chain – Join Precious Life on Saturday 14 November at Foyleside Shopping Centre, Derry at 2pm for a Life Chain to mark the 7th Anniversary of Westminster imposing abortion on Northern Ireland. For more information, please contact **Precious Life on 07592280522**

See **posters** in Church porches with details of events taking place at St Columba's, Long Tower, Derry.

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 25: 1-13

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the importance of being ready for His coming. While five of the bridesmaids are prepared with enough oil for their lamps, the other five are caught unprepared when the bridegroom arrives.

The message is simple but profound: we are called to keep our faith alive and our hearts ready for the Lord. This readiness is not about fear or worrying about the future, but about living each day with faith, love and trust in God.

The oil in our lamps can be seen as the everyday acts of kindness, prayer, forgiveness and generosity that nourish our relationship with Christ. These are the things that help our faith shine, especially when life becomes difficult or uncertain.

As members of our parish community, let us encourage one another to keep our lamps burning brightly. May we never become so distracted by the busyness of life that we forget to make room for God.

Lord, help us to remain watchful, faithful and ready to welcome You, keeping the light of Your love shining in our hearts and in the lives of those around us. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: During this month of November let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come.

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed: The deceased members of our families and friends will be remembered at all Masses throughout November at St Eugene's Cathedral. Remembrance Cards are available at the back of the Cathedral. Please take a card, write the names of your loved ones, and place it in the basket on the Sanctuary.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena - The Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots continues after the 7.30pm Mass on Thursdays, in St Eugene's Cathedral, concluding on Thursday 26th November. This Novena reminds us that sin never entangled Our Lady, and that Christ gave us His Mother as Our Lady, Untier of Knots. Through this devotion, we entrust our personal "knots" to her loving care - learning to let go and allowing her to gently untie what binds us. All are welcome to join in prayer and reflection during this special time of grace

Safeguarding Information Evening - Fr Paul Farren kindly invites all Parish staff, Sacristans, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, Children's Liturgy Facilitators, Pope John Paul II Award Leaders, SVDP members, Choir/ music Leaders, Cleaners, Ground Workers and all those interested in Safeguarding in our Parish, to a Safeguarding Information Evening in the Cathedral Hall on Thursday 19th November at 6.00 to 7.00 pm. Please RSVP to Parochial House on 02871262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org by Tuesday 17th November. As safeguarding is a high priority in both our Parish and diocese, your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Parish Advent Pilgrimage on Thursday 3rd December. Bus leaves Cathedral at 9.15am and returns at approx. 5.30pm. Morning Prayer in the IOSAS Centre followed by refreshments. Mass in St. Michael's Church, Urris, Clonmany and lunch in the Ballyliffin Hotel. Price £40 Includes Transport, Morning Tea & Lunch. For more information or to book a place call into the Parish Office or call 71262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org This is a pre booking only event.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Bernadette McGowan
John Corcoran
Paul McCallion
Tom McBrearty
Philip Walker

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Margaret McConomy
Séan & Myra McCaul
Elizabeth (Lily) McCafferty
Gilllian Keaveney
Eddie McKinney
George Holmes
Michael Gallacher

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome as a member of God's family:

Darragh Charlie Thomas Balfour

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Collection

Weekly Collection: £5,791
Parish Development: £1,067

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Mary's Meals: £20, £40
Gaza Appeal: £50
Water Aid: £100, £50
Sight Savers: £100, £40
Smile Train: £50, £40
Hungry Children: £100
Matt Talbot: £10
Viatores Christi: €200

Readers for 14th / 15th November

6.15pm Claire O'Kane
7.30pm Mary Morrison
9.30am Kate Doherty
11.00am St Joseph's BS
12.30pm Michael Wilson
7.00pm Anna Begley

Christmas Wreath Floral Workshop - Saturday 5th December at 12.00noon in the Cathedral Hall. Cost £20 which includes all flowers, sundries & refreshments. Pre booking required. Call into the Parish Office or phone, 028 71262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org

Christmas Table Centre Workshop - Saturday 12th December at 12.00noon in the Cathedral Hall. Cost £20 which includes all flowers, sundries & refreshments. Pre booking required. Call into the Parish Office or phone, 028 71262894 or email cathedral@derrydiocese.org

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.

