



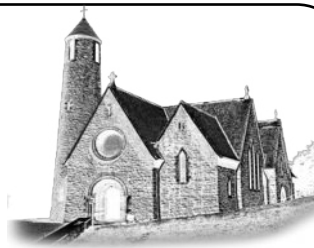
St. Agatha's Church,
Clar

Tawnawilly Parish Newsletter

Sunday 6th Sept 2026
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/A

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St. Patrick's Church,
Donegal Town

Mass Times Intentions for this Week

Day	St. Agatha's	St. Patrick's	Intention	
Saturday 5 th Sept		6.00 pm	Oliver Plunkett	Months Mind
Sunday 6 th Sept 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/A	10.00 am		Intention	
		11: 30 am	Intention	
Monday 7 th			No Mass	
Tuesday 8 th	10.00 am		John & Kathleen Burke & Family	Anniversaries
Wednesday 9 th		10.00 am	Liam Hyland	Anniversary
Thursday 10 th	10.00 am		Intention	
Friday 11 th		10.00 am	Intention	
Saturday 12 th		6.00 pm	Intention	
Sunday 13 th Sept 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/A	10.00 am		Intention	
		11: 30 am	Intention	

We pray for the recently deceased...

Patrick Earley, The Glebe, Donegal Town who was buried on Thursday in Mountcharles.

Eileen Kennedy (née O'Keeney), Inver, who was buried on Friday in Ardagh.

Christy Martin who died in London formerly of Tawnawilly (Brother of Kathleen Donaghy, The Glebe, Donegal Town.)

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday's St. Agatha's Church
Adoration 3pm – 6pm

Thursday's: St. Patrick's Church
2.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Confession

Upon request or after any Mass.

All Masses in both Churches
are broadcast live on our parish
website or on www.mcn live
and follow the links.

Parish Priest

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Opening Times:
Mon., Tues., Wed. & Friday
9: 00 am – 2: 00 pm

Parish Bookings

To book a baptism, wedding or to
book the Parish Centre itself, please
contact the Parish Office

Baptisms

Baptisms take place in St. Patrick's
on the 1st & 3rd weekends and in
St. Agatha's Church on the 2nd & 4th
weekends of each month.
Baptisms are held on Saturdays at
4: 00 pm or Sundays at 1: 00 pm.
Baptismal Preparation course takes
place in the Parish Centre on the
last Tuesday of each month for all
families requiring their child to be
baptised.

Weddings

Please allow at least four months'
notice for weddings in the parish.
Please see our website for further
information on parish weddings.

Parish Newsletter

Please submit items for the
Newsletter to the parish office no
later than 12 noon on Thursday's,
by phone, email or dropping in a
note.

Notices

Eucharistic Adoration – St. Patrick's

Following on from the recent meeting of those involved in Eucharistic Adoration, it was agreed to change the hours of adoration in St. Patrick. This will begin this Thursday 10th September. The new hours of adoration in St. Patrick's will now take place between:

2: 00 pm and 8: 00pm each week.

St. John Paul II said of adoration that, 'Jesus himself is calling you...'

All of us are encouraged to take part in Eucharistic Adoration to help us grow and strengthen our relationship and our closeness to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It's not a time that's wasted, but a time that nourishes us in our faith and a place where we gain a better awareness of the presence of God with us and his love for us. Spending time with God in adoration connects us with God, but also with one another, as we pray not only for our own needs but for others as well. It can also benefit us personally as it offers us peace, clarity and strength to help us through all we deal with each day in our lives. These are just some of the many blessings and gifts given through adoration. So please consider giving some time to Jesus in the Eucharist. "Deepen your prayer life as well. Spend time praying before the Eucharist in Eucharistic adoration... These practises help you to hear God's voice clearly." Pope Leo XIV

Mass for Expectant Families

Tues 8th September 2026 at 7pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny.
Celebrated by Bishop Niall Coll.

The Hooley in the Hall

Makes a welcome return to your social dancing calendar next Wednesday 9th September 8.30-10.30pm. Come along for a great night of music by Sprig of Heather, dancing, good company and that lovely supper. All for €10.

Funds raised on the night will go to UNICEF Ireland Nepal Flood Disaster Appeal. All support is very much appreciated.

