SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2026
Feast of Christ the King

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 23 Nov		**Mass, Castlederg: 7.30pm:** *First Anniversary, Joe Gallagher*	**Mass, 10.00am Rosary, at Grotto: 8.00pm**
Tuesday 24 Nov	**Mass, 10.00am**		**Rosary, 10.00am**
Wednesday 25 Nov	**Liturgy of Word, with Holy Communion: 10.00am**	**Castlederg: Liturgy of the Word, with Holy Communion: 10.00am**	**Mass, 10.00am**
Thursday 26 Nov	**Mass, 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon**		
Friday 27 Nov		**Mass, Castlederg: 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon**	
Saturday 28 Nov	**Vigil Mass, 7.30pm**	**Vigil Mass, Castlederg, 6.15pm:** *First Anniversary, Pat Carolan*	**Vigil Mass, 5.00pm**
Sunday 29 Nov	**Mass, 11.00am**	**Mass: Dregish, 9.30am Castlederg, 11.00am:** *Month's Mind, Maureen Logue* **Drumnabey,12.30pm**	**Mass, 11.00am.**

INDUCTION CEREMONY for Fr McDermott as Parish Priest of Ardstraw West & Castlederg will take place during the 11.00am Mass in Castlederg today. Refreshments in the hall afterwards for everyone. We welcome Bishop Router to Castlederg.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take place in Dregish next Sunday, 29 November, at the 9.30am Mass. We look forward to welcoming all the children.

ARDSTRAW WEST AND CASTLEDERG Parish Draw: The November draw will take place next Sunday, 29 November, after the 11.00am Mass in Castlederg.

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We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Michael McHugh, Young Crescent, whose Funeral Mass took place in Castlederg on Thursday. We offer our sympathy and our prayerful support to Michael's family and to all who mourn his death. May he rest in peace.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will be celebrated on Tuesday 8 December. Please note below the Mass schedule in our Pastoral Area for the Feast Day:

Castlederg - Vigil Mass on Monday 7 December, 7.30pm;

Aghyaran - Tuesday 8 December, 10.00am; **Drumquin** - Tuesday 8 December, 7.30pm.

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

AGHYARAN: £1,147 & €68; Church Restoration Fund: £646 & £33. **DRUMQUIN:** £1,560.

ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG: £1,666 & €44, made up of:
Castlederg £728 & €19, **Drumnabey** £516 & €25, **Dregish** £422.

Thank you to all who contribute by Standing Order.

PARISH FUNDRAISING BAZAARS:

Dregish: next Sunday, 29 November, 7.00 – 9.00pm

Drumquin: Saturday 5 December, commencing at 7.00pm

Aghyaran: Sunday 6 December, commencing at 8.00pm: Bazaar promoters are asked to please commence collecting in their particular area. Parishioners are asked, if possible, to have donations/prizes ready for collectors when they call so that all returns can be made as soon as possible. Thanks to everyone in advance.

Castlederg: Tuesday 8 December.

TROCAIRE GLOBAL GIFTS: The annual Trocaire Global Gift appeal commences next weekend (28/29 November.) Bernie McGuire and her team will be available at the back of the church in Aghyaran to help with your purchases. The Bucket Collection will also take place, and this money will go towards the purchase of water for villages. This year you will also have an opportunity to purchase Christmas ornaments from the Holy Land - £5 each. Your continued support would be greatly appreciated.

CONCERT: Sean and Eimear Dolan will be in Concert on **Saturday 28 November**, starting at **8:30pm**, in **Killeter Heritage Centre**. Admission £5, U18s free. Open session afterwards, and refreshments served. Everyone welcome for what will be a great evening of Irish Music and Craic. Follow Aranderg CCÉ on Facebook for more information.

FUNDRAISING CARD PLAY, **in aid of Air Ambulance**, in the **Blacktown Arms** on **Monday 30 November**, starting at **8:30pm**. Adm £10. All support for this fundraising initiative will be greatly appreciated.

MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT St Joseph's Church, Ederney, Wednesday 9 December, starting at 8.00pm. Doors open 7.00pm. Tickets £30. Tickets now on sale in local shops or via Eventrite

The new liturgical year starts next Sunday (First Sunday of Advent) when we enter Cycle B of the Lectionary. For the most part in this new liturgical year, we will listen to the Gospel of St Mark.

While Mark's Gospel is presented in the Bible as the second of the four Gospels that we hear (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John), it is believed to have been the first written (probably between 50 – 70 AD), and directed to the needs of early Christian communities, particularly the Gentile audience. It is the shortest of the Gospels, with just 16 chapters. Jesus is pictured by Mark as a man of action and authority. He puts emphasis on what Jesus did, rather than on His words. Mark was not one of the apostles chosen by Jesus, but he was a companion of Peter (Simon Peter) and much of what is written by Mark draws from the preaching and eyewitness testimony of Peter, who had accompanied Jesus during His public ministry.

Most importantly, Mark's Gospel gives us a clear picture of what it means to be an authentic disciple or follower of Jesus. As disciples today, we are called to follow the example of Jesus. We pray that, in this coming liturgical year, as we listen to Gospel of St Mark, the Holy Spirit will guide us in following Christ's message in our daily lives, in all that we do and say.

***'And at once they left their nets and followed him.'* Mark 1:18**

St Mark, pray for us.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

YEAR A · SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2026

Gospel Reflection

Matthew 25:31–46

In the gospel today, Jesus gives us a powerful and moving picture of the final judgment. The Son of Man returns in glory and separates the sheep from the goats, not according to wealth, success, or even outward religious practices, but according to how they responded to those in need. Jesus identifies Himself with the hungry, thirsty, the stranger, the sick, and those imprisoned, teaching us that whenever we show love and compassion to others, we are serving Him. This Gospel reminds us that faith is meant to be lived. It is easy to say that we love God, but Jesus invites us to make that love visible through acts of kindness, mercy, and generosity. The sheep are praised because their care for others flowed naturally from hearts shaped by God's love. The challenge for us is not simply to avoid doing wrong, but to actively seek opportunities to do good. Every person in need is an opportunity to encounter Christ and to share His love with the world. No act of kindness is ever too small in God's eyes. A listening ear, an encouraging word, a helping hand, or a generous gift can become a sign of God's presence in someone's life. Let us ask the Lord to give us eyes that see the suffering around us, hearts filled with compassion, and hands ready to serve. As we follow the example of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, may we bring His love to those we meet each day. And when we stand before Him, may we hear those joyful words we all long to hear: "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21). May the Lord’s grace guide us, His peace sustain us, and His blessing remain with us always. Amen.

Readings · Sunday 29th November

1st Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19 Psalm: 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

2nd Reading: 1st Corinthians 1:3-9 Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Saints of The Coming Week

Monday: St Columban, abbot

Tuesday: St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & companions, martyrs

Wednesday: St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr; St Clement I, pope & martyr; St Colman of Cloyne, bishop

Friday: St Vergilius of Salzburg, bishop

Pilgrimages & Diocesan News

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027

Led by Bishop Michael Router. There are two options available: Option 1: 8th - 13th July, £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, £1,095, from Belfast International Airport. Single supplement and travel insurance extra. Expressions of interest can be emailed to derrypilgrim@outlook.com Bookings begin in January. More details later. Gift vouchers of any value available from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop St, Derry for those who wish to purchase them, particularly as a Christmas gift. Please tel 028 71362475 for information.

Trócaire is Seeking Volunteers

Trócaire is Seeking Volunteers to deliver school talks during the annual Lent Appeal in February / 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 approx 1-2 short talks per week during the campaign period. Full training, presentation materials and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Fionnuala on 028 90808033 or fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week of December if you are interested!

Accord Marriage Preparation

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses available to book at www.accordni.com

Job Opportunities · Derry Diocesan Trust

Pastoral Co-ordinator — Strabane Pastoral Area

Pastoral Co-Ordinator in Strabane Pastoral Area. Salary: £19 734/€23 608 gross (based on 25 hrs per week). The Pastoral Co-ordinator will collaborate with the parish clergy, schools, and the parish pastoral council to develop, coordinate, and support catechetical and sacramental programmes. The role is dedicated to nurturing and deepening the faith of parishioners by fostering spiritual growth within the parish community. Utilising diocesan and local resources, the coordinator will implement initiatives to inspire faith in those seeking belief and reignite faith in those who have lapsed in practice. Strabane Pastoral Area. Closing date: 12 noon 2/12/2026.

Sacristan / Key Holder — Claudy Parish

Sacristan / Key Holder at Claudy Parish. Nine hours per week at St Joseph’s Church, Craigbane. Job purpose: to ensure effective security of the church and associated maintenance and cleaning whilst organising all associated liturgical requirement in line with diocesan guidelines. Rate of pay: £12.88 per hour (under review). Closing date: 12 noon 30/11/26. Please contact recruitment@derrydiocese.org or 028 71262302.

Events & Gatherings

Sacred Heart Church, Omagh — Dublin Gospel Choir

Join us on Sunday 29th Nov at 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 association with Sacred Heart Church and its Reviving Omagh’s Sacred Stories Heritage Project.

An All-Night Vigil in Knock

An All-Night Vigil in Knock, celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception takes place on Monday 7th December. Confessions 10 pm - midnight. Beginning at midnight and continuing through the night with Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, reflections and concluding with Mass at 4 am on 8th December. A bus leaves Carndonagh at 4.00 pm travelling via Moville-Muff, Bridgend-Letterkenny. Bus is €60 (includes tea and evening meal enroute). Back in Bridgend Tuesday morning about 8.30 am through Inishowen again. Contact Siobhan 0860658753 / Betty 0863496143. Early booking is advised. Limited seats.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat · 11 - 13 Dec

Calling all young people (16–35)! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Kildare. A donation-only event, with free buses across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks, workshops, Mass, music, prayer and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all welcome. Visit youth2000.ie / @Youth2000Ireland

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 8th Sept 2027 departing Derry Airport (for 8 nights) with spiritual director. Cost: €929 per person. Early booking offer: €100 off if paid in full by December. Tel: Mairead: 0877698195 or Kathleen: 0863721962.

St Patrick’s Dungannon Charismatic Prayer Group Golden Jubilee

St Patrick’s Dungannon Charismatic Prayer Group Golden Jubilee event: Saturday 5th December, at the Servite Priory, Benburb, commencing at 11am and concluding with Mass at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to this 50th celebration.

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.

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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

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LIFELINE

Tel: 0808 808 8000 / Textphone 18001 0808 808 8000.
www.lifelinehelpline.info

SVP HELPLINE

Helpline telephone number: 07710838050
Anyone in need of Christmas support, please contact SVP by Telephone or Text in complete confidence by Friday 4 December.

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 to:
ballinascreenparish@gmail.com

VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY
St Patrick's, Keenaught: 4.30 pm
Holy Rosary: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY MASSES
St Columba's, Straw: 9.00 am
St Mary's, Coolcalm: 10.00 am
St Patrick's, Sixtowns: 11.00 am
St Eugene's, Moneyneena: 12 noon

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK
Monday ~ 23 November
10.00 am ~ Holy Rosary Church.
Tuesday ~ 24 November
10.00 am ~ St Patrick's, Keenaught.
Wednesday ~ 25 November
10.00 am ~ Holy Rosary Church.
Thursday ~ 26 November
10.00 am ~ St Mary's, Coolcalm.
Friday ~ 27 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
Monday 23 November: St Columban.
Tuesday 24 November: Ss Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions, Martyrs.
Wednesday 25 November: St Colman, St Catherine of Alexandria, St Clement I.
Friday 27 November: St Fergal.
Saturday 28 November: Blessed Virgin Mary.

FORTY HOURS BALLINASCREEN
Sunday 6 December after 9.00 am Mass in St Columba's Straw.
Monday 7 December after 10.00 am Mass in Holy Rosary Church. Details to follow.

CHANGE OF MASS LOCATION
Please note: The Mass on Tuesday 24 November will be in St Patrick's, Keenaught at10.00 am.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASSES
The First Anniversary Mass for Cathal McKenna, Glenshane Park, will take place on Friday 11 December at 7.30 pm in Holy Rosary Church.
The First Anniversary Mass for Patrick O'Neill, Disert Rd., will take place on Friday 11 December at 7.30 pm in t Holy Rosary Church.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ballinascreen:

John McDaid, Moneyneena Rd.;
Peter McAllister, Sixtowns Rd.;
Kathleen Donnelly, Mallon Villas;
Martina Thayaparan, Mallon Villas;
Patrick Tohill, Moydamlaght Rd.;
Jim McGuigan, St Patrick's St.;
Elizabeth McEldowney, Dunmurray.

Desertmartin:

Mary O'Hagan;
James Murray;
Tommy O'Kane;
Michael McGuigan;
Elizabeth McGuigan;
Maggie Donnelly;
Mamie O'Hagan;
James O'Connor;
Michael Trainor;
Henry Trainor;
Andrew Kearns;
Michael Joseph McGuigan;
Bridie McGuigan;
Peter Shaw.

TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS DRAW

Desertmartin Parish Christmas Draw: Draws every day for the 12 days between Christmas Day and Tuesday 5 January 2026. The total prize fund is £5000. Tickets are £20 each, and are on sale at both Ballinascreen and Desertmartin Parish Offices, Heron's gift shop. Moneyneena P.O. & Ballinascreen Credit Union. Gift a Christmas Ticket to family and friends this Christmas.

PARISH AND FAMILY PRAYER DURING ADVENT

The Diocese of Derry's Advent booklet offers a Family Prayer Service, simple activities and short reflections for each Sunday, with the themes of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. It includes Gospel readings, prayers, the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and QR links to daily Gospel readings, an Advent wreath guide, music and Sycamore Advent films. Download the booklet at https://derrydiocese.org/advent.

ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

The Annual carol service will be held in Holy Rosary Church on 13 December at 6.00 pm.

A NEW WALK - SIÚLÓID NUA

Easy Peasy Walks - Siúlóidí Éasca Péasca in association with S.T.E.P.S. Mondays at 1:30 at Ballinascreen Club. Come along & learn a Couple of Words of Irish (Cúpla Focal) on the walk. Everyone welcome. Fáilte roimh chách.

ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (EVAWG)

Information Day 24 November at 2.00 pm. Free event. Reserve your seat through Eventbrite.

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

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ST. MARY'S P.S. DRAPERSTOWN - OPEN DAY

P1 Admission in September 2027. Thursday 3 December from 9.30 am to 10.45 am. Come for a visit - everyone welcome. Contact us if this date does not suit: Tel.: 02879628588. We are happy to show you around at another time.

BALLINASCREEN ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY

Annual Christmas collection will take place during Masses on Saturday 28 November and Sunday 29 November. Alternatively, donations can be placed into a Blue envelope found in all churches, which should be returned to a church basket/SVP box.
Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Sperrin Foodbank and St. Vincent de Paul are working with local schools to provide Christmas hampers to people in need in Draperstown and surrounding areas. If you would like to donate nonperishable items to the Christmas Appeal, donation points can be found in all the local schools, Lynch's, Centra and Devlin's, Moneyneena. Donations may also be left in The Workspace Group and at the Annual Carol Service in Holy Rosary Church on Sunday 13 December. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive a hamper this year, please contact Sperrin Foodbank 07543420639 or St Vincent de Paul 07710838050 in complete confidence by Friday 4 December. It doesn't matter if you are a single adult, single parent with children or a working family, they are there to help you.

RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES

If you would like a family member in long term residential care to receive a visit from the priests of the parish, contact the parish offices with their names and where they are being cared for.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

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BALLINASCREEN CREDIT UNION AGM 2026

The Annual General Meeting will be held in The Market Inn, Draperstown on Tuesday 24 November at 7.30 pm. A light supper will be served.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Ballinascreen:
Weekly Collection - £1630
Renovation Collection - £2257.20
Desertmartin:
Weekly Collection - £1981
Renovation Collection - £20
Thank you for your generous support which is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU - VIATORES CHRISTI APPEAL

Thank you to all parishioners in Ballinascreenn and Desertmartin for your remarkable generosity during last weekend's Viatores Christi appeal, which raised **£3,057.59 and €60**. Viatores Christi sends its heartfelt gratitude for this wonderful support towards their partner projects in some of the world's poorest communities.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

The community Christmas wreaths created are now on display at Workspace Community Hub / Draperstown Library. Thank you to everyone who took part in the project and contributed their creativity, time and ideas to produce such individual and meaningful wreaths. The wreaths will remain on display at Workspace Community Hub / Draperstown Library until Saturday 21 November, they will be transferred to the individual locations selected by each organisation for display throughout the Christmas season.

FREE LUNCHEON CLUB FOR OVER 60s

Join us for lunch and good company, in a warm & friendly atmosphere, at Workspace Community Hub on Wednesday 25 November. The Warm Welcome Wednesday Luncheon Club is open to all parishioners and local residents from Ballinascreen and surrounding areas, aged 60 and over. As places are limited, please contact Workspace on 028 7962 8113 by 12 noon on Monday 23 November to book your place.

KNOCKNAGIN HALL

Irish Class: Mondays **Bunrang (Beginners)** from 6:45 pm to 8.00 pm. **Meánrang (Improvers**) from 8.00 pm to 9:30 pm. Partly supported by MUDC.
Chair Exercises: Tuesdays from 10.00 am to 11.00 am. All welcome. Adm £4.
Irish Dancing Lessons: Tuesdays from 5:30 pm to 7.00 pm To register, contact Nicola: 07518 207458
Crochet Class: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm.
Bowling Club: Tuesdays from 8.00 pm. Suitable for all ages. All welcome.
Acrobats Gymnastics Club: Saturday mornings from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm. Spaces are available across selected classes. To register visit https://acro-bats.classforkids.io/term/10

Sarsfield's Accordion Band: Band practice on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone interested in learning to play Snare Drum and Accordion. No previous experience is necessary – just a willingness to learn, get involved and have some fun!