St Eugene's Cathedral – Monthly Draw Winners

1st Prize	**£1,000**	**Ticket no 28**	**Sarena Hickey**
2nd Prize	**£500**	**Ticket no 39**	**Celine Duffy**
3rd Prize	**£100**	**Ticket no 41**	**Richard McKinney**
	£100	**Ticket no 60**	**Moira O'Kane**
	£100	**Ticket no 127**	**Carmel Dunne**
	£100	**Ticket no 191**	**Michael McGuinness**
	£100	**Ticket no 139**	**Aileen McDevitt**

Congratulations to the winners of the sixth draw held on Saturday 31st October! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who continues to support our parish — your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Job Opportunity - Choir Director: St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, 10 hours per week. St Eugene's Cathedral is recruiting for an experienced choir director to lead and manage all aspects of the cathedral choir. They will ensure that the music enhances worship services and aligns with the church's liturgical themes. For a job description and application pack, tel (028) 7126 2302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Submit completed applications to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, or email them to recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Applications must be received by noon on Thursday 12th November 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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In Ordinary Time
8th November 2026

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

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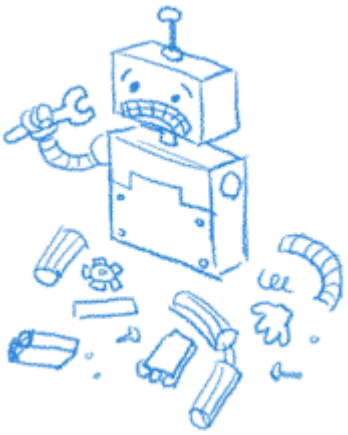
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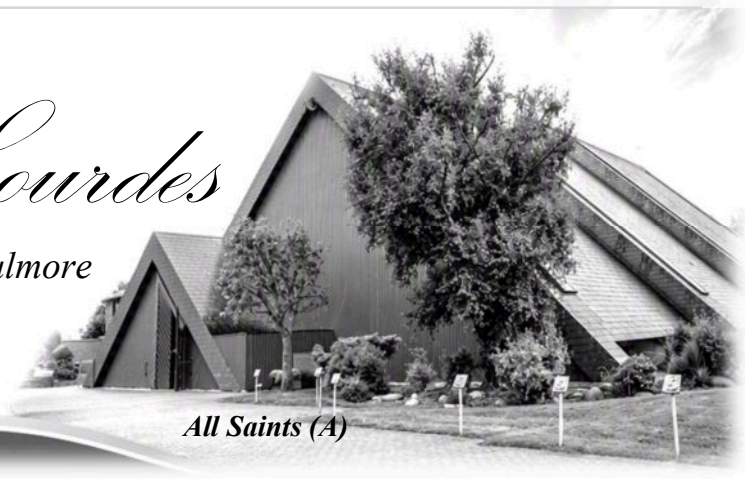
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THE CHURCH OF

Our Lady of Lourdes

Serving the Parishes of Steelstown & Culmore



Sunday 1st November 2026 ***All Saints (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

PLENARY INDULGENCE

From 12 noon on 1 November until midnight on 2 November all who have confessed, received Holy Communion and prayed for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a Church or oratory and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. Confession may be made at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1 November. Holy Communion may be received on any day from 1 November to 8 November. The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1 to 8 November.
The conditions mentioned above apply also for this.

A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

Lord, be with us in these November days of darkness. In our anxiety and fear help us to remember that death is the dawning of eternal life.
Give to those who have died freedom from pain and bring them to the peace of heaven. In moments of sadness may we experience the closeness of your friendship and may we always know the strength of your presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

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Urgent sick calls: 073 5238 7817

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

1 NOVEMBER THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
Sunday 1 Nov is the Feast of All Saints. Mass times are 9am, 11am and 12.15pm.

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER ALL SOULS DAY
Monday 2 Nov is All Souls Day. Mass times are 7.45am, 10am and 7pm.

Parishioners and friends who have died since November last year will have a special place in our prayer on Monday 16th November. Their names will be read out at the 7pm Mass on Monday 16th. During this Mass, the names of those who died in the past year will be called out, and a member of each family will be invited to bring forward a candle for their loved one.

