

Twenty-Second Sunday

In Ordinary Time

*World Day of Prayer for the Care
of Creation*

1st September 2024



Parish of Drumragh

**Sacred Heart Church, Omagh
St Mary's Church, Drumragh**

028 82242092

Mass Times Sacred Heart Church

Weekday Mass this week:

10.00am Monday - Saturday

7.30pm Monday & Friday

Sunday Mass:

Vigil 6.00pm (Saturday)

Sunday 9.00am; 12.00pm

Saint Mary's Church, Drumragh

Sunday at 10.30am

Confessions this week

Friday 6.00 -7.15pm

Saturday 10.30pm-11.15pm

& after the Vigil Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday following morning Mass

**Baptisms: 1.15pm Sunday's
Funeral Masses - 10am Mon - Sat**

This weekend we welcome Fr. Joseph Varghese to our parish. He has kindly prepared these words of introduction for us please welcome him to our parish faith community. We look forward to having him among us. May the Lord Bless his ministry and bless our parish. Lord, we thank You for the gift of Fr. Joseph and for all the priests who dedicate their lives to serving Your Church. Bless them abundantly and keep them steadfast in their vocation. May they always find joy in their service and strength in Your love.

We entrust Fr. Joseph and this new chapter of his ministry to Your loving care, confident that You will guide him and bless him as he continues to serve You and Your people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A few words from Fr Joseph

Dear Parishioners, most of you will have heard by now your new curate's name is Fr Joseph Varghese. I was ordained 27 years ago (31st December 1997) for the Syro-Malabar Archdiocese of Changanacherry in Kerala, India. After nine years serving in different capacities in my native Archdiocese, I was sent to England (2006) to study in the University of London to secure a Master's degree. In 2010 I was invited to the Diocese of Derry for the first time and served as a curate in St Eugene's Cathedral and Long Tower Parish and then was transferred to Waterside St Columba's for 4 years. Bishop Donal appointed me as a curate in Dungiven in 2016 and I have been there since. During my time in Dungiven I achieved a doctorate in Theology (Christology) from Maynooth University. I hope to use this study in helping to promote Pope Francis' wishes now towards new evangelization. I had a quite busy time in Dungiven with Masses, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and working in Schools but on talking with Fr Eugene I feel that I will have a busier time here in Drumragh Parish. I am very willing to take up this challenge. I really looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all. Parishioners, please pray for Fr Eugene and myself that together with you we will do our utmost to fulfil Pope Francis' wishes and that may God bless our efforts.

Fr Joseph Varghese

Parish Office Open Mon/Tues/Thursday 9-2pm

Parish email: info@drumraghparish.com



Recent Weddings

We congratulate the following couple who were married here recently

Aoibheann Maguire & Wayne McGovern

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them all their lives.

**Sacred Heart Church
7.30pm Mass Intentions**

Friday 6th September

Paula McCarroll - Month Mind

Eucharist Ministers will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound next Sunday 8th September.

Recently Deceased

We pray for

Eamon McAlynn

Edward O'Reilly

Tommy McGuigan

May they rest in peace



Praying for Vocations

For those hoping to serve the diocese as priests, that they will do what the word of God tells them (St James, 2nd reading), and that they will honour the Lord and serve His people with hearts that are pure.

125 YEARS PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION MASS:

This year we are celebrating 125 years of the foundation of Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart. Ulster Provincial Pioneer Council will hold their Mass on Sunday 8 September 2024 at 12.00noon in St Micheal's Church, Darling Street, Enniskillen. All Pioneers, Friends & Families are very welcome.

BACK TO SCHOOL WEEK: We pray God's blessing on all our primary and second-level school children as they commence the new school year, remembering especially those who are just starting school and those who are entering Year 8 this year. We remember in prayer too our teachers and ancillary staff.

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group

Prayer Group Meetings take place in The Pastoral Centre on Thursday evenings with **Rosary at 7.30pm & prayer meeting at 8pm.** All welcome to come and pray.