SGARA

Dance in St Mary's Hall, Knocknagin on Sunday 29th November. Music by Donegal's famous Singer/Songwriter 'Shunie Crampsie.' Dancing and singing from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Adm: £10 - includes tea. Bring your own bottle.

SIXTOWNS CROSS COMMUNITY

Charity Social Dance: Friday 27 November at 9.30 pm. Music by Michael Cleary & Jacqui Bannon. Funds in aid of improving accommodation for homeless Children in Kitwee in Zambia where Anita McWilliams has been doing great work in helping these children. All support greatly appreciated.

Christmas Fair with Santa: Sunday 29 November at Sixtowns Hall. From 12 noon to 2.00 pm. Enjoy Christmas crafts, music by Two Tone & a festive afternoon of family fun. Free entry. There will also be an opportunity to visit Santa for just £3 per child. Everyone welcome! Thanks to Mid Ulster District Council for their support.

Social Dance Classes: Every Tuesday night at 8.30 pm. All Welcome.

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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.

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

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Buncrana Parish Newsletter ST. MARY'S HALL & CINEMA

Last week's collection totalled €5,147
Sincere thanks.

Anniversary Masses & Times

ST MARY'S ORATORY
Masses streamed on churchservices.tv/buncrana
Monday 23 Nov - Mass at 10am
Special Intention
Tuesday 24 Nov - Mass at 10am
Mona Timlin (8th A)
Wednesday 25 Nov - Mass at 10am
Edward Crossan
Thursday 26 Nov - Mass at 10am
Willie McDaid (80th A)
Saturday 28 Nov - Mass at 4:30pm
Ann McLaughlin (Egg) (MM) and Séan McLaughlin (Egg), George Friel (11th A), plus Eileen Brogan (5th A)
Sunday 29 Nov - Mass at 8:30am
Sunday 29 Nov - Mass at 12:30pm
Joan McLaughlin (2nd A)

ST. MARY'S, COCKHILL
Masses streamed on churchservices.tv/cockhill
Friday 27 Nov - Mass at 8pm
ANNUAL PARISH MASS FOR THE DEAD
Sunday 29 Nov - Mass at 11am
Rosemary Doherty (8th A)

STAR OF THE SEA, DESERTEGNEY
Masses streamed on www.youtube.com/@BuncranaParish
Sunday 29 Nov - Mass at 9:45am

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

DEATHS
Your prayers are asked for
Elaine Kennedy
Winifred Northey
Josie McLaughlin
who have died recently and for their families & friends saddened by their loss.

SICK VISITATIONS
Fr Bradley will visit the remainder of the sick and housebound in his care on Wednesday 25 November

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CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS
Signed Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available from the Parish Office at €10

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
Christ the King
22 November 2026

THROWING OPEN THE DOORS TO CHRIST NOVENA
Our Annual Novena continues this Sunday 22 November at 7pm in St Mary's Church, Cockhill with guest speaker **Fr Francis Ferry.**
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. 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 CHRIST THE KING
1st Reading: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17. On the last day, the Lord will gather his sheep. "I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered...I shall look for the lost one...make the weak strong." There will also be a judgment. "Between sheep and sheep..."
2nd Reading: **1 Cor 15:20-26, 28.** When God raised Christ from the dead, he became the first of the great harvest of all who belong to Him. He will present his work to his Father. After the 2nd Coming, the prayer "Thy kingdom come" will have been answered.
Gospel: **Mt 25:31-46.** Our judge at the end of time will identify himself with the neediest of those among us. All of us have been made essentially 'in the image and likeness of God'. What Jesus asks us to do for one another, are things that are not difficult.

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 have been contacted. **If your family has not been contacted and you were bereaved during this time, please contact the Parish Office before Wednesday 25 November.**
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.

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. Please contact 048 7136 2475 for further information.

THE ALL-NIGHT VIGIL IN KNOCK
celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception takes place on the evening of Mon 7 Dec Confession 10pm-Midnight. Beginning at Midnight and continuing through the night with Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, reflections and concluding with Mass at 4am on the 8 Dec. A Bus will leave Carndonagh at 4pm travelling via Moville-Muff -Bridgend-Letterkenny. Bus is €60 which included tea and evening meal enroute. Back in Bridgend Tues morning from about 8:30am through Inishowen again. Contact Siobhan 0860658753 or Betty 0863496143, early booking is advised as seats limited.

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT
11th-13th December Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland

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!

PARISH DRAW

PLEASE NOTE:
The draws for Week 22 and Week 23 took place on Friday 20 November and will be published in next week's newsletter.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS ST. MARY'S HALL
This Sat 21st & Sun 22nd Nov 12-4pm
Also Thurs 26th & Fri 27th 6-9pm.
Call in and support your local crafters
ADVENT REFLECTION MORNING *'A time to Feather the Manger of your Heart'*. Are you feeling overwhelmed at the thought of Christmas…stress, anxiety, busyness? In need of some quiet time apart? Come join us for a morning of quiet reflection, prayerful meditation, poetry, and music. Gift yourself with this opportunity to slow down, come home, be still, and wait. **Sliabh Sneacht Centre Saturday 5th December 10:30am – 12:30pm €25 (Tea/coffee included).** Places limited booking necessary. Call Christine: 085 1569213
SCOIL MHUIRE BUNCRANA Scoil Mhuire is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for enrolment into 1st year for the 2027/2028 Academic year. This process will close on 18th Dec. For further info and to apply, please visit our website at www.scoilmhuirebuncrana.ie or collect an information pack directly from Reception.
ST ORAN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL: ENROLMENT/Application Forms for children starting school in Sept 2027 are available from school Reception. For further info email office@storansbuncrana.com or call 0749361807.
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
CHRISTMAS MARKET "Stór" artisan market returns to O'Flaherty's OTB on Sat 5 Dec, 11-4pm, with authentic, handmade gifting ideas.
FLOWER ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION by Caroline: Thurs 10th Dec at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Hall, Clonmany, in aid of the **RNLI.** Adm €10 including supper.
LECTIO DIVINA takes place each Wed after 10am Mass in St Teresa's Room. Come and join us for a cuppa and prayer.
COCKHILL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Sun 29 Nov @ 4.30pm Cockhill Community/School Hall. Loads of great prizes, toys, vouchers, electrical goods plus many more and Santa will be there. Tea/Coffee/ Sweet Shop.
BUNCRANA COMMUNITY LIBRARY have a Home Energy Kit available to borrow. For further details please telephone 074 93 61941.
RACHEL'S VINEYARD Have you been affected or hurt by abortion? Please contact Michelle on 00447871765181
NOWDOC Phone Number: 0818400911

BUNCRANA CINEMA See all show times www.buncranacinema.ie

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

You Can See Everything
15A | 175mins
Sat 21 & Sun 22 Nov 8.15pm
Mon 23 & Tues 24 8.15pm
Wed 25 1pm & Thurs 26 8.15pm

Godzilla Minus Zero
15A | 135mins
Sat 21 & Sun 22 5pm

Mystery Matinee
Rated PG Family Friendly
Sun 22 3pm

BINGO

Please note that Bingo has been rescheduled to this **Wed 25th Nov 8pm** due to the Annual Mass for the Dead in Cockhill, and the markets taking place on Fri 27 Nov.

MOVIES & TEA: Madam X (1966) Tues 24th November 1-4pm
€10 incl Afternoon Tea. Carers go free

Community Corner

SLIABH SNEACHT CENTRE Drumfries Walking Group will be meeting on Fri 27 Nov at Ned's Point car park, at 10am everyone welcome. Our **Annual Christmas Craft Fair** & Christmas tree switch on, takes place on Sat 28 Nov from 2-5pm. We have a wide range of beautiful handmade crafts and bakes available, as well as our tea room. We also will have a visit from a very special guest, a day not to be missed, to get you in the Christmas Spirit.
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.
BUNCRANA COMMUNITY LIBRARY is hosting a Dementia Friendly reading group. Thurs mornings from 11am during Nov. 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.
DOG FREE ZONE A reminder that dogs are not permitted in Cockhill or Desertegney graveyards. Thank you.
SAMARITANS Call Free **116 123,** Text **087 2609090.**

SLIMMING WORLD Buncrana: **The Exchange** every Tues 8am, 9.30am & 11am with Ann Marie 0860848705, 6pm with Marie 0877389059. **Carndonagh: The Colgan Hall** every Thurs at 6pm with Marie 0877389059. **Newtowncunningham: The Orange Hall** every Wed at 6.30pm with Ann Marie 0860848705.
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 us for a sociable walk or run on Sat mornings at 9am by the Shore Front play park. It's all free and great craic.
GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS for people living with Parkinson's every Wed at 2pm in The Exchange.
COCKHILL CEILI CLUB Classes on Thursdays in Cockhill Hall. 8pm-9.30pm. Beginners Welcome.
GAELSCOIL BHUN CRANNCHA Give us a call on 074 9361988 or email gsbc1999@gmail.com to discuss how an Irish medium education can benefit your child. If you don't speak Irish, don't worry. That won't hold your child back.
COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME Vacancies for a grounds worker for the graveyard at St Mary's Cockhill. Contact buncrana@swillycep.ie for more info
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
BUNCRANA COMMUNITY LIBRARY has a reusable party pack available to borrow with your library card. This contains: plates, cups, jugs, trays, bowls, bunting and cutlery. Ring 074 93 61941 for further info
FRIENDS OF INISHOWEN CANCER CARE SERVICES are holding their AGM in Flat 1, Pastoral Centre, Carndonagh, F93 XP59 on Wednesday 25 November at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.
BUNCRANA TIDY TOWNS would like to thank everyone who supported and helped in any way with our apple stall money raised was €2500 which goes to Cancer Care West Donegal

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A - 22nd November 2026

Parish Clergy: Fr Michael McCaughey, PP: (028) 71882274 / (028) 71882215
Fr Declan Boland (priest in residence)
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Gospel Reflection *(Matthew 25:31-46)*

In the gospel today, Jesus gives us a powerful and moving picture of the final judgment. The Son of Man returns in glory and separates the sheep from the goats, not according to wealth, success, or even outward religious practices, but according to how they responded to those in need. Jesus identifies Himself with the hungry, thirsty, the stranger, the sick, and those imprisoned, teaching us that whenever we show love and compassion to others, we are serving Him.

This Gospel reminds us that faith is meant to be lived. It is easy to say that we love God, but Jesus invites us to make that love visible through acts of kindness, mercy, and generosity. The sheep are praised because their care for others flowed naturally from hearts shaped by God's love.

The challenge for us is not simply to avoid doing wrong, but to actively seek opportunities to do good. Every person in need is an opportunity to encounter Christ and to share His love with the world. No act of kindness is ever too small in God's eyes. A listening ear, an encouraging word, a helping hand, or a generous gift can become a sign of God's presence in someone's life.

Let us ask the Lord to give us eyes that see the suffering around us, hearts filled with compassion, and hands ready to serve. As we follow the example of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, may we bring His love to those we meet each day. And when we stand before Him, may we hear those joyful words we all long to hear: **"Well done, good and faithful servant"** (Matthew 25:21).

May the Lord's grace guide us, His peace sustain us,
and His blessing remain with us always. Amen.

Remembering Our Deceased Loved Ones During 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.

Anniversaries Fr Tom Blee, Eileen Casey, Fionnuala Devine, James Devine, Jim Devine, Margaret Devine, Mary Devine, George Devlin, Patrick Devlin, Samuel Doherty, Taffy Doherty, Sheila Duffy, Felim Egan, Joe Elliott, Catherine Friel, Annie Hegarty, Seamus Hegarty, Catherine Hunt, Margaret Kavanagh, Kitty Kelly, Feanus Lynch, Maurice McColgan, Danny McGavigan, James McGettigan, Fr Donal McMenamin, Pat Milligan, Martin Mullen, Tom P Mullen, Cis O'Kane, Jonathan Quinn, Dessie Stewart. May they rest in peace.

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

Thank You for your generosity to last week's collections
Leckpatrick £1,217.77
Clonleigh €1,763.53 (graveyard works €131.50)
Camus £1,725.19

Readings Sunday 29th November (1st Sunday of Advent):
1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19
Psalm: 80:2-3,15-16,18-19
2nd Reading: 1st Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Saints of The Coming Week:
Monday: St Columban, abbot
Tuesday: St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & companions, martyrs
Wednesday: St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr
St Clement I, pope & martyr
St Colman of Cloyne, bishop
Friday: St Vergilius of Salzburg, bishop

St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Envelope Collection SVdP will distribute Christmas collection envelopes at Masses this weekend for return next weekend. Your support is greatly welcomed.

Camus / Leckpatrick Draw November 2026 November will be the final monthly draw for 2026. Please return any outstanding monies to your promoter or the pastoral office. The draw will take place on Thursday 26th November at 7.30 pm in the parochial house, Ballymagorry. Good luck everyone and a massive thanks to all promoters and buyers for your support.

Café Sorelle at St Patrick's Hall, Strabane A very warm welcome to Café Sorelle and all the staff. A brilliant facility now in St Patrick's Hall. On behalf of the parish we wish you every success on this venture. We encourage all to pay a visit.

Clonleigh Parish Meals on Wheels Service Volunteers required to deliver Meals on Wheels in Clonleigh parish. All help greatly appreciated. Tel 00353 87 9153248.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027, led by Bishop Michael Router: There are two options available: **Option 1:** 8th - 13th July, £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, £1,095, from Belfast International Airport. Single supplement and travel insurance extra. Expressions of interest can be emailed to derrypilgrim@outlook.com Bookings begin in January. More details later. Gift vouchers of any value available from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop St, Derry for those who wish to purchase them, particularly as a Christmas gift. Please tel 028 71362475 for information.

Trócaire is Seeking Volunteers to deliver school talks during the annual Lent Appeal in February / 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 approx 1-2 short talks per week during the campaign period. Full training, presentation materials and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Fionnuala on 028 90808033 or fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week of December if you are interested!

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses available to book at www.accordni.com

Job Opportunities: Derry Diocesan Trust *Pastoral Co-ordinator Pastoral Co-Ordinator in Strabane Pastoral Area*. Salary: £19 734/€23 608 gross (based on 25 hrs per week). The Pastoral Co-ordinator will collaborate with the parish clergy, schools, and the parish pastoral council to develop, coordinate, and support catechetical and sacramental programmes. The role is dedicated to nurturing and deepening the faith of parishioners by fostering spiritual growth within the parish community. Utilising diocesan and local resources, the coordinator will implement initiatives to inspire faith in those seeking belief and reignite faith in those who have lapsed in practice. Strabane Pastoral Area. Closing date: 12 noon 2/12/2026. ***Sacristan / Key Holder*** at Claudy Parish. Nine hours per week at St Joseph's Church, Craigbane. Job purpose: to ensure effective security of the church and associated maintenance and cleaning whilst organising all associated liturgical requirement in line with diocesan guidelines. Rate of pay: £12.88 per hour (under review). Closing date: 12 noon 30/11/26. Please contact recruitment@derrydiocese.org or 028 71262302.

Sacred Heart Church, Omagh - Dublin Gospel Choir Join us on Sunday 29th Nov at 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 association with Sacred Heart Church and its Reviving Omagh's Sacred Stories Heritage Project.

An All-Night Vigil in Knock, celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception takes place on Monday 7th December. Confessions 10 pm - midnight. Beginning at midnight and continuing through the night with Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, reflections and concluding with Mass at 4 am on 8th December. A bus leaves Carndonagh at 4.00 pm travelling via Moville-Muff, Bridgend-Letterkenny. Bus is €60 (includes tea and evening meal enroute). Back in Bridgend Tuesday morning about 8.30 am through Inishowen again. Contact Siobhan 0860658753 / Betty 0863496143. Early booking is advised. Limited seats.

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Christmas Draw Tickets are now available to buy from your promoter or the parish office at a subscription of £5 / €5 per ticket for entry in 5 draws over the Christmas period. Dates / prizes as below:

Prizes	Christmas Day	St Stephen's Day	New Year's Day	2nd January	6th January
1st	£/€325	£/€350	£/€400	£/€600	£/€2,027
2nd	£/€225	£/€250	£/€300	£/€425	£/€1,000
3rd	£/€125	£/€150	£/€200	£/€325	£/€600
4th	£/€100	£/€125	£/€150	£/€225	£/€400
5th	£/€75	£/€100	£/€125	£/€175	£/€300

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

Parish Bingo & Lucky Four in St Pat's Hall on Thursdays at 8.00 pm. All welcome.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 8th Sept 2027 departing Derry Airport (for 8 nights) with spiritual director. Cost: €929 per person. Early booking offer: €100 off if paid in full by December. Tel: Mairead: 0877698195 or Kathleen: 0863721962.

St Patrick's Dungannon Charismatic Prayer Group Golden Jubilee event: Saturday 5th December, at the Servite Priory, Benburb, commencing at 11am and concluding with Mass at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to this 50th celebration.