IN MEMORIAM – We pray for the happy repose of the souls of: Michael McLaughlin; Roseann McCallion; Mary Coyle; Grace Doherty; Tommy Mitchell; Emily Oakley; Rose Coyle; Rosaline Gillen; Eamonn Gillen and Siobhan McEleney.

COLLECTION - Last Sunday's Collection amounted to £3,365.00. Thank you for your generosity.

COLUMBAN YOUNG ADULTS – for those aged 18-35, who are seeking a community of like-minded young adults who have Christ at the centre of their lives. The next gathering will take place on Thursday 19th November, 7pm, in our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry. Bishop Donal McKeown will lead a holy hour and meditation, followed by pizza and refreshments in the Conference Room. New members always welcome! For further information contact: columbanyoungadults@gmail.com or follow us on social media.

STEELSTOWN BRIAN ÓGS SENIOR LADIES – Good luck to Steelstown Brian Ógs senior ladies in the Ulster Senior Club Championship semi-final today, Sunday 1 November.

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'.

MINSTRY TO THE SICK – If you would be willing to visit and pray with the sick in the nursing homes here in Steelstown and Culmore Parishes, please contact the Parish Office with your details.

THE PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP - Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagroarty, will take place on Tuesday 3 November. Starting with Rosary at 6.45pm before Mass and will finish with a blessing with a first class relic of St. Pio, after the Novena.

MATT TALBOT PRAYER SOCIETY - Monthly Mass on Monday 2 November at 7.30pm in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. Everyone is welcome: Mass is offered for enrolled members of the society and their families. Anyone dealing with addiction either personally or within their families is encouraged to attend. Spiritual Packs for the Protection of family homes from Drugs will be distributed after Mass. To enrol yourself or someone else please email: vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com.

CRAFT FAIR - Carnhill Community Centre, (the wee grey hut), are holding a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday the 7 November 2026. 11am.-3pm. £1 admission, children under 11 are free. Please support your local craftworkers.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER - For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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

Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday 8th November 2026

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A frequent biblical image for God's homecoming is that of a wedding feast. This is an image that recurs in many of the parables of Jesus, and we come across it in today's gospel reading from Matthew, which recounts the parable of the wise and the foolish bridesmaids. According to Jewish custom, the role of bridesmaids was to accompany and help the bride to prepare for the wedding. Bridesmaids would often wait with the bride in her home until the groom arrived and then joyfully escort the bridal couple with lighted lamps to the bridegroom's home, where the marriage ceremony and subsequent feast would take place.

In the parable of Jesus, there are ten bridesmaids. Five of them are foolish and five are wise. Because of a lengthy delay in the bridegroom's arrival, the five foolish bridesmaids run out of oil and rush to town to purchase more. In their absence, the bridegroom arrives and the wise bridesmaids, who had brought extra oil with them, are ready to accompany the groom and his bride to the wedding feast. When the foolish bridesmaids eventually arrive at the wedding hall and beg to be admitted, they are turned away with the words, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you' (Mt 25:12).

What is this oil that we need to keep topped up? Our first reading today provides us with an answer. It highlights the importance of a commodity that seems in short supply these days, namely wisdom. In the reading, wisdom is personified as a bright, attractive lady who makes herself known to those who desire and seek her: ''She is readily perceived by those who love her and found by those who seek her' (Wis 6:12).

Unlike knowledge, which we may attain by our own efforts, and, in a sense, possess, wisdom cannot be possessed. It can only be received as a gift from God. It is this gift that keeps us open to the One 'for whom our hearts were made,' to quote St Augustine, the one who alone can fulfil our deepest longing, as we sing in the words of the responsorial psalm: 'For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.'

Baptisms – We welcome into God's family: **Clodagh Sharon McBain**, Birch Hill

Deaths - We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Ria McGinley,** Stradowen Drive, **Elaine Mallett**, Rosses Gate.

Anniversaries – For those whose anniversaries occur around this time Eleanor Slevin, Sheila Strawbridge, Anne Friel, Phil O'Kane, Margaret Doran, Sammy Donaghey, Patrick Murray, Margaret Kelly, Patsy Hamilton, Rosemary McGeady, Jack Finley, Brendan Gibbons, Stella Thomas, Clare Screton, Paddy Flanagan, John McLaughlin, Olive Parkhouse, Kitty McFadden, Patrick Quinn.

