



The Empty Chair

A man's daughter had asked the local priest to come and pray with her father. When he arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows and an empty chair beside his bed. The priest assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit. "I guess you were expecting me," he said. "No" said the old man. "Oh, when I saw the empty chair, I figured you knew I was going to show up." "Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man. "Would you mind closing the door?" Puzzled, the priest shut the door. "I've never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. "But all of my life I have never known how to pray. I abandoned any attempt at prayer, until one day about four years ago my best friend said to me, 'Joe, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus. Here's what I suggest. Sit down on a chair, place an empty chair in front of you and see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because he promised, 'I'll be with you always.' Then just speak to him and listen in the same way you're doing with me right now." "So, I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a few hours every day. I'm careful, though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd send me off to the funny farm." Two nights later the daughter called to tell the priest that her daddy had died that afternoon. "Did he seem to die in peace?" he asked. "Yes, when I left the house, he called me over to his bedside, told me one of his corny jokes, and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on a chair beside the bed." **Author Unknown**






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Mass Times
Sacred Heart Church
Vigil : Saturday at 6.00 pm
Sunday : 9 am, 11 am & 12.30 pm
Monday - Friday: 10 am & 7.30 pm
Saturday: 10 am Mass
Rosary: 9.30 am & 7 pm
St Mary's Drumragh: Sunday at 10 am
Eucharistic Adoration in Sacred Heart:
Wednesday @ 10.30 am - 7.15 pm
Confession Times
Friday: 6.30 - 7.15 pm
Saturday: 10.30 am - 12.30 pm & After
Vigil Mass

<p align="center">Feasts of the Week Week Beginning Sunday 14th July 2019 Monday 15 – St Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of the Church Tuesday 16 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Saturday 20 – St Apollinaris, bishop and martyr</p>	<p>Holy Communion to Sick & Housebound The Eucharistic Ministers will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound who have requested it, next Sunday (21st July) after 9 am Mass and 11 am Mass and after 10 am Mass in Drumragh.</p>
<p align="center">Sacred Heart Church 7.30 pm Mass Intentions Monday Cathal McNamee – 1st Anniversary Tuesday Emma Jane Doran – Month's Mind Friday Deborah Fox – Month's Mind</p>	<p align="center">Parish Office Closure  The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 15th July. It will reopen on Tuesday 16th July at 9.30 am.</p>
<p align="center">Baptisms We welcome into our Christian Community: Isla Mary McConway Robyn Everly Clarke Dylan John Christopher Noble Erin Margaret McParland Daryllé Teresa Wallace Jamie Sean Smyth</p> 	<p align="center">Word of Welcome We welcome Fr. Brian O'Kane SMA – a native of this parish, to celebrate Mass with us this weekend – 6 pm Vigil and Confessions; 10 am Drumragh and 12.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Church.</p>
<p align="center">Recent Deaths We pray for the families of the following who died recently: Tony McBride Dympna Woods May they rest in peace.</p> 	<p align="center">SVdP Annual Bundoran Trip Thursday 25th July 2019 Leaves Loreto Convent Gates @ 9.45 am, Omagh Bus Depot @ 10 am. £5 Deposit Required (non-refundable) Names to be left in Vincent's Shop *Trip for Senior Citizens from Drumragh Parish*</p>
<p align="center">Prayer for Priests We ask for your prayers for the following priests this week: Sunday 14th July – Fr Edward Kilpatrick Monday 15th July – Bishop Francis Lagan Tuesday 16th July – Fr Charles Logue Wednesday 17th July – Fr Paul McCafferty Thursday 18th July – Monsignor Bryan McCanny Friday 19th July – Fr Michael McCaughey Saturday 20th July – Fr Andrew McCloskey</p>	<p align="center">Pilgrimage to Knock A Pilgrimage to Knock on Monday 4th August with Sister Breige McKenna. A day of prayer for our Bishops, Priests, Sisters and laity. Bus travelling from Cookstown will pick-up at Crevenagh Park & Ride or Omagh Bus Station. Bus will cost £15, meals (optional) €30. Early booking advisable. Call Mona on 028 8673 7954 or Una on 0774 357 5969.</p>
	<p align="center">Lough Derg Pilgrimage The Three-Day Pilgrimage is currently open. You may begin on any day until Tuesday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Phone Lorraine on 0035371 9861518 or email: info@loughderg.org</p>