Mass of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick will take place during the 10am Mass in St. Patrick's this Friday morning.

Age Action – Free one -to-one **computer/mobile phone classes** for older people with basic or no experience in Bundoran Library 10.30am – 12.30pm
Registration required. Register phone 091-527831
Register by email: aaw@ageaction.ie

Calls to the Sick & Housebound

Fr. James will do the calls to the sick And housebound of the parish this week in the following areas:

Tuesday 8th Spierstown, Tinneycahill, Townawilly, Mullinalamphrey, Clogher, Aughlem, Finnabanes & Ardatole.

Wednesday 9th St. Joseph's Ave. Clareden Dr., Ballybofey Road Ardeskin & Tawnalary

Thursday 10th Old Golf Course Rd., The Glebe, Main Street & Castle Street.

If it does not suit for you to have a visit on the appointed day, please let us know at the parish centre on (tel. 074 9740461).

Alpha

The Alpha is a 10-week series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Alpha provides a safe space for people of all ages to discuss life, meaning and faith in a friendly and informal environment. Each Alpha session start with a bit of social time and a cup of tea or something to eat. There is then a video on some aspects of the faith which includes a discussion on the topic with a small group. This time is an opportunity for people to discuss aspects of faith in a very friendly and informative manner. Alpha is open to everyone who wants to explore the Christian faith, particularly those who know little or nothing about it at present and would want to find out more.

If anyone is interested in finding out a bit more about Alpha or being part of the next course in the parish starting in September, please contact the Parish Office with your details or speak with Fr. James or any member of the Parish Council. For further information on Alpha, please visit: alphaireland.org/

Lost Rosary Beads - A pair of blue wooden rosary beads in a small brown pouch have gone missing from the church. They are of great sentimental value. If found, please return them to the church or the Parish Centre. Thank you.

Cursillo - There will be a Cursillo friendship night in Donegal Town on Wednesday the 9th of September at 7:30pm in the Church of Ireland hall. All Cursillo members very welcome.

Donegal Town Community Alert - Donegal Town Community Alert reps will be calling to homes in the area to inform people of how the scheme operates, and collect telephone numbers of those who wish to be included. Anyone wishing to be an Area Rep for the group can contact Rory O'Donnell at 087 2456 994.

Donegal Group 173 Rise and Shine Trust (formerly The Irish Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust and The Irish Pilgrimage Trust)

are celebrating forty years of taking young people with special needs to Lourdes each Easter.

We are celebrating with a special Mass on Saturday 26th Sept in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny at 12 noon. The Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Niall Coll and Bishop Donal Mc Keowan, Bishop of Derry and many of the priests who travelled to Lourdes with us over the years. We invite all the guests and their families and all the helpers who travelled with us over the years to our Mass to celebrate the work of the Donegal Group over these forty years.

Family Carer of the Year Awards – Help us find Ireland's Family Carer & Young Carer of the year 2026. Nominate a family carer or young carer you know today to recognise the extraordinary work of those who go above and beyond every day caring for their loved ones at home. Nominations close on 9/10/26. Visit www.familycarers.ie to nominate.

HLI Ireland: Fr Lawrence Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland. Join us for the Ulster event at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry, on Tuesday 29th September at 6:45pm, with a First Class Relic of St Thérèse. Free admission.

Healing Sunday – Rossnowlagh Friary

Our Healing Service will be held this Sunday, September 6th starting with Rosary at 2.45pm and followed by Mass/Anointing at 3pm. Confessions before and after the Service. All welcome.

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine in honour of St. Pio – Will take place on Sun 20th Sept. Bus departing from St. Agatha's Church, Clar at 8am, Donegal Town at 8.15am (car park at the Old Stone café and Laghey village at 8.30am. Please book seat early. For further details and to book please contact Betty Carrabin (086 0812394) or Margaret Harte (087 6422197)

Coffee Morning

A complimentary coffee morning will be held on this coming Friday 11th of Sept. at 10.30 – 11.30am in **St. Patrick's Parish Centre**. Everyone welcome.

Sunday Collections – Sunday 30th August

St. Patrick's Church: €1,890

St. Agatha's Church: €1,015

Thank you for your contribution to the parish.

You can also use your card or phone to 'Tap to Donate' in Donegal Church, to make your contributions and donations to St. Patrick's Church.