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 (22nd Nov - alternate Sundays - 6th Dec)

St Joseph's Glenmornan: Sunday 8.30am (29th Nov - alternate Sundays – 13th Dec)

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.
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Sacred Heart Church Carndonagh

21st & 22nd November 2026 (Christ the King)

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 Willie Quigley, Caramore, Glentogher, his Funeral Mass was on Wednesday.

Anniversary and Month's Mind Masses

Sat 21st Nov	Sean Kelly, Churchtown (2nd Anniv) 7pm
Sun 22nd Nov	John Doherty, Ballyloskey (45th Anniv) 9am
Wed 25th Nov	Deceased members of the Legion of Mary 10am
Thur 26th Nov	Junie McGonagle, Carrowreagh (1st Anniv) 10am
Fri 27th Nov	Packie McGuinness, Ballyloskey (6th Anniv) 7pm
Sat 28th Nov	Tony Nelson, Ballybeg (Month's Mind) 7pm
Sun 29th Nov	Phelim Kelly, Glenmakee (14th Anniv) 9am
Tue 1st Dec	Helen White, Malin Rd 10am
Wed 2nd Dec	Máire Crumlish, Churchtown (2nd Anniv) 10am
Thur 3rd Dec	George & Michael Canny, Trenbane (20th Anniv) 10am
Fri 4th Dec	Patrick O'Donnell, Glebe (50th Anniv) 7pm
Sat 5th Dec	Rosemarie Doherty (O), Churchtown (3rd Anniv) 7pm
Sun 6th Dec	Ray Whitehouse, Glebe (3rd Anniv) 9am

Anniversaries at this time

Maureen Diver, Church Rd. Tony Diver, Diamond. Brigid Doherty, Trenbane. Brian & Mary Margaret Lafferty, Malin Town.



BAPTISM

Baptisms: We welcome into God's family: Thea Jane Kelly, Abbots Wood.

Weekly Collection amounted to €2420 & Stg £140
Thank you for your generosity

Collection for Friends of Letterkenny hospital amounted to €1041. The monies raised will be used towards a new bus for patients travelling to Dublin for treatment.

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 also accepted**. Tel. Don on 0868554796.

The Donagh Choir and friends present their annual Ecumenical Carol Service on Friday 18th December at 8pm in the Church of the Sacred Heart. Put the date in your diary.

VOCATIONS: Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is the Good Shepherd. We pray that the future priests of our diocese will "...look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded, and make the weak strong." (Ezekiel). As the late Pope Francis said, "Priests should have on them the smell of the sheep."

Friends of Inishowen Cancer Care Services are holding their AGM at 7.30p.m in Flat1, Pastoral Centre, Carndonagh , F93XP59 on Wednesday 25 th November at 7.30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat - 11th-13th December 2026. Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

Ballyliffin Oratory, are hosting a visit of A Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. **Tuesday, 24th November at 6pm**. Ireland Needs Fatima's life like statue will be displayed for all to venerate. The Marian Programme features an inspiring presentation on the 1917 Fatima apparitions, followed by a group rosary. Ireland Needs Fatima custodians will be displaying a wide selection of fine religious articles, such as rosaries, medals and books.

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

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2026
Feast of Christ the King

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:
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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 23 Nov		**Mass, Castlederg: 7.30pm:** *First Anniversary, Joe Gallagher*	**Mass, 10.00am Rosary, at Grotto: 8.00pm**
Tuesday 24 Nov	**Mass, 10.00am**		**Rosary, 10.00am**
Wednesday 25 Nov	**Liturgy of Word, with Holy Communion: 10.00am**	**Castlederg: Liturgy of the Word, with Holy Communion: 10.00am**	**Mass, 10.00am**
Thursday 26 Nov	**Mass, 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon**		
Friday 27 Nov		**Mass, Castlederg: 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon**	
Saturday 28 Nov	**Vigil Mass, 7.30pm**	**Vigil Mass, Castlederg, 6.15pm:** *First Anniversary, Pat Carolan*	**Vigil Mass, 5.00pm**
Sunday 29 Nov	**Mass, 11.00am**	**Mass: Dregish, 9.30am Castlederg, 11.00am:** *Month's Mind, Maureen Logue* **Drumnabey,12.30pm**	**Mass, 11.00am.**

INDUCTION CEREMONY for Fr McDermott as Parish Priest of Ardstraw West & Castlederg will take place during the 11.00am Mass in Castlederg today. Refreshments in the hall afterwards for everyone. We welcome Bishop Router to Castlederg.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take place in Dregish next Sunday, 29 November, at the 9.30am Mass. We look forward to welcoming all the children.

ARDSTRAW WEST AND CASTLEDERG Parish Draw: The November draw will take place next Sunday, 29 November, after the 11.00am Mass in Castlederg.

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We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Michael McHugh, Young Crescent, whose Funeral Mass took place in Castlederg on Thursday. We offer our sympathy and our prayerful support to Michael's family and to all who mourn his death. May he rest in peace.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will be celebrated on Tuesday 8 December. Please note below the Mass schedule in our Pastoral Area for the Feast Day:

Castlederg - Vigil Mass on Monday 7 December, 7.30pm;

Aghyaran - Tuesday 8 December, 10.00am; **Drumquin** - Tuesday 8 December, 7.30pm.

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

AGHYARAN: £1,147 & €68; Church Restoration Fund: £646 & £33. **DRUMQUIN:** £1,560.

ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG: £1,666 & €44, made up of:
Castlederg £728 & €19, **Drumnabey** £516 & €25, **Dregish** £422.

Thank you to all who contribute by Standing Order.

PARISH FUNDRAISING BAZAARS:

Dregish: next Sunday, 29 November, 7.00 – 9.00pm

Drumquin: Saturday 5 December, commencing at 7.00pm

Aghyaran: Sunday 6 December, commencing at 8.00pm: Bazaar promoters are asked to please commence collecting in their particular area. Parishioners are asked, if possible, to have donations/prizes ready for collectors when they call so that all returns can be made as soon as possible. Thanks to everyone in advance.

Castlederg: Tuesday 8 December.

TROCAIRE GLOBAL GIFTS: The annual Trocaire Global Gift appeal commences next weekend (28/29 November.) Bernie McGuire and her team will be available at the back of the church in Aghyaran to help with your purchases. The Bucket Collection will also take place, and this money will go towards the purchase of water for villages. This year you will also have an opportunity to purchase Christmas ornaments from the Holy Land - £5 each. Your continued support would be greatly appreciated.

CONCERT: Sean and Eimear Dolan will be in Concert on **Saturday 28 November**, starting at **8:30pm**, in **Killeter Heritage Centre**. Admission £5, U18s free. Open session afterwards, and refreshments served. Everyone welcome for what will be a great evening of Irish Music and Craic. Follow Aranderg CCÉ on Facebook for more information.

FUNDRAISING CARD PLAY, **in aid of Air Ambulance**, in the **Blacktown Arms** on **Monday 30 November**, starting at **8:30pm**. Adm £10. All support for this fundraising initiative will be greatly appreciated.

MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT St Joseph's Church, Ederney, Wednesday 9 December, starting at 8.00pm. Doors open 7.00pm. Tickets £30. Tickets now on sale in local shops or via Eventrite

The new liturgical year starts next Sunday (First Sunday of Advent) when we enter Cycle B of the Lectionary. For the most part in this new liturgical year, we will listen to the Gospel of St Mark.

While Mark's Gospel is presented in the Bible as the second of the four Gospels that we hear (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John), it is believed to have been the first written (probably between 50 – 70 AD), and directed to the needs of early Christian communities, particularly the Gentile audience. It is the shortest of the Gospels, with just 16 chapters. Jesus is pictured by Mark as a man of action and authority. He puts emphasis on what Jesus did, rather than on His words. Mark was not one of the apostles chosen by Jesus, but he was a companion of Peter (Simon Peter) and much of what is written by Mark draws from the preaching and eyewitness testimony of Peter, who had accompanied Jesus during His public ministry.

Most importantly, Mark's Gospel gives us a clear picture of what it means to be an authentic disciple or follower of Jesus. As disciples today, we are called to follow the example of Jesus. We pray that, in this coming liturgical year, as we listen to Gospel of St Mark, the Holy Spirit will guide us in following Christ's message in our daily lives, in all that we do and say.

***'And at once they left their nets and followed him.'* Mark 1:18**

St Mark, pray for us.

Parishes of Camus, Clonleigh and Leckpatrick

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year A – 22nd November 2026

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

Fr Declan Boland (priest in residence)

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Gospel Reflection *(Matthew 25:31-46)*

In the gospel today, Jesus gives us a powerful and moving picture of the final judgment. The Son of Man returns in glory and separates the sheep from the goats, not according to wealth, success, or even outward religious practices, but according to how they responded to those in need. Jesus identifies Himself with the hungry, thirsty, the stranger, the sick, and those imprisoned, teaching us that whenever we show love and compassion to others, we are serving Him.

This Gospel reminds us that faith is meant to be lived. It is easy to say that we love God, but Jesus invites us to make that love visible through acts of kindness, mercy, and generosity. The sheep are praised because their care for others flowed naturally from hearts shaped by God's love.

The challenge for us is not simply to avoid doing wrong, but to actively seek opportunities to do good. Every person in need is an opportunity to encounter Christ and to share His love with the world. No act of kindness is ever too small in God's eyes. A listening ear, an encouraging word, a helping hand, or a generous gift can become a sign of God's presence in someone's life.

Let us ask the Lord to give us eyes that see the suffering around us, hearts filled with compassion, and hands ready to serve. As we follow the example of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, may we bring His love to those we meet

each day. And when we stand before Him, may we hear those joyful words we all long to hear: **"Well done, good and faithful servant"** (Matthew 25:21).

May the Lord's grace guide us, His peace sustain us, and His blessing remain with us always. Amen.

Remembering Our Deceased Loved Ones During 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.

Anniversaries Fr Tom Blee, Eileen Casey, Fionnuala Devine, James Devine, Jim Devine, Margaret Devine, Mary Devine, George Devlin, Patrick Devlin, Samuel Doherty, Taffy Doherty, Sheila Duffy, Felim Egan, Joe Elliott, Catherine Friel, Annie Hegarty, Seamus Hegarty, Catherine Hunt, Margaret Kavanagh, Kitty Kelly, Feanus

Lynch, Maurice McColgan, Danny McGavigan, James McGettigan, Fr Donal McMenamin, Pat Milligan, Martin Mullen, Tom P Mullen, Cis O'Kane, Jonathan Quinn, Dessie Stewart. May they rest in peace.

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

Thank You for your generosity to last week's collections

Leckpatrick £1,217.77

Clonleigh €1,763.53 (graveyard works €131.50)

Camus £1,725.19

Readings Sunday 29th November (1st Sunday of Advent):

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19

Psalm: 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

2nd Reading: 1st Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Saints of The Coming Week:

Monday: St Columban, abbot

Tuesday: St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & companions, martyrs

Wednesday: St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr

St Clement I, pope & martyr

St Colman of Cloyne, bishop

Friday: St Vergilius of Salzburg, bishop

St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Envelope Collection SVdP will distribute Christmas collection envelopes at Masses this weekend for return next weekend. Your support is greatly welcomed.

Camus / Leckpatrick Draw November 2026 November will be the final monthly draw for 2026. Please return any outstanding monies to your promoter or the pastoral office. The draw will take place on Thursday 26th November at 7.30 pm in the parochial house, Ballymagorry. Good luck everyone and a massive thanks to all promoters and buyers for your support.

Café Sorelle at St Patrick's Hall, Strabane A very warm welcome to Café Sorelle and all the staff. A brilliant facility now in St Patrick's Hall. On behalf of the parish we wish you every success on this venture. We encourage all to pay a visit.

Clonleigh Parish Meals on Wheels Service Volunteers required to deliver Meals on Wheels in Clonleigh parish. All help greatly appreciated. Tel 00353 87 9153248.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027, led by Bishop Michael Router: There are two options available: **Option 1:** 8th – 13th July, £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, £1,095, from Belfast International Airport. Single supplement and travel insurance extra. Expressions of interest can be emailed to derrypilgrim@outlook.com Bookings begin in January. More details later. Gift vouchers of any value available from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop St, Derry for those who wish to purchase them, particularly as a Christmas gift. Please tel 028 71362475 for information.

Trócaire is Seeking Volunteers to deliver school talks during the annual Lent Appeal in February / 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 approx 1-2 short talks per week during the campaign period. Full training, presentation materials and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Fionnuala on 028 90808033 or fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week of December if you are interested!

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses available to book at www.accordni.com

Job Opportunities: Derry Diocesan Trust ***Pastoral Co-ordinator Pastoral Co-Ordinator in Strabane Pastoral Area.*** Salary: £19 734/€23 608 gross (based on 25 hrs per week). The Pastoral Co-ordinator will collaborate with the parish clergy, schools, and the parish pastoral council to develop, coordinate, and support catechetical and sacramental programmes. The role is dedicated to nurturing and deepening the faith of parishioners by fostering spiritual growth within the parish community. Utilising diocesan and local resources, the coordinator will implement initiatives to inspire faith in those seeking belief and reignite faith in those who have lapsed in practice. Strabane Pastoral Area. Closing date: 12 noon 2/12/2026. ***Sacristan / Key Holder*** at Claudy Parish. Nine hours per week at St Joseph's Church, Craigbane. Job purpose: to ensure effective security of the church and associated maintenance and cleaning whilst organising all associated liturgical requirement in line with diocesan guidelines. Rate of pay: £12.88 per hour (under review). Closing date: 12 noon 30/11/26. Please contact recruitment@derrydiocese.org or 028 71262302.

Sacred Heart Church, Omagh – Dublin Gospel Choir Join us on Sunday 29th Nov at 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 association with Sacred Heart Church and its Reviving Omagh's Sacred Stories Heritage Project.

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Christmas Draw Tickets are now available to buy from your promoter or the parish office at a subscription of £5 / €5 per ticket for entry in 5 draws over the Christmas period. Dates / prizes as below:

Prizes

Christmas Day

St Stephen's Day

New Year's Day

2nd January

6th January

1st

£/€325

£/€350

£/€400

£/€600

£/€2,027

2nd

£/€225

£/€250

£/€300

£/€425

£/€1,000

3rd

£/€125

£/€150

£/€200

£/€325

£/€600

4th

£/€100

£/€125

£/€150

£/€225

£/€400

5th

£/€75

£/€100

£/€125

£/€175

£/€300

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

Parish Bingo & Lucky Four in St Pat's Hall on Thursdays at 8.00 pm. All welcome.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 8th Sept 2027 departing Derry Airport (for 8 nights) with spiritual director. Cost: €929 per person. Early booking offer: €100 off if paid in full by December. Tel: Mairead: 0877698195 or Kathleen: 0863721962.

St Patrick's Dungannon Charismatic Prayer Group Golden Jubilee event: Saturday 5th December, at the Servite Priory, Benburb, commencing at 11am and concluding with Mass at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to this 50th celebration.

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 (22nd Nov – alternate Sundays – 6th Dec)

St Joseph's Glenmornan: Sunday 8.30am (29th Nov – alternate Sundays – 13th Dec)

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.

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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 Vigil 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 Vigil Mass – Mary Ellen Coleman, Cloontagh
10am Mass – Jack Doherty, Leenan
11:30am Mass – John McDaid, Altahalla

ANNIVERSARIES
Michael Brennan, The Square, Clonmany & Bridget McDonald, Dunaff

MONTH'S MIND MASSES
Maureen McLaughlin, St Columbcille Village, formerly of Ballindrait, Lifford – 7:30pm Mass in St Mary's Church on Friday November 27.
Teresa Anne Doherty, Tiernasligo - 10am Mass in St Michael's Church on Sunday November 29.

BAPTISM
We welcome into Gods family through holy baptism
Oscar McDaid, Malin Head.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
6.30pm Vigil Mass in St Mary's Church next Saturday November 28 will be offered for all our deceased loved ones and especially those who died in the past year. If anyone has a family member deceased in the past year whose funeral mass did not take place in our parish and would like to be included please contact the parish office on 074-9376114 or email clonmanyparish1@outlook.com All are welcome.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK
Monday: St Columban. Tuesday: Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
Wednesday: St Catherine of Alexandria, St Clement & St Colman
Friday: St Fergal

COLLECTION
Collection last week amounted to €2,149. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH ENVELOPES
Parish envelopes have been distributed recently. If anyone has been overlooked and would like to be included, please contact the Parish Office on 074-9376114 or email: clonmanyparish1@outlook.com

ROSARY
At the Grotto in St Mary's Church on Wednesday at 8:30pm. All are welcome.





Clonmany Parish Newsletter

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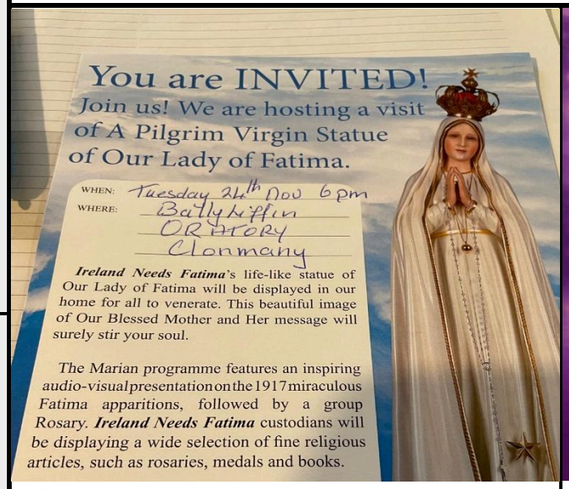

SVP PLANNING APPLICATION
Over the next few months accommodation will be coming available at the SVP houses, Cnoc Maine, Clonmany. Applications in writing only to:
The Secretary, Clonmany SVP
C/O The Parish Office, Clonmany. Conditions apply.

