



**Pastoral Statement from Bishop McKeown**

Parishioners, clergy and pastoral staff should avoid being with others in public places if they show symptoms of illness, as identified by public health authorities. If you are feeling unwell or have flu like symptoms please do not come to the Church.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed until further notice. The normal routine of Masses is suspended from Wednesday 18 March 2020.

Parish Confirmation ceremonies are being suspended until further notice.

Further guidance will be given at a later date regarding arrangements for First Communion. First Confessions due to take on 24, 25 and 26 March are postponed until further notice.

Funeral ceremonies will be made available for all the deceased, in accordance with public health requirements. However, these should take place for immediate family members and not more than 100 people.

Marriage ceremonies will continue to be celebrated. However, those in attendance should be fewer than 100.

Baptisms will continue to be celebrated, again with no more than 100 present in the Church. The celebrant will take all appropriate measures to mitigate the possibility of virus transmission, in accordance with public health advice.

Those who are unable to attend weekend Masses in their parish are encouraged to mark Sunday as well as they can by participating in Masses which are transmitted by radio, television or webcams. A list of churches in this diocese with webcams will be available on [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org).

Priests have been advised not to visit hospitals and no routine visitation of the sick and housebound will take place. Only emergency sick visits will continue.

**Families should continue to pray together.**

**Parish Contact Details**

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**Mass & Confession Times**

**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  
**St Mary's Drumragh**: Sunday at 10 am  
**Adoration**: Wed @ 10.30 am - 7.15 pm  
**Rosary**: 9.30 am & 7 pm  
**Confession Times**  
**Friday**: 6.30 - 7.15 pm  
**Saturday**: 10.30 am - 12.30 pm & After  
Vigil Mass

<p><b>Feasts of the Week</b>  <b>Tuesday 17</b> - St Patrick, Bishop, Patron Saint of Ireland  <b>Wednesday 18</b> - St Cyril of Jerusalem  <b>Thursday 19</b> - St Joseph - Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  <b>Saturday 21</b> - St Enda</p>	<p><b>Concert of Courage Loreto Grammar School Assembly Hall 7:30pm</b>                  Loreto Grammar School Omagh is part of the worldwide network of Loreto schools. Since 2006 the Loreto Order established itself in South Sudan, a very dangerous area where girls would not normally have access to an education, building a secondary school for 300 girls, a co-educational Primary school for 600 children and recently a primary health care unit which handles 1000 consultations per month. At the helm is Sr Orla Treacy, from Bray outside Dublin. Sr Orla was awarded International Woman of Courage last year at the White House in recognition of her tremendous humanitarian effort in Sudan.</p>
<p><b>Recent Deaths</b>                  We pray for the families of:                  Anne McCrory                  Bridie McCaffrey                  Leslie Young                  Eugene McCanny                  Martin McDonagh                  May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace.</p>	<p>To support her work Loreto Grammar school will host an evening with Sr Orla on <b>Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>. This Concert of Courage</b> will raise much needed funds for the schools in Sudan. The concert will feature Loreto's Award winning Choirs, music ensembles and dance tribute to Sudan with the highlight of the evening being a dialogue with Sr Orla Treacy in person. The event promises to inspire and uplift everyone in the spirit of Lent.</p>
<p><b>Sacred Heart Church 7.30 pm Mass Intentions</b>  <b>Wednesday 18</b> - Ciaran Moore - 1st Anniversary  <b>Thursday 19</b> Mary McGoldrick - Month's Mind  <b>Friday 20</b> - Christopher McCann - Month's Mind</p>	<p>Lenten Mass at 1 pm in Sacred Heart Church has been postponed until further notice.</p>
<p><b>Mass times for the Feast of St Patrick:</b>                  Monday Vigil Mass at 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart Church                  Tuesday - 9 am, 11 am and 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart Church                  Drumragh - 10 am</p>	<p>The Mass in Irish scheduled for Sunday 15 March at 4 pm in Sacred Heart Church has been postponed.</p>
<p><b>Baptisms</b>                  We welcome into our Fatih Community:                  Rozalia &amp; Dommick Hegyes                  Liadan Angela Margaret Archer</p>	