Weekend Retreat for Mission Supporters and Friends of SMA

Friday 27th September (4.30pm) – Sunday 29th September (2.00pm)

The SMA community welcomes our Supporters and friends to this ***Weekend Retreat and Reflection***, which will be an opportunity to take time aside in the tranquil and relaxed setting of Dromantine. All will join in celebrating Mass each day at the Novena in honour of St. Thérèse. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated during the weekend.

There will be a **Vocations Day** (for those considering diocesan priesthood) in Bunrana on Sunday 8th September, from 12 - 6pm. Anyone interested should please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan by email: pgoh2111@gmail.com

**Bingo in St. Joseph's Hall on
Tuesday 3rd September**



Parish Draw September

Promoters are asked to make their returns before 8pm on Tuesday 3rd September

Could you 'Host for Hospice'

October is officially Foyle Hospice 'Coffee Morning Month'. We are calling on supporters to help us raise vital funds by hosting a Coffee Morning. Whether it's at home, work or in your local community, get your friends together and get the kettle on, it's a piece of cake!!

To request your FREE host pack or for more info, please call Ailbhe McDaid, Community Fundraiser on 028 71359888 or email: ailbhe@foylehospice.com

BRIDGE CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS

If you'd like to learn how to play Bridge and enjoy a couple of nights out playing cards. For details contact Sean on 07808065087, Whatsapp or message. Classes will commence mid September. Numbers limited to twelve. First come first served.

We wish to acknowledge an anonymous donation of £500 towards the cost of transferring Our Lady's statue from the Loreto Convent to St. Mary's, Drumragh.
Thank You.

Mary's Meals Film Screening

On Thursday 5th September at 7pm in the Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown, Mary's Meals is holding a screening of their new documentary, **Zero Hunger**, about the devastating and escalating hunger crisis in Ethiopia. Filmed in Tigray, Ethiopia and in London – and featuring an original in-depth interview with Bob Geldof – Zero Hunger powerfully explores the question 'can there be a solution to world hunger?' This special documentary highlights the many challenges faced by the people of Tigray due to war, poverty and drought but also their hope and determination to rise up against the odds. Please note this film is not suitable for children and has a rating of 12A. **To reserve a free ticket visit bit.ly/zhcookstown or contact Caoimhe McCann on 07394564065.** There will be refreshments and an opportunity to chat to local volunteers about the work of Mary's Meals after the screening.

SEASON OF CREATION 1st September – 4th October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi)

Season of Creation starts today Sunday, 1 September. The theme for Season of Creation 2024 is "To Hope and Act with Creation." (cf Rom 8:22). In the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans, we see the biblical image of the Earth groaning. Today we hear the cry of the Earth all around us. The times in which we live show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet but, rather, to actively strive for new life amidst the struggles. The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. The full Message of Pope Francis for the Season of Creation is available on catholicbishops.ie

St Joseph's Hall

Mon 4 pm - Groogan O' Doherty School of Dancing

Mon 7-8pm - St Joseph's Ceili Club

Tues 2-4pm - Colmcille Club

Tues 9pm - Bingo

Wed 5.45 pm - Baxter School of Dancing

Thurs 8 pm - Bowls

Sat 2 pm - Groogan O' Doherty School of Dancing

Don't forget Next Dance 20th September

*Booking forms and hall rates are available to download at
www.drumraghparish.com/st.joseph's hall*

8-week Course starts 3rd September 8-10pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall, 4 Galbally Road, Dromore. **Learn to jive /quickstep & Line Dance With Micky Dolan**
Phone 07811103787

Pilgrimage to Fatima EX Dublin Easter 2025, Flying with TAP airlines, also 13th June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony, 13th October 2025 for Miracle of Sun. Contact James Treacy 00353 61921470 jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com. Payments by instalments acceptable. **LAST REMAINING SEATS!**

Study Theology Online, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before September 17. Find out more at prioryinstitute.com

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Bishop Donal McKeown will lead the Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 28 September 2024. Mass with Anointing of the Sick will take place at 3:00pm in the main Basilic, accompanied by the Long Tower Parish Folk Group. Save the date!

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