TIERNASLIGO NS—SILVER CIRCLE RESULTS WEEK 6
1st Prize: Jesse Kearney €50 - Seller: Mykie Kearney €5
2nd Prize: Ben & Sophie Doherty €30. 3rd Prize: Frances Grant. €20 Congratulations to all our winners.

CHIROPODIST CLINIC
Patricia Barnett Podiatrist/Chiropodist will attend St Columbcille Centre, Cleagh on Wednesday November 25 from 9-2pm. For an appointment call 0749363282.

CLONMANY SHAMROCKS NEWS
Lotto Nos 12/11/2026 - 03,10,16,29 – no jackpot winner €20 Anthony O'Regan, Gaddyduff; Mickey Toland, Rashenny; Katrina Quinn, Leenan. Next draw Nov 19
Results: Nov 15 Jackie Crossan Premier Div:
Clonmany Shamrocks 11 Greencastle FC 0
Inish Grass Shield: Carrowmena 1 Clonmany Res 4
Fixtures: Nov 22 Ulster Junior Shield
Dunree Res v Clonmany Res at 11am
200 Club Draw starting soon-contact 087 9736710. €200 for Upfront Offer entry into a bonus draw for €500 https://hub.klubfunder.com/ClonmanyShamrocksFC/payit/ticketsale/clonmany-shamrocks-200-club-draw/detail Thanks for your continued support

PARISH DRAW
Promoters are asked to make returns this week for Fri.



Mass and Service of Light

Ceremony of Light
will take place in St Mary's Church on Wednesday November 25 at 7pm. As a Parish Community we pray for the children in our parish preparing for Confirmation this year and their families and friends.

Confirmation Prayer
Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people,
so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.
Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation in Clonmany parish as they listen to Your voice.
Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment
the good work that You have begun in them.
As we prepare these children for Confirmation,
make each of us an instrument of Your love.
Teach us to appreciate what is holy in us,
and to be patient with what we do not understand.
Deepen our faith in the Gospel
and help us to pass it on by our example.
We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 1ST YEAR (2027/2028)
Scoil Mhuire applications are now being accepted for enrolment into 1st year for the 2027/2028 Academic year. Closing date Dec 18. More info on www.scoilmhuirebuncrana.ie or collect an information pack directly from Reception.

BALLYLIFFIN TIDY TOWNS 2027 CALENDAR - €7
Twelve stunning photographs of beautiful Inishowen!

NOW DOC – Call 0818400911 Fri 6pm – Mon 8am



Idols arise and demand our worship: success at any cost, money, an obsession with appearance, popularity or the unrestrained pursuit of pleasure. Sometimes, in order to win the approval of others, we may go so far as to lie, betray or humiliate someone on social media. Envy can prevent us from rejoicing in the good of another, while selfishness can lead us to treat people as objects. There are also those who make a business of offering pleasures that ultimately enslave us, such as pornography and addictive substances.

Augustine told us: *"Today I stand firm."* How powerful those words. You too are called to stand firm before the idols of our time. Do not bow down before anything that cannot give you life. And if you have ever fallen, get back up. Do not allow anything or anyone to take away the freedom God has given you.

Christ loves us as we are, but his love is too great to leave us prisoners of sin, of what destroys us. Allow Christ to transform you. Do not be afraid to approach the Sacrament of Reconcillation. How wonderful it is to know that our sins can be forgiven. Pray, read the Gospel and draw near to the Eucharist. The One who gave his life for us awaits us.



Young people of Clonmany (and everyone).

Is there any chance that the young people of our parish (and all of us) can hear this unfathomable joy spoken in the depths of the soul? Or should we just acknowledge that the empty promises of secularism has won, and that there's no chance this joy is meant for us?

On the Feast of Christ the King let us risk that what we say is actually true: this joy is not a distant dream. Christ truly reigns, and in him we find the fullness of life, and a joy that nothing in the world can offer ... or take away (if we don't let it).

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

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

Confessions Before Saturday nights Mass, 7.30 – 7.50

Saturday Vigil 8 pm
Sunday 10 am.

Anniversary Mass next weekend
Saturday Vigil 8 pm Mary Elizabeth Doherty, Bootagh
Sunday 10 am Mass for all the dead of the parish.

Weekly Offering €765
Development Collection €365

Envelopes can be left in McGuinness' shop.

First Reading
Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
God himself will shepherd the people of Israel.
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 23:1-2,2-3,5-6
The Lord is our shepherd.
Second Reading
Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be raised.
Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:31-46
Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.



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Parish Pastoral Team
Culdaff Parish Pastoral Team will meet on Tuesday 24 Nov. at 7.30pm in the Parochial House Meeting Room.. Please pray for the members of the team and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all that they do.
Advent
Clonmany Parish invites you to join in our Sycamore Advent Evenings. It will be an opportunity each Monday to pray and reflect with the Sunday gospels of Advent. We will gather in **St. Mary' s Parish Hall, Clonmany** on **Mondays 23, 30 Nov. and 7, 14 Dec. at 7.30pm** Join us for tea/coffee at 7.15pm. Everyone welcome.

It was with deep sadness that we said farewell to **Margaret McDermott, Terrahork, Gleneely.** Mary was a much respected member of our parish community and her passing will leave a void for her family. We extend our deepest sympathy to her daughter, Helena and her husband, Paul; to her son, Patrick and Sheila; and the boys; her much loved grandchildren, Sinéad and Céire; and great-granddaughter Saoirse; to her nephews and nieces and the wider family circle. May Margaret be reunited with husband, John and her daughter Caroline and may she rest in peace. [Margaret's MM will take place on Friday, 27th November at 7.30 pm].

We also mourn the passing of **Rose Lafferty, Harbour View, Ballyboes, Greencastle.** We extend our sympathy to her children Patricia, John & Caroline; their spouses Claire and Martin; grandmother of Thomas, Alfie, Ava, Erin, Lori, Aislinn, and Billy; great-grand-children, Mollie, Lottie and Luca; to her sister, Mary and her brother Mickey and the wider family circle. May Rose rest in peace.

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Mary Ryan, [-nee Doherty] London and formerly Ballyharry**. Mary's ashes were buried with her parents recently.



Serenity House -Names are still being taken for our Christmas Craft class which started on Thursday's 19th November 7pm -9pm 6 week course. Price €7 per class.
4-hour Christmas Copper class. Saturday 28th November 1pm -5pm. Price: €40.
The Chiropodist will be at Serenity House on Friday 27th November.
Call Serenity House to book.

Greencastle Centre - Citizens Advice weekly drop-in postponed until the New Year.
- Christmas Wreath workshops Thursday 26th December 7-9pm Tel Hayley: 00447947431574.
- 'Bridge Builders' Youth drop-in, games, hot food, every Friday Moville Men's Shed 2-4pm.
- Indoor Bowls every Thursday 7-9pm €5 new players welcome.

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.

Whist
1st Mary B McLaughlin
2nd John Doherty,
3rd Sheila McCallion

Tickets John Doherty, Charlie Doherty, Carmel McLaughlin
Other Winners Mary B McLaughlin, Mickey O'Donnell, John Doherty, Patrick McLaughlin., Carmel McLaughlin, Sheila McCallion

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
Our Lady of Fatima Statue will be brought to the Oratory, Ballyliffin on Tues November 24 at 6pm. After the crowning of Our Lady there will be a short talk and video, and finish with praying the Rosary. All are welcome.

We will have our Annual Mass for all the dead of the Parish next Sunday 29th November. There will be candles for all those who have passed since last November.

Points t Ponder - What is the Kingdom of God? What is the Kingdom of Christ the King?
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"Friends of Inishowen Cancer Care Services" are holding their AGM at 7.30p.m in Flat1, Pastoral Centre, Carndonagh , F93XP59 on Wednesday 25 th November at 7.30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Carrowmenagh Community Centre Tel 074 93 67061
The next **Carrowmenagh Food & Crafts Market** will take place at the centre on Sunday 6th December, 2-4.30pm- tables only €5. To book contact the Centre.
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.**ee workshops.** Contact the centre for more information and to book.

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.

"Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat | 11th-13th December 2026
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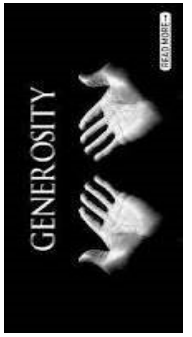
To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

The Deep End – Unsung Heroes
Triona Doherty
Have you ever seen the programme *Secret Millionaire* in each episode a millionaire leaves his or her luxury life behind, takes on a secret identity, and live undercover in a deprived area to find out who needs their help. They work alongside local people, discovering individuals and projects they think deserve a share of their fortune, before coming clean and surprising them with monetary gifts to help them in their work,
Often those who most impress the benefactor are those who are quietly working for the benefit of others, who give generously of their time and talents to make a better life for those in their local community. They are the ones who, in spite of their busy lives, are also the most welcoming and helpful to the undercover millionaire.
They are not in it for the money. They are not generous to the visitor among them because he is rich or because they expect to get something out of them.
They are the people who see a need and do something to tackle it, and their simple acts of generosity lead to great rewards.



Jesus expects us to treat everyone we encounter with sensitivity and generosity. Today's Gospel reminds us of our responsibility to care for our fellow man; to feed the hungry, make strangers welcome, provide for those who are without, visit those who are sick or imprisoned.
There are simple acts of mercy we can carry out each day. Such love for others is love for God: as the Gospel tells us, 'In so far as you did this to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'

Spraoi agus Spórt Activities for Children and Families
Free Baby Reflexology Courses
A gentle, nurturing way to introduce babies to the benefits of positive touch. The Wee Hall, Culdaff on Wednesdays until 2nd December and Fowler Hall, Burnfoot on Fridays until 4th December. Book at spraoiagussport.ie.
Spraoi na Nollag – Santa Experience
Spraoi agus Spórt presents a magical, accessible Christmas experience for children of all abilities. Meet Santa, enjoy an accessible sleigh, sensory play, face painting and festive arts & crafts. FREE entry and a FREE gift for every child. 11th, 12th, 13th, 19th & 20th December at Saothrú Nursery & Garden Centre, Moss Road, Carndonagh, F93A897. Book at spraoiagussport.ie/christmas/.
Síoraí After Hours
Friday 27th November, 4th December, 11th December and 18th December from 5pm to 9pm. Relaxed evenings of late night preloved clothes shopping at Síoraí Preloved Clothing & Accessories, Bridge Street, Carndonagh, F93ND70.

THE CHURCH OF

Our Lady of Lourdes

Serving the Parishes of Steelstown & Culmore



Sunday 22nd November 2026 ***Christ The King (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

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Gerald Darring, St Louis University: Center for Liturgy

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SYMPATHY - We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of: Thomas Lunney, 51 Thornhill Pk.

IN MEMORIAM – We pray for the happy repose of the souls of: Billy McGarry; Lily McGarry; Aidan Ryder; John McNickle; Mary McNickle; Marie Barr; William McDaid; Dermot O'Donnell; Tillie Evans; Thomas McNulty; David McNulty; Seamus Ferguson; John O'Donnell and Seamus Bray.

COLLECTION - Last Sunday's Collection amounted to £2,890.00. Thank you for your generosity.

ECO-GROUP CHRISTMAS FAYRE - The parish Eco-Group invite you to join them for their Christmas Fayre in the Conference Room on **Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th November** for tea/coffee and some delicious home bakes. Inspiring Fairtrade and charitable gifts will be available: Olive wood tree ornaments from Bethlehem; Fairtrade olive oil, dates, almonds, and soaps from Palestinian farmers; knitted and crocheted items by Derry Square Knitters; Trócaire Gifts of Change; and Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards. All welcome!

PARISH CELLS FOR EVANGELISATION - Our next parish cell meeting will take place on Wed Nov 25 at 8pm in the Conference Room. Everyone welcome.

DDS MASS - The mass for the Deceased members of the Derry Diocesan Society will be celebrated in our Church on Monday, 23rd November at 7.45am for Steelstown and on Wednesday, 25th November at 7.45am for Culmore.

THE COLUMBAN YOUNG ADULTS - is a 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 December event will be a Holy Hour and meditation on Thursday 3rd December, 7.00pm at our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, delivered by guest Fr Brendan O'Connor, a priest of Opus Dei. Please note the earlier date, due to Christmas. The meditation will be followed by Solemn Benediction, with refreshments afterwards.

BUNSCOIL & NAÍSCOIL CHOLMCILLE - will host a Christmas Fair on Friday, 27 November, from 5.00pm to 7.00pm in the school. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be plenty of food, music and lots of fun. We would love to see families who may be thinking of Naíscoil Cholmcille or Bunscoil Cholmcille in September 2027 attend the fair. It would be a great opportunity to talk to current parents and staff.
Bunscoil & Naíscoil Cholmcille will hold an Open Day on Friday, 4 December, at 11.00am and again at 1.15 pm for families who may be thinking of Naíscoil Cholmcille or Bunscoil Cholmcille for their child in September 2027. If these times don't suit, please ring the school at 028 71359648 and we can arrange a time suitable for you.

CALLING PAST PUPILS OF STEELSTOWN - From Steelstown to wherever life has taken you, we would love to hear your story. Whether you have travelled the world, started a family, built a career, or achieved something special, please get in touch and share your news with us. We would be delighted to reconnect with past pupils and celebrate everything they have accomplished since their time at Steelstown. Please send us an update and a photograph to info@steelstown.derry.ni.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

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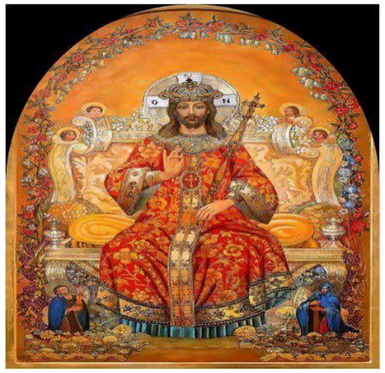
POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER - For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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 22nd November 2026
Year A Psalter Week II



Rev Neil Farren PP. Chapelfield, 59 Laurel Hill Road, Coleraine BT51 3PY Tele: 028 7034 3130
Parish Secretary: Clare White at Chapelfield

Office hours This week:

Monday 23rd November – 10.30am – 1.30pm
Wednesday 25th November – 09.30am – 1.30pm
Thursday 26th November – 09.30am – 1.30pm

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

John Gaile, Carmel McMorris, Joe Shanley

Derry Diocesan Society

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

Anniversaries

Mary Nelson, John F. Kennedy, Jack Crumlish, Mary Brennan, Veronica McFeely

Causeway Churches Forum and Counterpoint Choir

Warmly invite you to join them in" A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" be held in **St. Malachy's Church Coleraine on Sunday 6th December at 7.30 pm.**
Refreshments afterwards beside the Church in St. Malachy's Pastoral Centre.
Everyone Welcome!

Parish Collections 14th & 15th November 2026

	St Johns	Aghadowey	Dunboe
Weekly:	£777.09	£261.00	£170.00
Loose:	£338.89	£50.00	£54.25
Total:	£1651.23		

Masses - week commencing 23rd 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 21st November – Marie / Offertory – Maggie & Presley
Saturday 28th November – Ann / Offertory – Martin & Marian
Saturday 5th December – Brenda / Offertory – Liam & Ann

Dunboe Eucharistic Minister Rota
Saturday 21st November – Maggie
Saturday 28th November – Vincent
Saturday 5th December – Linda
Saturday 12th December - Karen

Dunboe Cleaning & Flowers Rota
November - Catherine McNally

St Johns Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 28th November – John McKeefry
Sunday 29th November – Rosemary Devlin

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

Aghadowey Offertory
Sunday 21st November – Don & Mary McNicholl
Sunday 28th November – Sean & Martin Kelly
Sunday 6th December – Brendan & Rosie Dempsey

Aghadowey Cleaning rota
November - Ava Clarke & Lauren Gibson
December – Donna McMullan, Ursula Mitchell & Catherine McCamphill

We Pray

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Annual Carol Service Event

On **Sunday 13th December** we will hold our Annual Carol Service in St Mary's Church, followed by our Christmas raffle, cake sale and double December draw.

Calling all Bakers! We are looking for cakes and bakes to be donated for the cake sale, if you think you can help please let us know, all donations would be gratefully received!

We appeal also for Prizes for our annual Christmas Raffle if you feel you can help, please get in touch!
Your generosity would be greatly appreciated!

Loreto College School Masses for staff and pupils.

Tuesday 24th November at 8.30am for Deceased staff and pupils of the College.

Advent Masses

at 8.40am in the College Chapel will be celebrated on Thursdays of 26th Nov. 3rd Dec. 10th Dec. 17th Dec

'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.'

St John's Catholic Parish, Faith Programme

for Parents/Guardians who have children being prepared for the Sacrament of First Eucharist or Confirmation at St John's Church in 2027.
The first of the five evenings will be held at the Bertie Peacock Centre, Killowen Street on Tuesday 2nd December at 7pm. The other sessions will take place on January 20th. February 10th. March 10th. April 7th.
Children do not need attend but parents/guardians do need to attend.
The course will be delivered by Tony Brennan- Derry Diocesan Pastoral Coordinator.
This Religious Faith Programme entitled 'Sycamore' is an informal course about our faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other parents/guardians who have children being prepared for these sacraments. It gives you space to share ideas, explore your beliefs and think about questions that really matter. Each session also involves a short film.

