

BALLINASCREEN & DESERTMARTIN PARISHES

13_SEPTEMBER_2026

No. 46 ~ TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Contact Information

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

Marie O'Kane - Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) Tel.: +44 7596 500793 or Email: dlp@derrydiocese.org

Northern Ireland Emergency Services

- PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland): 101
- Social Services:
 - Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust: 028 7131 4090 (ask for the Duty Social Worker)
 - Gateway Services, Northern HSC Trust: 028 9442 4459
 - Regional Emergency Social Work Services: 0800 1979 995

LIFELINE

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

www.lifelinehelpline.info

SVP HELPLINE

Helpline telephone number: 07710838050

GAMBLING HELPLINE

Help is available, phone: 02871351329

SPERRIN FOODBANK

Tel: 07543420639

BALLINASCREEN COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

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

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Bulletin Notes

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

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

Email: ballinascreenparish@gmail.com

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VIGIL MASSES FOR SUNDAY

Holy Rosary: 6.00 pm

St Patrick's, Keenaught: 7.30 pm

SUNDAY MASSES

St Columba's, Straw: 9.00 am

St Mary's, Coolcalm: 10.00 am

St Patrick's, Sixtowns: 11.00 am

St Eugene's, Moneyneena: 12 noon

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday ~ 14 September

10.00 am ~ Holy Rosary Church.

Tuesday ~ 15 September

10.00 am ~ St. Mary's, Coolcalm.

Wednesday ~ 16 September

10.00 am ~ Holy Rosary Church.

Thursday ~ 17 September

10.00 am ~ St Mary's, Coolcalm

Friday ~ 18 September

10.00 am ~ St. Mary's, Coolcalm.

7.30 pm ~ Holy Rosary Church.

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

10.00 am ~ St Marys Coolcalm

12 noon ~ Holy Rosary

CONFESSIONS

Ballinascreen: Holy Rosary 5.30 pm - before Vigil Mass.

Desertmartin: Keenaught, Saturday 6.30 pm until 7.10 pm.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 14 September: The Exaltation of The Holy Cross.

Tuesday 15 September: Our Lady of Sorrows.

Wednesday 16 September: Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cuprian.

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

TRIDUUM OF MASSES FOR BISHOP MICHAEL ROUTER:

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

Friday 18 September ~ Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit

10.00 am ~ St Mary's Coolcalm.

12 noon ~ St Columba's Straw.

7.30 pm ~ Holy Rosary.

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

10.00 am ~ St Mary's Coolcalm.

12 noon ~ Holy Rosary

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

CONFIRMATION 2027

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

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

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

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

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

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

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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

MONTH'S MIND MASS

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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

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

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Ballinascreen:

Mary Bradley, Corrick Rd;

Jim Noonan, Tonaght Hgts.;

Mary McEldowney, The Fold;

Patricia Kelly, Mulnavoo Rd.;

Bernard Rogers, Disert Rd.;

John Bradley, Mulnavoo Rd.;

Bernadette Mullin, Magherafelt Rd.;

John McGuigan, Drumard Rd.;

Bernie Convery, Derrynoid Rd.;

Er John Downey, Moneyneena Rd.;

Maggie Higgins, Derrynoid Lane;

Felix McAllister, Cookstown;

Kevin Wilson, Oak Park.

Desertmartin:

Frankie Walls, Luney;

John T Higgins;

Eugene Donnelly;

Michael McGurk;

Brendan O'Neill;

Tommy Shiels;

Rois Gribbin;

Rosie O'Hagan;

Pearse Kelly;

Josephine Murphy;

Brian Murphy;

Michelle McDaid.

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

Josie Ann Kelly;

Aoibhean May McGuigan.

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

OPENING OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR MASSES

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

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

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

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Ballinascreen:

Weekly Collection - £3,989

Renovation Collection - £1,680.32

Desertmartin:

Weekly Collection - £1,070

Renovation Collection - £550

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

SUMMER BONANZA DRAW WINNERS ~ WEEK 5 - FINAL DRAW

£2000 ~ Darcie & Hollie McPeake.

£500 ~ Mary Quinn.

£300 ~ Brigid McEldowney.

WARM WELCOME WEDNESDAY

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

KILCRONAGHAN CENTRE

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

LAPÓGLANN - TODDLER-INN

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

CORNSTONE YOUTH CLUB

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

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

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

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

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

NETBALL FOR BEGINNERS

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

KNOCKNAGIN HALL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COLUMBAN YOUNG ADULTS

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

BALLINASCREEN GAC - LANGUAGE AND CULTURE NIGHT

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

GLÓR NA SPEIRÍNÍ / OÍCHE CHULTÚIR

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

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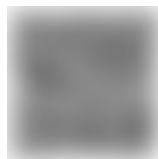
Glór na Speiríní are delighted to announce recommencement of our adult Irish language classes on Thursday 1 October from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm in Straw, Ballinascreen. Cost for this block of 10 lessons is £40 and there are 5 levels to cater for everyone's needs. For information on booking and payment please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

MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT ~ SPONSORSHIP

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

MICHAEL ENGLISH & BAND LIVE CONCERT

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



LOCAL YOUTH USHERS REQUIRED

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

SIXTOWNS CROSS COMMUNITY GROUP

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

PARISH BAPTISMS 2026

Ballinascreen Parish:

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

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

4 October, Holy Rosary.

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

1 November, Straw.

Desertmartin Parish:

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

September 27 2026

October 4 & 18 2026

November 8 & 22 2026

December 6 & 20 2026

January 10 & 24 2027

February 7 & 21 2027

March 7 & 14 2027

April 4 & 18 2027

PIANO TUITION

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

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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.