Offertory Collections: **Glendermott: £4,345.00 Strathfoyle: £545.00**
Thank you for your generosity to the parish collections taken up recently.

MASSES FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

The annual Mass for those who have died in the past year will be offered as follows.

St. Oliver Plunkett's Church	**6pm Saturday 21st November**
St. Columb's Church	**7 pm Saturday 21st November**
Church of Immaculate Conception	**10:15am Sunday 22nd November**

Vocations- During this month of November let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come.

***Annual Solemn Novena in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help*:** Nine Sundays before Christmas in Long Tower Church, Derry at 6.00pm. *The theme of our Novena this year is 'Make me a Channel of your Peace – celebrating the 800th Jubilee Year of St Francis'*

***Choir Director: St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry*,** 10 hours per week: St Eugene's Cathedral is recruiting for an experienced choir director to lead and manage all aspects of the cathedral choir. They will ensure that the music enhances worship services and aligns with the church's liturgical themes. For a job description and application pack, Tel. (028)71262302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Submit completed applications to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, or email them to recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Applications must be received by noon on Thursday 12 November 2026.

Morning of Reflection for the readers and Eucharistic ministers. It will include directed prayer and a talk. Those wishing to become readers and special ministers are also welcome. This event will be held in St. Columb's Parish Hall, Saturday 28th November at 10:30am.

ABIDE Women's Conference 2026 | 20–22 November: Join hundreds of women at the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal, in just a few weeks for our third Abide Women's Conference! Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin. A beautiful weekend of faith, celebration, healing and joy! Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.

The Churches Trust are running their One Step at A Time programme for Men in the local area, the programme is taking place in their offices on Limavady Road. The men's group takes place fortnightly and there are still places available. Meet new people, try new things, learn new skills, reduce isolation, and enjoy trips & workshops all designed by the group for the group. For more information contact Laura @ 028 7131 1322.

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2027, led by Bishop Michael Router:

- **Option 1**: 8 - 13 July, 5 nights, £980, from City of Derry Airport, with priority given to Assisted Pilgrims and family members, Care Team, Youth, Youth Leaders and Priests
- **Option 2**: 7 - 14 July, 7 nights, £1,095, from Belfast International Airport.

Single Supplement and Travel Insurance will be extra.
Expressions of Interest can be emailed to derrypilgrim@outlook.com. Bookings will begin in mid-January, with more details later. Pilgrimage Gift Vouchers of any value are available from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry, for anyone wishing to purchase them, particularly as a Christmas Gift. Please contact 028 7136 2475 for further information.

SR CLARE MUSICAL on the weekend of 13-14 of November at St Columb's Hall in Derry City! There will be a matinee on Friday the 13th for students at 12pm. Friday 13 Nov. there will be a showing at 7:30pm. Saturday, 14 Nov. there will be a showing at 7:30pm. If there is still room at the matinee performance, on 6 Nov. tickets will open to the public. The tickets can be purchased here: https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/a-famous-nun-clare-crockett-the-musical-tickets-2000005455155?dsrp_sid=1028a5f8-17ba-4503-99ae-4dedb3aae402&dsrp_item_id=2002996847490&aff=ebdssbdestsearch#tickets.

Volunteers Needed: St Columba's Museum/Aras Cholmcille, behind the Long Tower Church, has reopened following Phase 1 of its refurbishment and is seeking volunteers who could give a few hours of their time each week to help out with various duties including: tour guides (training provided), museum/shop attendants, assisting with event planning/management arrangements, gardening, grant-funding applications, maintenance. All are welcome! If interested, please contact 07775928928 for information.

TROCAIRE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help deliver school talks during our annual Lent Appeal during **February and March 2027.** We are particularly interested in hearing from people with public speaking experience, especially retired teachers or those who have worked with young people. Volunteers will visit local schools during school hours to share stories of hope, justice and solidarity from communities around the world. The role involves approximately **1-2 short talks per week** during the four-month campaign period. Full training, presentation materials and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Fionnuala McGuinness on 028 9080 8033 or fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week of December if you are interested!

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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