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.**

The Knights of St Columbanus Mass for Deceased Brothers CK69

on Monday 23rd November 2026 at 7.00pm in St. Malachy's Church
(Light refreshments served in Parish Hall after Mass)
We welcome family and friends of our past members to join us to remember their lives and their work in the Order of Knights of St Columbanus.

SVP Christmas Cards

St Vincent de Paul will be selling Christmas cards at the back of the Church after the weekend Masses.
Suggested donation of £3 per pack

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

Safeguarding & Privacy Notice: Live Streaming and Recording

Please be aware that our Masses at St John's are live-streamed and recorded via YouTube to allow for remote viewing
Cameras are positioned to focus primarily on the Altar however; attendees may occasionally appear on screen. Please bear this in mind when choosing where to sit in the Church.

Liturgy Committee Meeting

Monday 23rd November – 10.30am In the Sacristy

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2026
Feast of Christ the King

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:
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OFFICE FOR THE PASTORAL AREA:
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Ms Marie O'Kane – Telephone 07596500793 Email: dlp@derrydiocese.org

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

DAY	AGHYARAN	ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG	DRUMQUIN
Monday 23 Nov		**Mass, Castlederg: 7.30pm:** *First Anniversary, Joe Gallagher*	**Mass, 10.00am Rosary, at Grotto: 8.00pm**
Tuesday 24 Nov	**Mass, 10.00am**		**Rosary, 10.00am**
Wednesday 25 Nov	**Liturgy of Word, with Holy Communion: 10.00am**	**Castlederg: Liturgy of the Word, with Holy Communion: 10.00am**	**Mass, 10.00am**
Thursday 26 Nov	**Mass, 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon**		
Friday 27 Nov		**Mass, Castlederg: 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon**	
Saturday 28 Nov	**Vigil Mass, 7.30pm**	**Vigil Mass, Castlederg, 6.15pm:** *First Anniversary, Pat Carolan*	**Vigil Mass, 5.00pm**
Sunday 29 Nov	**Mass, 11.00am**	**Mass: Dregish, 9.30am Castlederg, 11.00am:** *Month's Mind, Maureen Logue* **Drumnabey,12.30pm**	**Mass, 11.00am.**

INDUCTION CEREMONY for Fr McDermott as Parish Priest of Ardstraw West & Castlederg will take place during the 11.00am Mass in Castlederg today. Refreshments in the hall afterwards for everyone. We welcome Bishop Router to Castlederg.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take place in Dregish next Sunday, 29 November, at the 9.30am Mass. We look forward to welcoming all the children.

ARDSTRAW WEST AND CASTLEDERG Parish Draw: The November draw will take place next Sunday, 29 November, after the 11.00am Mass in Castlederg.

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We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Michael McHugh, Young Crescent, whose Funeral Mass took place in Castlederg on Thursday. We offer our sympathy and our prayerful support to Michael's family and to all who mourn his death. May he rest in peace.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will be celebrated on Tuesday 8 December. Please note below the Mass schedule in our Pastoral Area for the Feast Day:

Castlederg - Vigil Mass on Monday 7 December, 7.30pm;

Aghyaran - Tuesday 8 December, 10.00am; **Drumquin** - Tuesday 8 December, 7.30pm.

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

AGHYARAN: £1,147 & €68; Church Restoration Fund: £646 & £33. **DRUMQUIN:** £1,560.

ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG: £1,666 & €44, made up of:
Castlederg £728 & €19, **Drumnabey** £516 & €25, **Dregish** £422.

Thank you to all who contribute by Standing Order.

PARISH FUNDRAISING BAZAARS:

Dregish: next Sunday, 29 November, 7.00 – 9.00pm

Drumquin: Saturday 5 December, commencing at 7.00pm

Aghyaran: Sunday 6 December, commencing at 8.00pm: Bazaar promoters are asked to please commence collecting in their particular area. Parishioners are asked, if possible, to have donations/prizes ready for collectors when they call so that all returns can be made as soon as possible. Thanks to everyone in advance.

Castlederg: Tuesday 8 December.

TROCAIRE GLOBAL GIFTS: The annual Trocaire Global Gift appeal commences next weekend (28/29 November.) Bernie McGuire and her team will be available at the back of the church in Aghyaran to help with your purchases. The Bucket Collection will also take place, and this money will go towards the purchase of water for villages. This year you will also have an opportunity to purchase Christmas ornaments from the Holy Land - £5 each. Your continued support would be greatly appreciated.

CONCERT: Sean and Eimear Dolan will be in Concert on **Saturday 28 November**, starting at **8:30pm**, in **Killeter Heritage Centre**. Admission £5, U18s free. Open session afterwards, and refreshments served. Everyone welcome for what will be a great evening of Irish Music and Craic. Follow Aranderg CCÉ on Facebook for more information.

FUNDRAISING CARD PLAY, **in aid of Air Ambulance**, in the **Blacktown Arms** on **Monday 30 November**, starting at **8:30pm**. Adm £10. All support for this fundraising initiative will be greatly appreciated.

MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT St Joseph's Church, Ederney, Wednesday 9 December, starting at 8.00pm. Doors open 7.00pm. Tickets £30. Tickets now on sale in local shops or via Eventrite

The new liturgical year starts next Sunday (First Sunday of Advent) when we enter Cycle B of the Lectionary. For the most part in this new liturgical year, we will listen to the Gospel of St Mark.

While Mark's Gospel is presented in the Bible as the second of the four Gospels that we hear (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John), it is believed to have been the first written (probably between 50 – 70 AD), and directed to the needs of early Christian communities, particularly the Gentile audience. It is the shortest of the Gospels, with just 16 chapters. Jesus is pictured by Mark as a man of action and authority. He puts emphasis on what Jesus did, rather than on His words. Mark was not one of the apostles chosen by Jesus, but he was a companion of Peter (Simon Peter) and much of what is written by Mark draws from the preaching and eyewitness testimony of Peter, who had accompanied Jesus during His public ministry.

Most importantly, Mark's Gospel gives us a clear picture of what it means to be an authentic disciple or follower of Jesus. As disciples today, we are called to follow the example of Jesus. We pray that, in this coming liturgical year, as we listen to Gospel of St Mark, the Holy Spirit will guide us in following Christ's message in our daily lives, in all that we do and say.

***'And at once they left their nets and followed him.'* Mark 1:18**

St Mark, pray for us.

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Parish of Drumragh
Sacred Heart Church, Omagh
St. Mary s Church, Drumragh
22nd November 2026

Mass & Confession Times

Sacred Heart, Omagh 5.30pm Saturday Vigil; 10.00am & 12.30pm (DTIM)
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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 to 6.20pm
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The ***'Do This in Memory of Me'*** 2026 to 2027 Mass begins this Sunday 22nd November at 12:30pm.

From January 2027 there will be a new Weekend Mass Schedule
Vigil 5.30pm / 9.30am / 12.30pm
6 W 0 D Drumragh 11.00am

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT EVENING

Parents/Guardians who would like their child to receive the Sacraments register with the parish. There will be an Enrolment Evening for Confirmation on Monday 30th November at 7pm in Sacred Heart Church.

It is essential that parents/guardians attend, along with their child.
Sponsors are also welcome to attend.

Registration Forms must be brought to the Church on the Enrolment Evening.

Sometimes your prayers are answered in the form of people
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Anniversary Mass Intentions Sacred Heart Church

Thursday 26th November	7.30pm	Ann McPhillips – Month Mind
		Frances McAnea – Month Mind
		Margaret & Jimmy McGale – Anniversary
		The McCool Family - Anniversary
Friday 27th November	7.30pm	Requiem Mass – Seamus Ward

Baptisms - We welcome into our Parish Community

Ben David Woods, Conan Petey Craig, Rocco Emmett Rodgers, Arlo McCaskie, Laochra Michael Mullin and Roise Claire McKenny who were baptised on 14th November.

Baptisms

From 5th December baptisms will take place every Saturday in Sacred Heart Church at 4pm. Please contact the parish office to book a date.

Deaths – We pray for Sabrina McKenna, Brookmount Heights,
Nigel McCrory, Culmore Park

Praying for Vocations

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is the Good Shepherd. We pray that the future priests of our diocese will "...look for the lost one, bring back the stra bandage the wounded, and make the weak strong." (Ezekiel) As the late Pope Francis said, "Priests should have on them the smell of the sheep."

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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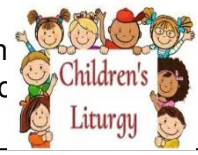

Walk With Me Booklets: A Journey of Prayer for Advent 2026

Booklet will be available to purchase in the porch next weekend. Price: £1.50

First Saturdays Conference In Knock Shrine 7th November 2026

Bus leaving Omagh Crevenagh Park and Ride at 7.30am for the 3rd Annual First Saturday Conference. Great Guest Speakers. Bring packed lunch. Bus Fare: £25 rtn. Payment in advance. Contact Anne on 07734 562102

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 an
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

Annual Parish Coffee Morning ^ : } Z [, o o
29th November after 10am/10.30am/12.30pm Mass
Tea/Coffee and festive treats

"Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat | 11th-13th December 2026
Calling all young people aged 18-35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included.
Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome.
To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

FROM ST COLUMBA TO SR CLARE
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 pe person; £15 for family groups, including under-18s. Open Monday - Saturday: 10.30 to 3pm.
Guided Church & Museum Tour with Lunch: } v X ˘ o } Z ` } l U ^ } o u [l v o] v P } v U W v o D] 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 ^ } o u [,] P v X d o l ˙ ^ o [ ] (Mondays), and the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother (Tuesdays). £20 pe 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.

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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 - ’ } } P v K [} Z ˙ ^ Z } } o } (v] v P

Booking forms and hall rates are available to download at

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Killyclogher Artisan Market - Sunday 29th November / Cappagh Parish Centre
The market will run from 1-5pm with a wide range of stalls, homemade cra
and artisan foods. Special Guest Santa. Entry is Free. Donations are welcom
Monies raised will be donated for the development of the Cappagh Pa
Centre, Killyclogher.

SVP Annual Christmas Tree & Holly Wreath Sale

Killyclogher Parish Centre, Car Park. Commencing Thursday 26th November 2026.
Opening Times: Sun-Fri: 12noon-4pm / Sat: 9am-4pm. All proceeds in aid of SV

Friends of Cuan Mhuir Tyrone Region Festive Coffee Morning & Christ
Fayre Saturday 21st November, from 12pm-5pm pm in the new centre at
Foundry Lane, Omagh.

Inner Wheel Club of Omagh are organising an awareness walk on the
25th beginning at 12.30 at Grange Park and finishing up at Strule Ar
Centre. The international day for the Ending of Violence against wom
sees the first day of 16 days of activism ending with Human Rights Day
Please show your support. Everyone welcome.

Omagh St. Enda’s are hosting a Christmas Fair in Healy Park on Sunday 29th
November - 10am to 4pm (10am to 11am SEN Friendly hour).
Lots of amazing activities for all the Family - 15 craft tables, Santa’s Grotto,
Refreshments, Camphill Community Advent Craft Sale

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

Camphill Community Advent Craft Sale 15 Drudgeon Road Omagh BT78 ITJ
Sat 5th Dec 2-5pm
Weavery /Woodwork/Ceramics/Bakery/Plants/Hot Drinks/Sweet Treats & music.
Carnival Games and much more All Welcome.

Solemnity of Christ the King (Year A)

Errigal Parish News - Sunday 22nd November 2026

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

St. Mary's Church - (Vigil): Anniversary Mass: For Hugh Higgins on Saturday 21st November at 6pm.
Anniversary Mass: For Jim Robinson on Saturday 28th November at 6pm.
Deceased Members (GAA) Mass on Sunday 22nd November at 10am.

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

Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm - St. Mary's Church in November.
Eucharistic Adoration: - Adoration on Monday after morning Mass.

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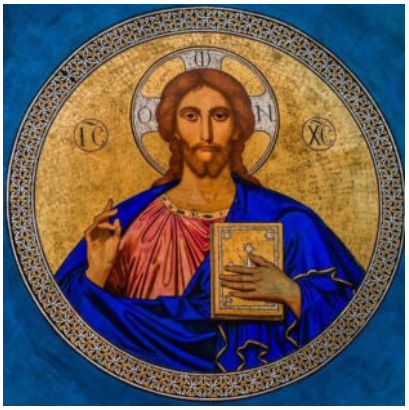

Weekend Mass Time Changes: Following recent Diocesan clerical changes it is necessary to effect weekend Mass time changes in the parishes of Errigal and Kilrea & Desertohill. Weekend Mass times in Granaghan will remain unchanged. **Changes will take effect the weekend of 28th/29th November (First Sunday of Advent).**

The following are the weekend Mass times for each parish:
(this is to facilitate two priests covering the weekend schedule).
Parish Of Errigal - Saturday Vigil Mass - 5.30pm.
Sunday Masses remain the same.
Sunday Masses - Ballerin at 10am. Glenullin at 11.30am.
Parish of Kilrea & Desertohill - Vigil Mass remains at 7pm.
Sunday Masses - Drumagarner at 9.30am. Craigavole at 12.15pm.
Parish of Granaghan - Masses remain the same.
Saturday Vigil at 4pm. Sunday at 11am.

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.

St. Columba's PS: Welcome new admissions! We are delighted to welcome you to our 'Open Morning' On Wednesday 2nd December at 9.30am in the school. Come and meet our staff, see our wonderful school and discover what makes St. Columba's such a special place to learn and grow!

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).

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

Baptism Dates: The next Baptism dates are Saturday 5th December in St. Mary's Church at 4.15pm and St. Joseph's Church on Sunday 13th December at 12.30pm. The Baptismal Programme for parents/guardians will take place in the Parochial House on Wednesday 2nd December at 7pm. Please register to attend the Baptismal Programme by Saturday 28th November using the parish email address, this will indicate to the Baptismal Team the numbers who will attend the Baptismal Programme.

Marian Hall - Kilrea: Bingo Thursday 26th November at 8:30pm. Jackpot £900!

SVP Christmas Cards: Will be available in the porches of our churches during the Advent Season. The cards are in packs of 10 and the suggested donation is £2.50/pack. This can be placed in the box beside the cards. All donations will go towards helping local families who are in need. Thank you, Errigal SVP.

Parish Safeguarding Meeting: 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). The next registration for Safeguarding is 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.

Garvagh Christmas Craft Fair and 'Along the Agivey' Photo Exhibition: Everyone is welcome to join us on Friday 27th November from 7pm to 9pm, at Garvagh Community Building, 85 Main Street, Garvagh. Admission is free. Browse over 20 local craft stalls, enjoy live music from the Monday Singers and visit the Monday Art Club's exhibition and sale. There'll also be a charity bake sale in The Pantry. The '*Along the Agivey'* photo exhibition features work by local photographers and community members, celebrating the landscapes, wildlife and everyday life along the agivey river and in the surrounding area.

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.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027 - Led by Bishop Michael Router: There are two options available as follows:
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 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.

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 - 110 White - 68) **Mission Collection** - £1710.00
St. Mary's - Parish: £660 Renovation: £195
St. Joseph's - Parish: £280 Renovation: £280

Ballerin GAA Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot. The numbers are 7, 11, 26, 21. Jackpot is £4750. Lucky Dip Winner £50 - Donna Mullan.
Glenullin GAA Lotto: There was no winner of the lotto jackpot. The numbers are 15, 24, 30, and 31. Jackpot £10,000. £25 winners - Caia McGuckin, Emma Harkin, Shane Millar, and Majella McCloskey.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers
St. Mary's Church - Church Readers - 28th/29th November
Saturday Vigil - Anna Doherty.
Sunday Morning - Carol Ann McLaughlin.
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 - 28th/29th November
Saturday Vigil - Irene McIntyre & Don Robinson.
Sunday Morning - Amanda Mooney & Josephine McKeown.
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St. Joseph's Church - Church Readers - 28th/29th November
Saturday Vigil -
Sunday Morning - Ciara Mullan.
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 - 28th/29th November
Saturday Vigil -
Sunday Morning - Emma Niblock & John Heaney.

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: Monday - St. Columban: (also known as Columbanus) was born around 453. He became a monk of Bangor and later principal teacher there. In 591, desiring to 'go on pilgrimage for Christ', he set out with twelve companions and came to Burgundy. He established monasteries at Annegray, Lexeuil and Fontaine according to Irish rule. Later he founded Bregenz in Austria and his greatest foundation at Bobbio, near Genoa, where he died in 615. He is remembered as one the greatest of the Irish missionary monks. **Tuesday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions:** In the 17th/18th and 19th centuries in Vietnan, many Christians suffered martyrdom. On the 19th June 1988, Pope John Paul II canonised 117 of these - ninety-six native Vietnamese men and women, eleven Dominican missionaries from Spain and ten French missionaries. **Tuesday - St. Colman:** Was born around 530, probably in West Cork. A bard by profession, he is reputed to have been influenced by St. Brendan to become a priest. His apostolate was to east Cork and his main foundation was at Cloyne. **Wednesday - St. Catherine of Alexandria:** Was martyred in 310 at Alexandria. Her body is venerated at the monastery on Mount Sinai. **St Fergal:** He lived first in France and then in Bavaria, where he founded the monastery of Chiemsee. He was appointed Bishop of Salzburg around 754, leaving a reputation for learning and holiness. **Friday - St. Fergal:** He lived first in France and then in Bavaria, where he founded the monastery of Chiemsee. He was appointed Bishop of Salzburg around 754, leaving a reputation for learning and holiness.

