

PARISH SCHEDULE

DATE	ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA	ST JOSEPH
Mon 7	10am: MASS 10am-7pm: Private Prayer	10am-7pm: Private Prayer
Tue 8	10am-7pm: Private Prayer 7pm: NOVENA MASS: Mother of Perpetual Help	10am-7pm: Private Prayer
Wed 9	10am-7pm: Private Prayer	10am: MASS 10.30am-7pm: ADORATION (Evening Prayer at 6:45pm)
Thu 10	10am-7pm: Private Prayer	10am-7pm: Private Prayer
Fri 11	10am-7pm: Private Prayer	10am-7pm: Private Prayer
Sat 12	4.15pm: Confessions 5pm: VIGIL MASS	10am: MASS & Confessions 10am-7pm: Private Prayer
Sun 13	10am-7pm: Private Prayer	10am MASS 11am-7pm: Private Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 7:	Samuel Doherty
Tue 8:	Sean Masterson & Peekie Kearney
Wed 9:	Helen Caldwell
Sat 12 (10am):	For the Parish
Sat 12 (5pm):	Brendan Braniff (MM)
Sun 13:	Joe Bailie (MM), Fr Eamon Fitzgerald, Phyllis & Harry Reid



Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the Churches and can be left in Offertory baskets during Mass, the Parish Office or directly with Fr Robert.

REST IN PEACE



RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Michael McConville (Ballycastle)
MONTHS MIND: Martin Quinn
ANNIVERSARIES: Bobby & Vera Adair, Chris McGrattan, John & Mary McMullan, Vi Dorrian

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!



This week's Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

St Joseph's: For all our families
St Mary Star of the Sea: For the sick and housebound

Sanctuary candle intentions are requested through the Office.
A suggested offering of £5.

150th Anniversary of St Joseph's Church

St Joseph's Church, Ardkeen, opened on Sunday 8th October 1876. This year will mark 150 years of worship, community and faith at this beloved Church on Mount St Joseph. To celebrate this milestone, a series of events is proposed around the theme "The Goodness of God" - a time to give thanks for a century and a half of grace, prayer and parish life. Further details to follow. The week of celebrations will include:

Thursday 1st October - Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux: Floral Exhibition concluding with Evening Prayer.

Friday 2nd October - Feast of the Guardian Angels: Pupils from St Mary's Primary School will visit the floral exhibition. First Friday Evening Mass.

Saturday 3rd October - Celebratory Lunch at Kirkistown Castle GC.

Sunday 4th October - 800th Anniversary of St Francis of Assisi: Harvest Mass & Farm Animals display for the kids and the young at heart.

Wednesday 7th October - Family Rosary followed by 24 hours of Adoration for the Lord.

Thursday 8th October - Evening Prayer & Solemn Benediction.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tue 8: NAVTIVITY OF MARY
Wed 9: St Ciaran, Abbot
Thu 10: St Peter Claver, Priest
Sat 12: The Holy Name of Mary

"She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious Lily of the Valley."

-St Augustine



The Birth of the Virgin
by Giotto (1266-1337)

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING: The Weekly Offering on last Sunday amounted to £1,575. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Thank you for your continuing support of the work of SVP. Last week's collection amounted to £260. If you require assistance then please call our confidential helpline number: 07895835215.

SILVER CIRCLE PARISH DRAW: Congratulations to our August winners: Declan Kelly (£250), Brian & Margaret Caughey (£200), Margaret & Patrick Lennon (£150), Eugene Byers (£50). Thanks to all who support our Parish Draw.

BINGO IN AID OF AIR AMBULANCES. St Patrick's Community Centre, Portaferry, **Sunday 13th September at 3pm.** All welcome.

ST MARY'S LITTLE STARS Parent/Grandparent, Baby and Toddler Group, a new parish initiative, will hold an information morning on **Thursday 17th September from 10.30am-12.30pm** at the Nunsquarter Room, St Mary Star of the Sea Church. It aims to create a warm and welcoming space to meet, chat, play and make new friends. All parents, grandparents with their babies and toddlers welcome. See posters or webpage for more info.

CATHOLIC MENS RETREAT - Standing in the Breach, will take place at Portglenone Monastery on **Saturday, 19 September 2026, from 9am to 1pm.** The theme of the retreat is "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). The morning will include prayer, teaching, fellowship and men's testimonies, with Fr Eddie McGee as keynote speaker. All men are very welcome. For further information, contact Thomas Carey on 07967 620435 or email sean@catholicminute.co.uk.

FAITH, HERITAGE & COMMUNITY DAY OUT for Ballygalget, Portaferry & Ardkeen Parishes: A fully guided tour of the shepherd's life at Glenshane Country Farm, the Gorta Experience at Friels, with a 3-course Dinner at Friels Bar & Restaurant, Swatragh. **Thursday 24 September, 9am-6pm,** £60 pp all included. Contact Seamus Dorrian 07813968171. All welcome. See webpage for more information.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND. Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential Weekend from **Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October 2026** at the Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. For more details: www.marriageencounter.ie

BALLYCRAN GAA LOTTO RESULTS 30th August. No jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot is £3050. Draw winners: Rory Gordon, Philip McCarthy, Michael McKenna.



ALTAR SERVERS: There will be a meeting of Altar Servers on **Monday 28th September at 7.00 pm** in the Nunsquarter Room at St Mary Star of the Sea. Anyone interested in becoming an altar server should contact the Parish Office or Grainne McNamara for an Application Form. It is open to children who have made their First Holy Communion. Training will be provided, and new teams will be established.



POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

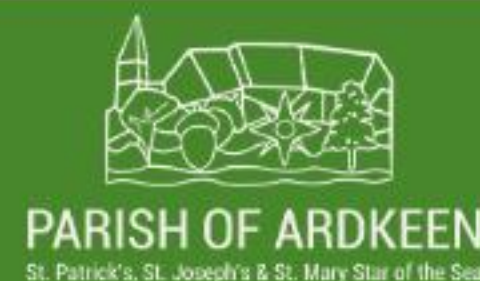
For the care of water - Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have access to it.

Upcoming Parish Committee Meetings

Celebrations Committee: 8th September at 7.30pm
Pastoral Council: 22nd September at 7.30pm
Finance Committee: 29th September at 7.30pm
Liturgy Committee: 6th October at 7.30pm

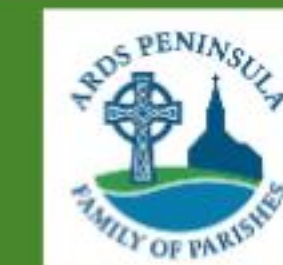


Parish Priest: Very Rev Robert Sloan PP VF
Parish Office Tel: 028 42738294 (Parish Support Officer: Mairead)
Parish Office Hours: Monday 9am-4pm, Tuesday 1.30-4pm, Wednesday 9am-3pm, Thursday 9am-4pm, Friday Closed.
Address: 46 Blackstaff Road, Ballycranbeg, Kircubbin, BT22 1AG



Our Vision:

A vibrant and welcoming Catholic Parish witnessing Christian prayerfulness and joyful service in the broader Community.



For more information please see:

Website: www.parishofardkeen.co.uk

Facebook: Parish of Ardkeen