<p>Sincere thanks to all who gave generously to the Irish Pilgrimage Trust last weekend. The amount collected was £1326.60 &amp; €102.03.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mass Intentions</b></p> <p>Anyone wishing to book an Anniversary or Month’s Mind Mass should contact the Parish Office on 028 8224 2092. All Masses must be booked in this way and <u>NOT</u> in the Church Sacristy. At present individual Mass intentions will be available where possible on the schedule but, due to declining priest numbers, this may not always be possible in the future.</p>
<p><b>LENTEN SHORT-TERM PLEDGE:</b> This enables a person who does not wish to make a life commitment to total abstinence to take a pledge for a limited period of time. You may wish to take the Lenten Pledge as a way of doing something uplifting or challenging for yourself or for others for Lent. If you would like to take the pledge for the six weeks of Lent, please go online at <a href="http://www.pioneerassociation.ie">www.pioneerassociation.ie</a> and follow the links to join. A small fee applies if you wish to have the Pioneer emblem and registration card.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Drumragh Parish Office Opening hours this week Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9.00 am until 1.00 pm ONLY Thursday and Friday CLOSED Please use the emergency phone number only when required outside these hours.</p>
<p><b>Life in the Spirit Seminars in Omagh</b> Have been postponed until further notice.</p>	<p><b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> Eucharistic adoration takes place every Wednesday from 10.30 am to 7.15pm in the Sacred Heart Church. Adoration intention in March - we pray for the children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish on 28th March. We also pray for the containment of the COVID-19 virus and for all those affected by it.</p>
<p><b>Omagh Churches Forum welcomes you to “LENT &amp; LUNCH” in the Strule Arts Centre Omagh (Top Floor on Thursday 19 March from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm. Reflection at 12.45 pm. Free Hospitality. Opportunity for conversation, friendship and spiritual reflection.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coronavirus Guidelines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sign of peace will be suspended at all Masses</li> <li>• Holy Water fonts will not be used</li> <li>• Only the celebrant of the Mass will drink from the chalice</li> <li>• Holy Communion will be administered into the HAND only</li> <li>• Everyone administering Holy Communion will have washed their hands and sanitised them with alcohol based gel</li> </ul>

## SMA Retreat and Conference Centre

### Dromantine

LENTEN DAYS of Recollection

**'Lord, open my heart as wide as it can open'** led by Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA  
Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am – 5.00pm includes lunch - £25

**'Remember – you're worth it!'**

led by Fr. John Gallagher SMA  
Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am – 5.00pm  
includes lunch - £25

**HOLY Week Retreat Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> – Easter**

**Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> April**

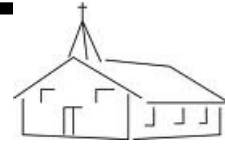
The SMA Community, Dromantine invites you to join in reflectively celebrating the Easter Triduum, beginning with Seder Meal. Cost £260/E290

## **MID-ULSTER FESTIVAL OF AMATEUR**

**DRAMA** 20th-28th March @ The Patri-  
cian, Carrickmore. Box Office 80761906  
Mon.16th March - Sat. 28th March  
10am - 5pm daily. See Facebook & local  
press for programme details.

Weekly Whist Drive every Sunday  
night in the I.N.F. Hall at 8.30 pm.

**The Net.** The March edition of The  
Net is now available in Top News, 3  
George's Street, Omagh. For  
coverage of your parish or school faith  
activities just send an email  
to [editorthenet15@gmail.com](mailto:editorthenet15@gmail.com) or  
ring/text 07809292852.



## **St Joseph's Hall**

Mon 7.10 pm - 8.10 pm St  
Joseph's Adult Irish Dance  
Club. (Step & Ceili)  
Tues 9 am/10 am Weightwatchers  
2.30 pm Colmcille Club  
9 pm Bingo - Jackpot £1000  
Wed 5.45 pm - Baxter School of  
Dancing  
8 pm St Joseph's Ladies Club  
Sat 1.45 pm Groogan O'Doherty  
School of Dancing

**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**

<b>PIONEERS</b>	07775810297
<b>ACCORD</b>	8224 2439
<b>AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS</b>	9068 2368
<b>ALCOHOLICS</b>	9043 4848
<b>AWARE</b>	7126 0602
<b>CARE FOR CANCER</b>	8224 6599
<b>CRUSE</b>	8224 4414
<b>DRUG AWARENESS</b>	0800 776600
<b>GAMBLERS</b>	7135 1329
<b>THE SAMARITANS</b>	8224 4944
<b>WOMEN'S AID</b>	0800 9171414
<b>SVDP THRIFT SHOP</b>	8225 2000
<b>SVDP HELPLINE</b>	07738837991