Diocesan Vocations: Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is the Good Shepherd. We pray that the future priests of our diocese will "...look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded, and make the weak strong." (Ezekiel). As the late Pope Francis said, "Priests should have on them the smell of the sheep."
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.

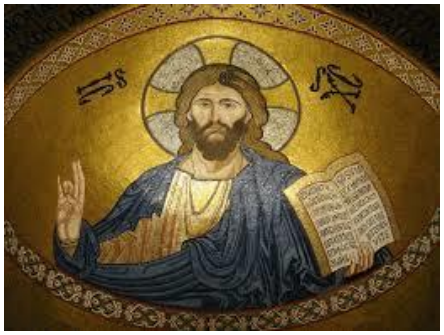
Providing compassionate care at the end of life - To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral 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

fahanparish@derrydiocese.org
www.fahanparish.com

22nd November 2026
Christ The King

Weekly Collection
Burt €1116
Inch €580
Fahan €944
Sincere Thanks

Fr Bradley 9363455
Fr Baker 9360151
Parish Office 9360151
(Mon-Thurs 10am-12:30pm)

Mass Schedule

St. Aengus' Burt
(churchservices.tv/burt)

Monday 23rd November Mass at 10am
Special Intention

Saturday 28th November Mass at 6.30pm
James and Mary Gallagher Anniversary Mass

Sunday 29th November Mass at 10.15am
Kevin, Mary Anne, George and Patrick Dowds Anniversary Mass

Our Lady of Lourdes, Inch
Sunday 29th November Mass at 9am
Willie and Rose McDaid Anniversary Mass

St Mura's Church, Fahan
(churchservices.tv/fahan)

Wednesday 25th November Mass at 7pm
Holy Souls

Friday 27th November Mass at 10am

Sunday 29th November Mass at 11:30am

Chapel Of Ease, Fahan
Thursday 26th November Mass at 10am

Adoration in St Mura's Parish Church
on Friday after the 10am Mass. All welcome.

Fr Baker will visit the sick in his care on Thursday 26th November in the Burt area from 1.30pm

Throwing Open The Doors to Christ Novena

The Novena continues this Sunday 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 on the night will be **Fr. Francis Ferry** 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.
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

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** 07491 02233

Christmas Giving Tree

Will be located in St Aengus' Church, Burt from next Sunday
Pick a bauble from the tree, collect some gifts for a child in need in your Christmas shopping and return your gift to St Aengus' Church to help a child this Christmas.
Return Gifts by 15th December with bauble attached.

Job Opportunity Derry Diocesan Trust-Pastoral Co-Ordinator

In the Strabane Pastoral Area.25 hours per week. Salary: £19,734/€23,608 gross. The Pastoral Coordinator will collaborate with the parish clergy, schools, and the parish pastoral council to develop, coordinate, and support catechetical and sacramental programmes. The role is dedicated to nurturing and deepening the faith of parishioners by fostering spiritual growth within the parish community. Utilising diocesan and local resources, the coordinator will implement initiatives to inspire faith in those seeking belief and reignite faith in those who have lapsed in practice. For job description and application pack phone (048) 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 Wednesday 2nd December 2026.
Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

Prayer for Vocations Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is the Good Shepherd. We pray that the future priests of our diocese will "..look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded, and make the weak strong." (Ezekiel). As the late Pope Francis said, "Priests should have on them the smell of the sheep."

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.

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 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. Contact 048 7136 2475 for further info.

The All Night Vigil in Knock celebrating the Feast of The Immaculate Conception takes place on the evening of Mon 7th December Confessions 10pm to Midnight. Beginning at Midnight and continuing through the night with Eucharist Adoration, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, reflections and concluding with Mass at 4am on 8th Dec. A bus will leave Carndonagh at 4pm travelling via Moville-Muff-Bridgend-Letterkenny. Bus is €60 includes tea and evening meal enroute. Back in Bridgend Tuesday from about 8.30am through Inishowen again. Contact Siobhan 0860658753 or Betty 0863496143 early booking is advised as seats limited.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat a 11th-13th December Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

Burt Bingo every Tuesday in St. Marys Hall, Burt at 9pm.

Burt Big Bingo on the 6th December St Mary's hall at 3pm. Usual good prizes plus raffle prizes

Burt GAA Lotto 6-12-14-20-25 Chiara Boyle Inch €100

Beginners Line Dancing Class at St Mary's Hall, Burt Thursdays 7:45pm-8:45pm.

St Mura's Parent Association Coffee Morning St Mura's Parents Association are holding a coffee morning in the Fowler Hall on Sunday 22nd of November from 11am-1.30pm. All welcome!

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22nd November 2026

Parish of Granaghan

www.granaghanparish.com
E-mail: frjamesdevine@gmail.com
Tel: 028 7940 1236
Mobile: 077 1559 0367
Office Hours: Monday 10am to 3pm and Wednesday 10am to 3pm

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Weekly Mass Times
Saturday 21st November Vigil at 4pm
Sunday 22nd November at 11am
Monday 23rd November at 10am
Thursday 26th November at 7.30pm (followed by adoration and confession)

Collections for Sunday 15th November
Weekly: £1,456.00

Month s Mind Mass for Tra cey McKenna
Sunday 22nd November at 11a m Rest in Peace

Fr James Devine will visit the sick within Granaghan Parish on Thursday 26th November.

Season of Creation by Laudato Si' Working Group of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and Tr caire
- homily material and prayers of the
Tree - Planting
Resources and a Blessing of Animals for The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi These Prayers, Liturgical and Parish Resources are available at derrydiocese.org/season - of - creation

Carhill Controlled Integrated Primary School
Open Week
7th 11th December 2026 | 9.30am 4.30pm
Come and discover the Carhill Difference! Families are warmly invited to visit our small, nurturing integrated school, meet our staff and pupils, and experience our welcoming learning environment.
Learning Together,
Growing Together ,
Everyone Belongs.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IRELAND WEEKEND - St Mary's, Knock, Co Mayo: Friday 9 - Sunday 11 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 at www.marriageencounter.ie

Members of Viatores Christi will speak at Masses at St. John the Baptist during the Saturday Vigil 28th November and the Sunday Mass 29th November. Viatores Christi? - is an association of Catholic lay missionary/development workers, founded in 1960. Victore Christi brings about positive change by improving access to healthcare, education and livelihood opportunities in the marginalised communities in which we we work. Why are they talking at The Masses? To raise awareness of the missionary work of the Church and the role of lay missionaries, both at home and overseas. To thank the people of the Derry Diocese supporting our work over the years. To offer an opportunity / preparation to anyone who feels called to volunteer. To appeal for ongoing help both financially and above all through prayer. There will be an exit collection in aid of the work of Viotores Christi.

An Carn - Rangana I ga - DØ MÆirt 24 Samhain - 7pm - i nGailege.
Set Dancing - Wednesday 25 November 7:30 - 9pm Chair Aerobics - Thursday 26 November 9:30 - 10:30am
Storytelling for R1 - Saturday 28 November 10am - 11am - Free - i nGaeilge // Through Irish
Christmas Afternoon Tea & Wreath Workshop - Get into the festive spirit and make your own Christmas wreath, followed by a delicious, festive Afternoon Tea! Saturday 28 November 11am - 3pm | £75

Forbidden

SUNDAY

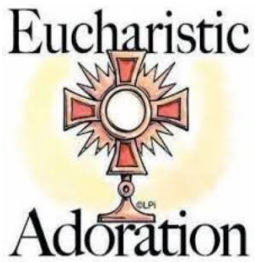
Tamlaght O'Crilly Greenlough

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2026

FEAST OF

CHRIST THE KING

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.



We're very grateful to our guest speakers at last weekend's Masses. There has been a very positive response to the *"Invitation from Jesus"* which they delivered on behalf of the Diocesan Apostolate of Adoration. A good number of our parishioners have volunteered to spend an hour each week in Adoration, either in **Clady (Thursday, 9am - 5pm) or in Bellaghy (Friday, 10am - 7 or 8pm).**

Anyone who has volunteered is free to begin immediately, and anyone who wishes to take part is welcome to come along at the times above or any time our churches are open, where Jesus is always with us in the Blessed Sacrament.

If anyone would like to spend time in Adoration outside of the times above, please let us know and we'll try to accommodate them. Ideally, there should always be two or more people present.

We hope to have a regular period of Adoration in St Joseph's Church, Ballyscullion, beginning early in the New Year.



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Christ the King

Sunday 22 November 2026

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MASS SCHEDULES

GREENLOUGH PARISH

Tuesday 24 November: NO MASS; Rosary: 7.30pm
Thursday 26 November: Adoration: 9.00am - 5.00pm
Friday 27 November: 9.30am

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday 28 November: 5.30pm

Anniversary Mass for Desmond McCann, Ryan O'Neill, Seamus O 'Neill, May and Joe Close.
Mass in memory of James (Jimmy) Murray, Philadelphia formerly Tyanee, who died recently.

P7 Mass of Commitment; Children's Liturgy
Sunday 29 November: 11.00am *(Streamed from Bellaghy)*

BELLAGHY

Monday 23 November: NO MASS
Wednesday 25 November: 9.30am
Friday 27 November: 7.00pm
Adoration: 10.00am to 7.00pm *(Rosary at 6.30pm).*

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday 28 November: 5.30pm*(Streamed from Greenlough)*
Sunday 29 November: 11.00am *(Streamed to Greenlough)*

BALLYSCULLION

Sunday 29 November: 9.45am

Anniversaries: Michael Scullin, Rosemary Maunsell, Brenda Higgins, Seamus O'Neill, Gerry Rea, Daniel McAuley, Sadie Downey, Susan Cunningham, Desmond McCann, Bernadette Hutchinson, Kelly Hutchinson, Danny Curry, Brigid Lagan, Jeannie McNally.



Anniversary Notices MUST 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.

Website: *www.greenlough.com*

Parish Information

Fr. O'Hagan
028 7938 6259

Parish Office
028 2582 1190

St. Mary's Primary School
028 2582 1066

St. Conor's College
028 2582 1370

Neighbouring Parishes

Bellaghy
028 7938 6259

Lavey
028 7964 2458

Portglenone
028 2582 1218

Baptisms
Contact the Parish Office

Weddings
Contact the Parish Office

Confessions
As Announced

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GREENLOUGH
OPEN DAY Thursday 3 December
3.30pm - 5.30pm



For children starting primary school in September 2027.
www.stmaryspsgreenlough.com; Tel: 028 2582 1066.

Parish and Family Prayer during Advent



The Diocese of Derry's Advent booklet offers a Family Prayer Service, simple activities and short reflections for each Sunday, with the themes of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. It includes Gospel readings, prayers, the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and QR links to daily Gospel readings, an Advent wreath guide, music and Sycamore Advent films. Download the booklet at **https://derrydiocese.org/advent.**



PARISH NEWSLETTER: Please send Notices & Anniversaries by phone or via email to the parish office by noon on Wednesday. The Parish Office is still closed - contact us @: **028 2582 1190** or email: **greenloughparish@gmail.com**

GREENLOUGH SUNDAY FUN RUN/WALK IS BACK!
It's time to get the whole community moving again, starting **Sunday 22 November and continuing every Sunday.** Everyone welcome -young and not so young. **Meet at the pitch – 9.50am sharp! Start time – 10.00am.**



Whether you want to run, jog or simply enjoy a walk, there is a place for everyone. It's all about getting active, having fun and bringing our community together. It's not a race! Just come along and enjoy the community spirit.

Email: *greenloughparish@gmail.com*



P7 MASS OF COMMITMENT
We welcome our P7 pupils from St. Mary's Primary School to the 5.30pm Mass next Saturday 28 November in preparation for their Confirmation.



From Saturday 6/Sunday 7 February 2027, only First Anniversaries and Month's Minds will be celebrated at our weekend Masses. The names of other people whose anniversaries occur will be read out but will not appear in our newsletters.



Baptisms - December 2026, January 2027
BELLAGHY: 1.00PM - 5 December; 9 January
GREENLOUGH: 4.15PM - 19 December, 30 January
Contact either parish office to book.

We welcome into God's Family Eila McAllister, Fallahogy Road, Kilrea who was baptised recently.



Continuous Prayer for Marriage & Family Life
Our Parish day of Prayer for Marriage & Family takes place next Sunday 29 November.
December Theme: A Child is born for us.



Messenger Magazine: There are still a few outstanding payments. Please return **Subscription** of **£26** to the Sacristy. *Cheques payable to: St. Mary's Parish Church Greenlough.*



Greenlough Collections - Sunday 15 November
Weekly: £950.24. Foreign Missions: £5.00.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

GREENLOUGH PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS
Cards: £2.00 each or 3 for £5.00
Our Parish Cards will be on sale from next weekend in the Sacristy and at Masses until Christmas.



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 ten weeks Tickets on sale and standing orders can be set up (Please have your bank details with you) after Masses every weekend or at the parish office 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.

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

Marriage Preparation Workshops February – March February 5th/6th February 19th/20th March 19th/20th All of the above courses are now online for booking atwww.accordni.com

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.

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THORNHILL COLLEGE FINANCE OFFICER (Ref: FO/26)Permanent / Full-time / Term-time (200 days/36hpw) Application packs available on our website on: www.thornhillcollege.org.uk or by contacting the College: Tel: 028-71355800 closing date for receipt of applications: 12 noon, Monday 30th November To be returned electronically to: thornhillposts144@c2kni.net



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MASSES
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm
Mon ,Wed ,Fri, Sat 10.00am Tues and Thurs 7.15pm

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays from 10.30am-11.30am & 5.15pm-5.50pm
Tues ,Thurs 6.45pm – 7.10pm
Divine Mercy 3pm Monday– Friday

BAPTISMS
Saturday at 4.30pm

MARRIAGES
Three months notice and marriage preparation necessary

PAROCHIAL HOUSE
71267070
1 Aileach Road Ballymagroarty BT48 0AZ
Email:office@holyfamily-parish.com
Website: www. holyfamily-parish.com
Webcam: Click on website and follow the links
Parish Office 9.45am-1.45pm Mon– Fri

Parish Priest:
Fr Joseph Gormley

Curate
Fr Kevin Mulhern

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

We have been fit for the kingdom by Jesus's suffering death and resurrection. Like Jesus, we are kingdom kinds of people. And that means that we have the opportunity, through the power of Christ's cross, to hold together the tensions that life presents to us There are plenty of them to be found. Maybe we aren't surrounded by rulers and soldiers and criminals; maybe it's frustrating neighbours and family members with odious political views and classmates who come from different backgrounds. But no matter what hostilities or differences are swirling around us, we, the power of the cross of Christ and not on our own power, can stand in the gap and make peace between parties. Jesus, after all, was able to make peace with his murderers, asking God to forgive them. And as we saw in today's reading, Jesus promised someone facing death by execution that he would remember him in paradise. In God's kingdom, no one is forgotten. The cross is strong enough to absorb all the world's contradictions and make peace between them. We can bring all our inner contradictions to Christ on the Cross. May we, who have been seduced by the mysteries of the cross, follow Jesus and become a sign of peace in our parish and in a world beset by hostilities, misunderstandings, and resentments.

FORTY HOURS ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place in this church on today Sunday after 12:30 Mass until a **HOLY HOUR** at 8pm and continue tomorrow Monday from after 10am Mass until 8pm with Rosary and Benediction**.**

SYMPATHY We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Majella McSherry, O'Casey Court and Danny Cassidy Lindenwood Park who died during the week. May they rest in peace

BAPTISMS Our parish family welcomes: Hayley Love, Joyce Court Owen Courtney Lynch, Gogarty Close Archie Jaxson Doherty, Tranarossan Ave, Cody Ben Coyle, Tranarossan AveCian Owen Denis Coyle, The Branch,

ANNIVERSARIES We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time John Mount, Eithne Davis, Margaret Cullen, Frances McBride, Celestine Cleere, Diarmuid McMonagle, Vincent Brady, Mary McBrearty Maureen McCrudden

ST MARY'S COLLEGE Christmas Craft Fair (Northland Road) Saturday 28th November 11am – 4pm £1 Entry – Café - Santa – Suits all budgets

SUNDAY COLLECTION 15th Nov£2192.97 & €153.70 Standing Orders £400 **2nd Collection** £1058.13 & €29.60 Thank you for your generosity

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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is the Good Shepherd. We pray that the future priests of our diocese will "...look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded, and make the weak strong." (Ezekiel). As the late Pope Francis said, "Priests should have on them the smell of the sheep."

SAINT EITHNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL will host an **OPEN AFTERNOON** on Wednesday 2nd December from 1 to 3pm for all children hoping to join Primary 1 in September 2027. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a look around the school and to meet with the staff. All welcome.