Youth 2000 Summer Festival



The Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place this year in Clongowes Wood College, Co Kildare. The Festival is for young people aged 16 to 35, and will take place the weekend of Thursday 15th to Sunday 18th August 2019. The Festival starts with registration on Thursday and the programme runs until about 10.30 pm. The retreat programme starts early on both Friday and Saturday morning and runs until late. The programme starts early on Sunday morning and ends on Sunday afternoon at about 3pm. The weekend will include inspiring talks, workshops, dramas, concert, prayer, games and times of sharing. It promises to be a great opportunity for young people from all around Ireland to explore what their Catholic faith is all about in a chilled out setting. This is a donation-only retreat. Free buses are available throughout the country – just bring a sleeping bag! Please book online at youth2000.ie.

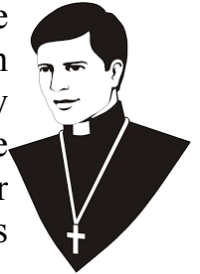


Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2019

Bookings now being taken for a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje departing from Belfast International Airport on Sunday 15th September 2019, returning on 22nd September. Total cost £579 per person sharing which covers return flights, coach transfers to/from Dubrovnik Airport, accommodation and meals. There is an additional charge for single room occupancy. The Pilgrimage is organised through Marian Pilgrimages in Dublin. Early booking strongly recommended... £100 deposit required. For more details please contact John Murray on 0780 1105575 or 02882 841265 (after 6pm).

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic adoration takes place every Wednesday from 10.30 am to 7.15 pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh. Everyone is welcome to come and spend a time of quiet prayer before the Lord. On the Wednesdays in July, adorers are asked to pray for all priests, that they may be encouraged and blessed in their ministry and for more vocations to priesthood and religious life. More people are needed every Wednesday. Please come and give one hour of your time. All welcome.



Guided Muckish Hill Climb

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust provides a pilgrimage for children and young people with intellectual disabilities, medical conditions and social needs to Lourdes every Easter and depends on fundraising to do this. The IPT is delighted to host its first Muckish Mountain Charity Guided Climb, on Sunday 21st July, starting at 10am, with registration near Our Lady's Shrine on the R256 Falcarragh Road. Cost €10. For any queries please phone 0035387 6888 230 or 0035387 7962 046 or visit Facebook page Muckish Charity Climb in Aid of The Irish Pilgrimage Trust.



West Tyrone P.T.A.A.

The West Tyrone P.T.A.A. annual trip to Knock will be on Sunday 21st July, with a pick-up at Crevenagh Park & Ride at 8.45 am. We will stop for breakfast at Henrys and for dinner on the way home. Total cost is £40 per adult and £25 per child. Booking to be confirmed by Wednesday 17th July at the latest. For Booking or details contact Mary on 8224 2921 or James on 0777 581 0297.

AOH Tyrone County Board

The New Tyrone County AOH Board want to invite all bands to attend this year's Feast of Assumption Ancient Order of Hibernians' Parade in Aughnacloy on Sunday 18th August 2019 at 3 pm. If your band or club would like to take part, please send us a private message on AOH Tyrone County Board Facebook Page or email aohtyronecountyboard@yahoo.com.



St Maria Goretti Prayer Movement

Prayer for healing for victims of abuse and reparation for the Church. First Holy Hour of Prayer in the Immaculate Conception Church, Trench Road, Derry, on Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 8.15 pm, led by Fr Sean O'Donnell. The group will meet on the third Tuesday of every month thereafter. Everyone welcome.



Safeguarding Children Contact Details for Relevant Agencies and Services

PSNI Tel: 0845 600 8000

Gateway Services (Omagh) Tel: (028) 8283 5043

Alternatively, if you or anyone you know has a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of church personnel and wishes to report it to church authorities, please contact one of the Diocesan Designated Persons, who will report this concern to the relevant statutory authorities.

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St Joseph's Hall

Tues 9 pm - Bingo - Jackpot £1000
10 am - Weightwatchers

All other activities have now ceased for the Summer. The Committee would like to thank all the patrons of the Hall for their support and look forward to welcoming them back in September.



For all enquiries about booking and access to St Joseph's Hall, please call the Parish Office on 028 8224 2092 during office hours.

Useful Telephone Numbers

ACCORD	8224 2439
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AWARE	7126 0602
CARE FOR CANCER	8224 6599
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DRUG AWARENESS	0800 776600
GAMBLERS	7135 1329
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