PRISONERS CHRISTMAS HAMPERS Once more I request your generosity in helping to provide hampers for the families of prisoners. This year we are only looking for financial help . The reason being we hope to buy all food stuff of Hendersons Wholesale at cost price. By doing so we hope we will have more money to purchase toys for the children of prisoners. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. There are envelopes at the back of the church. Please take one. It can be return to the sacristy or the parish office. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile charity. The final date for donations is 8th December. Fr Kevin

CHRISTMAS MISSION RAFFLE Sr. Ann and Gerry Deeney welcome your support again this Christmas for projects in underdeveloped areas of Haiti, India, Kenya and Nigera . donations can be given to Sr. Ann,. Margaret Hamilton, Monica Barr, Rose White, Fr. Gormley or placed in the Hunger Box .. All donations regardless of amount will be deeply appreciated and sent to various Mission projects in the above areas. I have just received wonderful news from Sr Rebecca Odu that a building of a secondary school for 300 girls in Nigeria will commence in the New Year. Thank you sincerely. Sr Ann

ADVENT BOOKLETS "WALK WITH ME" will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. 21st November and Sunday 22nd November. Price £1.50

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2027, led by Bishop Michael Router: There are two options available as follows:

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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. Please contact 028 7136 2475 for further info.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING PARISH OF KILREA & DESERTOHILL 22nd NOVEMER 2026

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Errigal Parish: 028 29558251
Rev. James Devine
Parish Secretary - Kim Convery

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

WEEKDAY MASSES - Monday - 10am Granaghan. **Tuesday** - 7.30pm Kilrea. **Thursday** - 7.30pm Granaghan. **Friday** - 10am Kilrea.
(Following the evening Masses, we will have adoration, confession and rosary until 9pm)

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Weekend Mass Time Changes: Following recent Diocesan clerical changes it is necessary to effect weekend Mass time changes in the parishes of Errigal and Kilrea & Desertohill. Weekend Mass times in Granaghan will remain unchanged. **Changes will take effect the weekend of 28th/29th November (First Sunday of Advent).**

The following are the weekend Mass times for each parish:
(this is to facilitate two priests covering the weekend schedule).
Parish of Kilrea & Desertohill - Vigil Mass remains at 7pm.
Sunday Masses - Drumagarner at 9.30am. Craigavole at 12.15pm.
Parish Of Errigal - Saturday Vigil Mass - 5.30pm.
Sunday Masses remain the same.
Sunday Masses - Ballerin at 10am. Glenullin at 11.30am.
Parish of Granaghan - Masses remain the same.
Saturday Vigil at 4pm. Sunday at 11am.

Sick Visitation: Fr. James will attend the sick in his care on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th November.
In Remembrance: Austin McFadden, Alex McKeown, James Burke, Jenny Bradley, Willie & Vada O'Hagan, Ann Doherty, Eddie Gilmore, Sean McKenna, Martina O'Kane, Marian McGrath, and Cassie Douglas.

Fr. Chris - Farewell Function: The farewell function for Fr. Chris will take place in the Marian Hall on Friday 27th November from **8pm.** (Please note the change in time).
Marian Hall - Kilrea: Bingo Thursday 26th November at 8:30pm. Jackpot £900!
Marian Hall 300 Club Draw: To avoid disappointment, purchase your number as soon as possible as they are selling fast! Good Luck!
https://marianhallkilrea.com/lottery.html
Christmas Dinner: The Parish, in partnership with SVP, is delighted to host its third annual Christmas Dinner in the Marian Hall on Sunday 13th December at 1.30pm**.** If you would like to join us for this special afternoon of friendship and celebration, please contact the SVP Shop on 02829540103 or email your name to marianhallkilrea@outlook.com or text Bridie on 07968390347 to reserve your place. To assist with catering arrangements, please book your place by Friday 4th December. We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Monday from 12noon until 7pm in Drumagarner. Concludes with public prayers. All welcome.
Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat - 11th-13th December 2026: Calling all young people aged 16-35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.
The Annual Mass for Deceased members of the A.O.H: Will be held in the Marian Hall on Sunday 22nd November at 2pm. Everyone welcome.
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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.

Parishes of Camus, Clonleigh and Leckpatrick
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A - 22nd 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 25:31-46)*

In the gospel today, Jesus gives us a powerful and moving picture of the final judgment. The Son of Man returns in glory and separates the sheep from the goats, not according to wealth, success, or even outward religious practices, but according to how they responded to those in need. Jesus identifies Himself with the hungry, thirsty, the stranger, the sick, and those imprisoned, teaching us that whenever we show love and compassion to others, we are serving Him.

This Gospel reminds us that faith is meant to be lived. It is easy to say that we love God, but Jesus invites us to make that love visible through acts of kindness, mercy, and generosity. The sheep are praised because their care for others flowed naturally from hearts shaped by God's love.

The challenge for us is not simply to avoid doing wrong, but to actively seek opportunities to do good. Every person in need is an opportunity to encounter Christ and to share His love with the world. No act of kindness is ever too small in God's eyes. A listening ear, an encouraging word, a helping hand, or a generous gift can become a sign of God's presence in someone's life.

Let us ask the Lord to give us eyes that see the suffering around us, hearts filled with compassion, and hands ready to serve. As we follow the example of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, may we bring His love to those we meet each day. And when we stand before Him, may we hear those joyful words we all long to hear: **"Well done, good and faithful servant"** (Matthew 25:21).

May the Lord's grace guide us, His peace sustain us,
and His blessing remain with us always. Amen.

Remembering Our Deceased Loved Ones During 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.

Anniversaries Fr Tom Blee, Eileen Casey, Fionnuala Devine, James Devine, Jim Devine, Margaret Devine, Mary Devine, George Devlin, Patrick Devlin, Samuel Doherty, Taffy Doherty, Sheila Duffy, Felim Egan, Joe Elliott, Catherine Friel, Annie Hegarty, Seamus Hegarty, Catherine Hunt, Margaret Kavanagh, Kitty Kelly, Feanus Lynch, Maurice McColgan, Danny McGavigan, James McGettigan, Fr Donal McMenamin, Pat Milligan, Martin Mullen, Tom P Mullen, Cis O'Kane, Jonathan Quinn, Dessie Stewart. May they rest in peace.

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

Thank You for your generosity to last week's collections
Leckpatrick £1,217.77
Clonleigh €1,763.53 (graveyard works €131.50)
Camus £1,725.19

Readings Sunday 29th November (1st Sunday of Advent):
1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19
Psalm: 80:2-3,15-16,18-19
2nd Reading: 1st Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Saints of The Coming Week:
Monday: St Columban, abbot
Tuesday: St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & companions, martyrs
Wednesday: St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr
St Clement I, pope & martyr
St Colman of Cloyne, bishop
Friday: St Vergilius of Salzburg, bishop

St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Envelope Collection SVdP will distribute Christmas collection envelopes at Masses this weekend for return next weekend. Your support is greatly welcomed.

Camus / Leckpatrick Draw November 2026 November will be the final monthly draw for 2026. Please return any outstanding monies to your promoter or the pastoral office. The draw will take place on Thursday 26th November at 7.30 pm in the parochial house, Ballymagorry. Good luck everyone and a massive thanks to all promoters and buyers for your support.

Café Sorelle at St Patrick's Hall, Strabane A very warm welcome to Café Sorelle and all the staff. A brilliant facility now in St Patrick's Hall. On behalf of the parish we wish you every success on this venture. We encourage all to pay a visit.

Clonleigh Parish Meals on Wheels Service Volunteers required to deliver Meals on Wheels in Clonleigh parish. All help greatly appreciated. Tel 00353 87 9153248.

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Trócaire is Seeking Volunteers to deliver school talks during the annual Lent Appeal in February / 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 approx 1-2 short talks per week during the campaign period. Full training, presentation materials and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Fionnuala on 028 90808033 or fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week of December if you are interested!

Accord Marriage Preparation Courses available to book at www.accordni.com

Job Opportunities: Derry Diocesan Trust *Pastoral Co-ordinator Pastoral Co-Ordinator in Strabane Pastoral Area*. Salary: £19 734/€23 608 gross (based on 25 hrs per week). The Pastoral Co-ordinator will collaborate with the parish clergy, schools, and the parish pastoral council to develop, coordinate, and support catechetical and sacramental programmes. The role is dedicated to nurturing and deepening the faith of parishioners by fostering spiritual growth within the parish community. Utilising diocesan and local resources, the coordinator will implement initiatives to inspire faith in those seeking belief and reignite faith in those who have lapsed in practice. Strabane Pastoral Area. Closing date: 12 noon 2/12/2026. ***Sacristan / Key Holder*** at Claudy Parish. Nine hours per week at St Joseph's Church, Craigbane. Job purpose: to ensure effective security of the church and associated maintenance and cleaning whilst organising all associated liturgical requirement in line with diocesan guidelines. Rate of pay: £12.88 per hour (under review). Closing date: 12 noon 30/11/26. Please contact recruitment@derrydiocese.org or 028 71262302.

Sacred Heart Church, Omagh - Dublin Gospel Choir Join us on Sunday 29th Nov at 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 association with Sacred Heart Church and its Reviving Omagh's Sacred Stories Heritage Project.

An All-Night Vigil in Knock, celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception takes place on Monday 7th December. Confessions 10 pm - midnight. Beginning at midnight and continuing through the night with Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, reflections and concluding with Mass at 4 am on 8th December. A bus leaves Carndonagh at 4.00 pm travelling via Moville-Muff, Bridgend-Letterkenny. Bus is €60 (includes tea and evening meal enroute). Back in Bridgend Tuesday morning about 8.30 am through Inishowen again. Contact Siobhan 0860658753 / Betty 0863496143. Early booking is advised. Limited seats.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat *11 - 13 Dec* Calling all young people (16–35)! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Kildare. A donation-only event, with free buses across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks, workshops, Mass, music, prayer and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all welcome. Visit youth2000.ie / @Youth2000Ireland

Christmas Draw Tickets are now available to buy from your promoter or the parish office at a subscription of £5 / €5 per ticket for entry in 5 draws over the Christmas period. Dates / prizes as below:

Prizes	Christmas Day	St Stephen's Day	New Year's Day	2nd January	6th January
1st	£/€325	£/€350	£/€400	£/€600	£/€2,027
2nd	£/€225	£/€250	£/€300	£/€425	£/€1,000
3rd	£/€125	£/€150	£/€200	£/€325	£/€600
4th	£/€100	£/€125	£/€150	£/€225	£/€400
5th	£/€75	£/€100	£/€125	£/€175	£/€300

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

Parish Bingo & Lucky Four in St Pat's Hall on Thursdays at 8.00 pm. All welcome.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 8th Sept 2027 departing Derry Airport (for 8 nights) with spiritual director. Cost: €929 per person. Early booking offer: €100 off if paid in full by December. Tel: Mairead: 0877698195 or Kathleen: 0863721962.

St Patrick's Dungannon Charismatic Prayer Group Golden Jubilee event: Saturday 5th December, at the Servite Priory, Benburb, commencing at 11am and concluding with Mass at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to this 50th celebration.

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 (22nd Nov - alternate Sundays - 6th Dec)

St Joseph's Glenmornan: Sunday 8.30am (29th Nov - alternate Sundays – 13th Dec)

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

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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

22 November 2026

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME FOR WEEK COMMENCING Monday 23 November 2026

Monday 23 November - Friday 27 November	10.00am	Mass: Christ the King Church (streamed)
Thursday 26 Nov.	1.00pm to 6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration in St. Mary's Church.
Saturday 28 Nov.	4.30pm	Vigil Mass: Christ the King Church (streamed)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass: St Finlough's Church (streamed)
Sunday 29 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: Is 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8. Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, R/v 4. 1 Cor 1:3-9. Mk 13:33-37.



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 07512360388

SYMPATHY:

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Bernadette Robinson (nee McGuigan),** formerly Limavady who has died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kathleen Tierney, Kathleen McCormick, James McGee, William Mailey, Felicity Deighan, Denis McCann, Susan Lafferty, Sean Devlin, Cyril (CJ) Coyle, Danny Ferris, Fr. James Duffy, J B and Mary McNicholl, Mick Gotfrey, Stephen Cafferkey, Bridie Doherty, Eileen Caffrey, Alfie O'Kane, William Anderson, Gerald McGonigle, Robbie McGonigle, Gerard and Bridie Boyle, May Logue, Brian Mullan, Clare McMullan, Bridie Doey.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

MONTH'S MIND MASS

The Month's Mind Mass for **Monica Kitchener** will be celebrated on **Saturday 28 November at 4.30pm** in **Christ the King Church**

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

The First Anniversary Mass for **Barney McNickle** will be celebrated **on Saturday 28 November at 6.00pm in St. Finlough's Church**

MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF MARY

will be celebrated on **Tuesday 24 November**

at **10.00am in Christ the King Church**.

Baptism

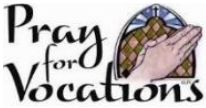
We welcome into God's family:

KANE ISAAC HEANEY

OISÍN PADRAIG CURRY

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH
EACH THURSDAY
FROM 1.00pm to 6.00pm.

Please ensure the Blessed Sacrament Is never left alone.



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CÉILÍ NEWS:



Thanks to those who supported the **Céilí** for St. Vincent de Paul on Sunday night. Attendance was disappointing but we managed to raise £600, to be divided between Limavady and Faughanvale parishes.

LIMAVADY CREDIT UNION AGM

on MONDAY 7 DECEMBER

at 7.00pm in BETHANY CENTRE

SANTA AT ST. FINLOUGH'S COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 28th November
10.00am to 12 noon

All welcome!







DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



WALKING CAROL SERVICE
on Tuesday 8th December

PARISH BREAKFAST
on Friday 11th December

PARISH CAROL SERVICE
on Sunday 20th December





ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR:

on **Saturday 5th December**
from **10.00am to 3.00pm.**
Tables are £20 each.



One tree can start a forest. One smile can begin a friendship; One hand can lift a soul; One word can frame the goal; One candle can wipe out darkness; One laugh can conquer gloom; One hope can raise your spirits; One touch can show you care; One life can make the difference,

BE THAT ONE TODAY

(author unknown)

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

5-12 JULY 2027

Led by Msgr. Bryan McCanny and Fr. Seán O'Donnell

A few places are available at a cost of £950. If paid by 1 December there is a discount of £100.

For further details contact

Patricia 07743936548

or Anne 07784953408

BEREAVED BY SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP – Managing Grief at Christmas Workshop & Remembrance on **Monday 7th December at 7.30pm in Roe Valley Therapy Centre, Limavady.** Hosted by Wellness and Positive Minds this special evening will replace our usual monthly support meeting, offering a gentle space for remembrance, reflection and support during the Christmas season. Anyone bereaved by suicide is warmly welcome, including those attending for the first time. For further information or to book, contact **077 139 32971**.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE COLLECTION:

Weekly Collection: **£4,360**

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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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

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

HEALING SERVICE – each Sunday of Advent at 6pm in St Patrick's Church, Glen

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 25November after 7.30pm Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - each Sunday in Advent at 11.30am Mass in St Mary's Church.

DO THIS IN MEMORY – this Sunday 22 November in St Mary's Church at 11.30am Mass.

DAY BY DAY – booklet available in both church porches – containing a meditation for each day in Advent.

BOOK OF ENROLMENT - for all our deceased will be on the Sanctuary of each church during the month of November.

CAROL SERVICE – Maghera Local Cancer Research Committee invite you and friends to the Community Carol Service next Sunday 29 November at 3pm in Maghera Presbyterian Church. Service will be read by Dr. John Coulter. Refreshments served afterwards. All welcome. Donations in aid of Cancer Research.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION: - Thank you for last week's envelope collections of £2,869. We appreciate your support to the church and for bringing your envelopes and donations to the church and pastoral centre. May your generosity be rewarded. Anyone wishing to donate to Maghera parish may do so by visiting website: magheraparishderry.com and using donate button.

FEASTS THIS WEEK Mon St Columban, abbot and missionary, Tues.-St Colman, Bishop, Wed–St Catherine of Alexandria, & St Colman, bishop , Fri St Fergal, bishop

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

CHAIR PILATES – For over 50's. Classes are FREE. 4 week-course in Fairhill Youth Club, continues - Thursday 26 November at 10.15am. Tutor: Rebecca Williamson

GLEN GAA Website www.wattygrahamsgac.com Lotto Numbers 39:40:32:44: No winner, next week Jackpot £16,000. Seven £50 winners: Padriag McDevitt, Brendan Mullan, Paula Glasgow, McGrath Family c/0 Tommie, Maureen McErlean, Elaine Scullion and Monica McEldowney. Flyover £17,100.00 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 each Monday at 7.30pm.

RANGANA LOGA – Dé Máirt 24 Samhain at 7pm in Gailege. **SET DANCING –** Wed 25 November from 7.30pm/9pm. **CHAIR AEROBICS –** Thursday 26 November from 9.30am.10.30am. **STORYTELLING FOR R1** - Sat 28 November from 10am to 11am. FREE / in Gaeilge / through Irish. **CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA & WREAT WORKSHOP** - Get into the festive spirit and make your own Christmas wreath, followed by a delicious festive Afternoon Tea! on Sat 28 November from 11am/3pm. £75.

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.

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..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. Contact 028 71362475

DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES
Location: Derry Diocesan Office, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. Contract: 25-37 hours per week (working hours to be agreed). Salary: £50,000-£60,000 per annum.
(Commensurate with experience and pro rata for part-time hours) Closing date: Tues24 November at 5pm.

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Tel. 028 9442 4459. Emergency Social Work Service on: 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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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 22nd At the end of our earthly life we will be judged on how we have lived and acted. At the end of time the kingdom of God will be established through the saving work of Christ. Then the Shepherd-King will come to judge how we have loved. Our lives are to be characterised by a love that welcomes Christ in those most in need, and by joyful expectation of his glorious coming.

Monday 23rd St Columban (Columbanus) (543-615), a monk of the monastery of Bangor who left the monastery 'to go on pilgrimage for Christ'. Remembered as one of the greatest of Irish missionary monks. He preached the Gospel on mainland Europe, in parts of what is now France, Switzerland, Austria and Northern Italy, where he established several monasteries and centres of learning.

Tuesday 24th St Andrew Dung-Lac and companions. Many Christians suffered martyrdom in Vietnam in the 17-19th centuries.

Wednesday 25th St Colman, bishop. Born around 530, probably in west Cork. A bard by profession, he became a priest, working in east Cork and establishing his main foundation at Cloyne.
St Catherine of Alexandria. Martyred in 310 in Alexandria; her body is venerated at the monastery on Mount Sinai.

Friday 27th St Fergal (Virgil). An Irishman, who lived first in France and then in Bavaria, before becoming bishop of Salzburg around 745. He died in 784, leaving a reputation for learning and holiness.

Sunday 29th 11.30am Mass will be celebrated in St Pius X, Moville

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 Jack McLaughlin, Church Brae, who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Thank you for your generous financial support to the parish in the past week, which amounted to €3958

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.

Prayer for Vocations: Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is the Good Shepherd. We pray that the future priests of our diocese will "...look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded, and make the weak strong." (Ezekiel). As the late Pope Francis said, "Priests should have on them the smell of the sheep." We pray to the Lord.
"It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, sister or brother? Anyone interested in serving the Church as a priest of the diocese of Derry should contact the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP Bellaghy and Greenlough, at 0487938 6259 or at pgoh2111@gmail.com

Friends of Inishowen Cancer Care Services are holding their AGM in Flat1, Pastoral Centre, Carndonagh on Wednesday 25 November at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Moville Community College Parents' Association will run the Good as New Shop on Main Street until Saturday 2 January 2027 and would welcome donations and volunteers.

A Bus will leave Carndonagh at 4pm on Monday 7 December, travelling through Moville, for an all-night vigil in **Knock** to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The bus will return after the 4am Mass on the Tuesday. Cost is €60. Contact Siobhan 0860658753 or Betty 0863496143 for details.

Moville Celtic Christmas Market (Christmas crafts, Santa's Grotto) on **S**aturday 5 December 1-5pm. Stalls available for €20.

Serenity House (9382945) serenityhouse@eircom.net Chiropodist on Friday 27 November. Places available on Christmas Craft classes on Thursdays at 7pm. Price €7 per class. Christmas Copper class on Saturday 28 November from 1pm to 5pm. Price €40.

Greencastle Community Centre (9381054) info@greencastlecentre.ie Citizens Advice weekly drop-in postponed until the New Year. Christmas Wreath workshop Thursday 26th November at 7pm Call 00447947431574 to book. Bridge Builders Youth drop-in – games, hot food, every Friday in Moville Men's Shed from 2 to 4pm. Indoor Bowls every Thursday 7-9pm. €5. New players welcome.

Carrowmena Community Centre (9367061) Places are available on Christmas decoration courses and Kids Build a Christmas tree course. The next Food & Crafts Market will take place on Sunday 6 December from 2 to 4.30pm. Tables €5.

Light up of **Moville Christmas Tree** next Sunday, 29 November, at 5pm. Donations can be left in the post office, given to a committee member or made online.

The Mullan Hope Centre **Christmas Craft Market** today, Sunday 22 November, from 12noon to 6pm in St Eugene's Hall. Gift ideas for all the family, excellent time to get organised for your Christmas presents. Teas/coffees/traybakes/mulled wine as well as the annual Christmas bumper raffle in aid of St Vincent de Paul, tickets €5, and raffle will take place at 530pm. Looking forward to seeing you all there

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 John 18:33-37

In today's Gospel, Jesus stands before Pontius Pilate, who questions Him about being a king. Jesus explains that His kingdom is not of this world. He is not a king who rules through power, wealth or authority, but one who leads through love, truth, mercy and sacrifice.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we are invited to reflect on who truly reigns in our hearts. To recognise Jesus as our King means following His example: showing kindness, offering forgiveness, standing up for what is right and caring for those in need.

Jesus says, "Everyone who is on the side of truth listens to my voice." In a world full of distractions, we are reminded to listen to His voice and allow His teachings to guide our daily lives.

As we bring the Church's liturgical year to a close, may we welcome Christ more fully into our hearts and help build His kingdom of peace, justice and love in our homes, our parish and our wider community.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is the Good Shepherd. We pray that the future priests of our diocese will "...look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded, and make the weak strong." (Ezekiel). As the late Pope Francis said, "Priests should have on them the smell of the sheep."

Our Lady, Untier of Knots Novena - The Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots concludes after the 7.30pm Mass on Thursday 26th November. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for the Novena to Our Lady, Untier of Knots at St Eugene's Cathedral. We are grateful to all who came together in prayer, reflection and faith, entrusting their worries, challenges and intentions to Our Lady's loving intercession. May Mary continue to guide us closer to her Son, Jesus, and may the graces received during these days of prayer bring hope, peace and strength to us all. *Our Lady, Untier of Knots, pray for us.*

The season of Advent begins next weekend. Take some time out from the pressures of getting ready for Christmas to pray and meditate on the true meaning of Advent.

Morning Prayer of the Church will be prayed in the Cathedral each morning at 7.45am, Monday to Friday beginning Monday 30th November.

On the Way Home - In preparation for Christmas, there will be an opportunity for Confession and Adoration each Monday during Advent (30th November, 7th 14th and 21st December) from 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Medjugorje Advent Holy Hour by candlelight with music – Join us every Thursday evening, after the 7.30pm Mass, beginning on 3rd December, for a special Advent Holy Hour of prayer, reflection and Eucharistic Adoration. Together, we will place a particular focus on praying for peace in our hearts, in our families and in the world.

Eucharistic Adoration: every Sunday from 3.00pm to 6.00pm and every Tuesday from 10.30am until 7.20pm.

Pope John Paul II Award Commissioning & Diocesan World Youth Day - This Sunday 22nd November, in celebration of the Feast of Christ the King and Diocesan World Youth Day, we pray for our young people commissioned to begin the Pope John Paul II Award. Centered on Pope Leo XIV's theme *"Take courage! I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33), the message encourages youth to set aside perfectionism and rest in God's love. We commend the young people who have said yes to the invitation to partake in this award, please keep these participants in your prayers as they step forward in service in our parish.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Fergus McCarthy
Nancy Meenan
Johnny Casey
Marie Duffy

May they rest in peace

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Frank Nugent
Patrick McCool

May they rest in peace

Baptisms

We welcome members of God's family:

Cara Norah Quinn
Ruaidhri Alasdair Gerry Weir
James Stephen McCauley
Jaéden John Barr

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate

Shairashree Kumaran & Paul Mullin

who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral

May God bless you abundantly in love, joy and happiness

Collection

Weekly Collection: £5,657
Parish Development: £1,111

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

SVdP: £100
Mary's Meals: £40
Sightsavers: £20 £100 £50 £500
Smile Train: £20 £50 £500 £100
Concern: £20
Cathedral Funds: £10
Gaza Appeal: £50
Hungry Children: £5

Readers for 22nd / 29th November

6.15pm Mary Morrison
7.30pm Niamh Kehoe
9.30am Rosemary Finan
11.00am St Mary's College
12.30pm Kevin Finan
7.00pm Anna Begley

Sick Visitation

Fr Paul Farren will attend the sick and housebound in his care during the coming week:

Monday afternoon: Lisfannon Park, William Street, Creggan Street, Fahan Street, Cable Street, Lower Road, Abbey House, Little Diamond

Tuesday afternoon: Mulvey Park, Laburnum Terrace, Elmwood Terrace, Westland Street, Westland Terrace, Gartan Square, Clarendon Manor, Northland Road

If you have family away from home this Christmas and would like them to receive a Christmas card from the parish, please write their names and full postal address on a card available at the back of the Cathedral and return to the Parish Office before 4th December.

St Eugene's Cathedral Christmas Mass Bouquets are available to buy after the weekend and during the week at the Parish Office. Cost £2.

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Accord Derry Marriage Preparation Courses January 2027 to March 2027 are now online for booking. The courses can be booked on the website www.accordni.com. All of these courses are in person.

Free 4-Week Dementia Education Programme for Family Carers Starting Thursday 21st 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.

St Mary's College Christmas Craft Fair (Northland Road, Derry) Saturday 28th November 2026 from 11am – 4pm. £1 Entry – Café - Santa – Suits all budgets

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

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Northern Ireland emergency services: PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland): 101 Social Services: Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust: 028 7131 4090 (and ask for the Duty Social Worker), Gateway Services, Northern HSC Trust: 028 9442 4459, Regional Emergency Social Work Services: 0800 1979 995. Republic of Ireland emergency services: Garda Síochána Buncrana: 00353 749 320 540 Letterkenny: 00353 749 167 100, TUSLA (ROI) Child and Family Agency: 00353 749 102 23

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Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe
22nd November 2026

Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

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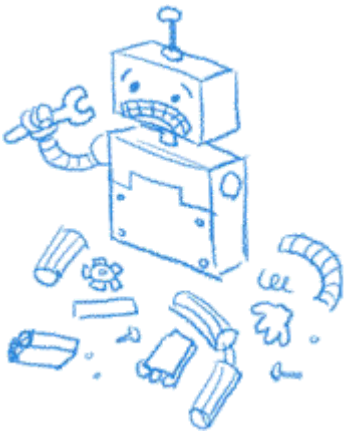

THE CHURCH OF

Our Lady of Lourdes

Serving the Parishes of Steelstown & Culmore



Sunday 22nd November 2026 ***Christ The King (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

What is the Kingdom of God?
What is the Kingdom of Christ the King?

The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy.

The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war.

It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith.
The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come).

The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace. Jesus Christ is king! We pray today that God may free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love.

Gerald Darring, St Louis University: Center for Liturgy

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SYMPATHY - We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of: Thomas Lunney, 51 Thornhill Pk.

IN MEMORIAM – We pray for the happy repose of the souls of: Billy McGarry; Lily McGarry; Aidan Ryder; John McNickle; Mary McNickle; Marie Barr; William McDaid; Dermot O'Donnell; Tillie Evans; Thomas McNulty; David McNulty; Seamus Ferguson; John O'Donnell and Seamus Bray.

COLLECTION - Last Sunday's Collection amounted to £2,890.00. Thank you for your generosity.

ECO-GROUP CHRISTMAS FAYRE - The parish Eco-Group invite you to join them for their Christmas Fayre in the Conference Room on **Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th November** for tea/coffee and some delicious home bakes. Inspiring Fairtrade and charitable gifts will be available: Olive wood tree ornaments from Bethlehem; Fairtrade olive oil, dates, almonds, and soaps from Palestinian farmers; knitted and crocheted items by Derry Square Knitters; Trócaire Gifts of Change; and Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards. All welcome!

PARISH CELLS FOR EVANGELISATION - Our next parish cell meeting will take place on Wed Nov 25 at 8pm in the Conference Room. Everyone welcome.

DDS MASS - The mass for the Deceased members of the Derry Diocesan Society will be celebrated in our Church on Monday, 23rd November at 7.45am for Steelstown and on Wednesday, 25th November at 7.45am for Culmore.

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BUNSCOIL & NAÍSCOIL CHOLMCILLE - will host a Christmas Fair on Friday, 27 November, from 5.00pm to 7.00pm in the school. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be plenty of food, music and lots of fun. We would love to see families who may be thinking of Naíscoil Cholmcille or Bunscoil Cholmcille in September 2027 attend the fair. It would be a great opportunity to talk to current parents and staff.
Bunscoil & Naíscoil Cholmcille will hold an Open Day on Friday, 4 December, at 11.00am and again at 1.15 pm for families who may be thinking of Naíscoil Cholmcille or Bunscoil Cholmcille for their child in September 2027. If these times don't suit, please ring the school at 028 71359648 and we can arrange a time suitable for you.

CALLING PAST PUPILS OF STEELSTOWN - From Steelstown to wherever life has taken you, we would love to hear your story. Whether you have travelled the world, started a family, built a career, or achieved something special, please get in touch and share your news with us. We would be delighted to reconnect with past pupils and celebrate everything they have accomplished since their time at Steelstown. Please send us an update and a photograph to info@steelstown.derry.ni.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT - 11th-13th December 2026. Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included.
Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

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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.

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Parishes of Glendermott & Strathfoyle

Sunday 22nd November 2026

Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Solemnity of Christ the King marks the end of the Church's liturgical year. At a time when many people have scant regard for monarchs or kings, we need to ask ourselves what does it mean to honour Jesus Christ as king? What kind of kingship are we celebrating?

Yes, Jesus is a king but, as he himself states clearly, his kingdom is 'not of this world' (cf. Jn 18:36). He has no stately palace, no mighty army, no marble throne. He resides among the needy and the vulnerable, the hungry, the naked, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick and those in prison. The king we are called to worship and serve, as today's gospel reading from Matthew makes clear, is a king who identifies himself with the most neglected of God's children. And the way he wants to be served is by practical care and concern for these brothers and sisters of ours: 'I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me' (Mt 25:35-36). The challenge of today's gospel is to recognise and respond to Christ in the broken and wounded people of our world. Christ is still suffering in those who are hungry for food and for justice; in the strangers longing for acceptance and a word of welcome; in the sick needing healing and care; and in the prisoners hoping for a friendly smile and a listening ear. Looking out for and responding to such people is to recognise and attend to the broken body of Christ.

Forty-Hours Adoration begins in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road after the 12.30pm Mass this weekend and continues until the 6pm evening Mass and resumes on Monday after the 10am Mass until the 7.30pm Mass. We encourage people to attend this special time of prayer in our parish.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in St Columb's Church each Friday from 1:00pm until 7:20pm. From **Friday 27th November** and each Friday during Advent, Evening Prayer of the church will be celebrated at 7:00pm followed by Benediction. The text of Evening Prayer will be provided each night. Evening Mass will follow as usual at 7:30pm.

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**

Baptisms – We welcome into God's family: **Lorcan Quigley**, Newlyn Terrace, **Cian Stephen Beattie- McGinley**, St. Brecan's Park, **Oisin Martin McGeady**, Victoria Gate

Deaths - We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Darragh McKinney**, Oldbridge, **Michael O'Hara**, Carlin Terrace

Anniversaries – For those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Maureen Doherty, Patrick McBride, Dan Doherty, Fay Hegarty, Joseph Devine, Bridget O'Donnell, Fiona Webb, Michelle Webb, Damien McGartland, Isaac Duddy, Carla Ward, Denis Keys, Paddy Boyle, Sarah Boyle, Mary Burke, Dora (Dolly) Hegarty, Finbar Harkin, Vera Vaughan, Celine Hargan, Jim Barrett, Sally McFeely, Willie McFeely, Dr. Terence Quinn, Philomena Kirk, Lawerence and Bridget Moore, Rene McLaughlin, Bill & Kathleen McHugh

Offertory Collections: **Glendermott: £4120.00** **Strathfoyle: £530.00**
Retired Priest Collection: Glendermott: £3060.00 **Strathfoyle: £380.00**

Thank you for your generosity to the parish collections taken up recently.

Ardmore Cemetery

The cemetery at Ardmore has been recently extended and in the coming weeks it will be used for burials. It is a good opportunity to remind all of us that our cemeteries are sacred spaces where our loved one's earthly remains are resting there and should be treated with respect and reverence.

Please remember that it is only a 'right to bury' that is obtained and not the purchase of a grave. The title to the land remains with the parish name.

Once the new section comes into use, this area will be a lawn cemetery which will affect the way this area of the cemetery will be maintained:

- Graves will be lawn without any surround
- Artificial grass cannot be used
- A headstone must have a space for flowers (such as on the plinth) to keep the grass area free to be cut
- A month following a funeral, any flowers and wreaths must be removed
- Please do not bring benches to the cemetery
- Please do not plant trees in the cemetery
- Any items such as pots, flowers which impede the maintenance of the cemetery will be removed

Carol Service – Altnagelvin Hospital Choir will hold a service of 9 Lessons and Corals on Tuesday 1st December at 8pm in St. Columb's Church, Chapel Road
No evening mass on 1st December.

Vocations- Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is the Good Shepherd. We pray that the future priests of our diocese will "...look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded, and make the weak strong." (Ezekiel). As the late Pope Francis said, "Priests should have on them the smell of the sheep."

Centring Prayer Group – Join us every **Wednesday** at 8:00pm in St. Columb's Church (Parish Hall). Everyone welcome.

Morning of Reflection for 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**.**

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'*

The Columban Young Adults - a 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 December event will be a Holy Hour and meditation on **Thursday 3rd December, 7:00pm** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, delivered by guest Fr Brendan O'Connor, a priest of Opus Dei. Please note the earlier date, due to Christmas. The meditation will be followed by Solemn Benediction, with refreshments afterwards.

CHAPEL ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY- We warmly invite prospective families and members of our wider community to our Open Day on **Friday 11th December 2026**, 1.30–2.30pm. Come along to meet our wonderful pupils and dedicated staff, explore our school and discover our award-winning provision and the warm, nurturing environment at the heart of Chapel Road. Everyone is very welcome! 'Educating for Generations, Building Brighter Futures'.

St. Oliver Plunkett Primary School in Strathfoyle will be hosting their Open Evening - on **Thursday 26th November**, from 4:30pm – 6:00pm. Prospective families are warmly invited to come along and find out about the exceptional provision the school can offer to your child.

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. 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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