

1st Sunday of Advent

1st December 2024



Parish of Drumragh

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

028 82242092

www.drumraghparish.com

Mass Times Sacred Heart

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 10.30 - 11.30

& 6.00 - 7.15pm

Saturday 10.30pm-11.30am

& after the Vigil Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place on Wednesday

following morning Mass until

until 5.30pm

Advent uses the words of Jesus to invite us to stay in the present, to engage with life as it is each day. As troubles come, don't lose heart. Instead, open your heart to God so as to keep a handle on hope, as well as on doing the right thing. God is faithful to his promises... and we have been promised eternal life in Jesus. Worry keeps us stuck in our imagination; prayer keeps us engaged in reality.

Connecting the Gospel to Today's Cultural Context

While modern culture can use Christmas to splurge, Christian culture keeps a focus on God's presence and enjoys the gifts of life as God's gifts.

Contemplative Action

This week, make an intentional effort to step away from distractions that hinder your spiritual focus. Replace one habitual activity, such as excessive screen time, with a practice that draws you closer to God. Whether through prayer, Scripture, or acts of service, let this be a reflection of your readiness to welcome Christ.

Drumragh Parish will welcome the Papal Nuncio and Bishop McKeown to celebrate the 12.00 Mid-day Mass with us next Sunday 8th December.

We are honoured to have their presence among us to mark once again

the 125th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church, and the 260th

Anniversary of St. Mary's Church, Drumragh.

Your support and presence will be much appreciated.



The Advent season invites us to pause and remember that life is both a preparation and a journey to meet Christ."

Pope Benedict XVI

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

Parish email: info@drumraghparish.com

Recently Deceased

We pray for
John Rodgers
May he rest in peace



Eucharistic Ministers will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound next Sunday 8th December

Sacred Heart Church
7.30pm Mass Intentions
Monday 2nd December
Ryan Roberts - 1st Anniversary

Friday 6th December
Francis Gerard Nugent - Month Mind
Mary Moynihan - Month Mind

Christmas Carols by Candlelight followed by Live Crib at 5pm, at St Patrick's Church, Crossroads, Killygordon, on Sunday 15 December. Hot Chocolate will be served! All welcome.

All night vigil to Knock
Saturday 7th December 2024.

Bus enroute from Cookstown. Picks up at Crevenagh park and ride at approximately 5.20pm Saturday 7th December and return Sunday 8th December. Bus £20 and 2 course meal 30euro (optional) **Contact Una 07743575969 or Mona 02886737954**

Ministers of the Word December

Sacred Heart Church

6pm Vigil Saturday Yvonne Rodgers
9am Sunday Leah McCance
12 noon Malachy McCaughey

St Mary's Drumragh

10.30am Sunday Peter Torney

Weekdays

10am Mass: Michael Fitzgerald
Marie Gallagher

Evening Mass 7.30pm

Monday 2nd Evelyn Heaney
Friday 6th Deirdre McElholm
Monday 9th Marie Conway
Friday 13th John McSorley
Monday 16 Chrissie Kelly
Friday 20th Sean Taggart
Monday 23rd Evelyn Heaney
Monday 30th Fiona Garrity

Praying for Vocations

For those considering a vocation to serve the Church as priests of the Derry diocese we pray in the words of St Paul in our second reading, that they "...will make more and more progress in the kind of life they are meant to live, the life that God wants..."

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.

SAINT PADRE PIO:

Novena Devotions through the Intercession of St. Padre Pio takes place on Wednesday 4th December in Christ the King Church at 7.30pm. Rosary at 7pm. Blessing with relic, available after Mass.



DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025:

led by Bishop Donal McKeown, from Monday 30 June to Friday 4th July, leaving from City of Derry Airport. Price £849 plus insurance and single supplement if required. **The Pilgrimage Office at 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ will not be open for booking until Saturday 1st February 2025, 11.00am to 1.00pm (and each following Saturday and Thursday at the same time unless notified).** However, Gift Vouchers are now available from the Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry. Also, enquiries can be made by email derrypilgrim@outlook.com



**Bingo in St. Joseph's Hall on
3rd December AT 8.30pm**



Parish Draw December

The Parish Draw takes place on Tuesday. Promoters are asked to make their returns before 8pm on Tuesday 3rd December

Just a reminder that everyone must be fully paid up for 12 months to be included in the special Christmas Draw for the Star Prize. Returns can be made before the December draw. Christmas Gift Cards will also be available on Tuesday night or at the Parish Office. (Great Christmas Gift idea)

The priests of the parish wish to sincerely thank the organisers and the draw committee members for their hard work and meticulous organising of the draw. Thanks also to our promoters for all their work in ensuring monthly returns, and to the many parishioners, and others who support the draw.

Clanabogan Development Initiative

Christmas lights switch on at Vivo Clanabogan on Sunday 8th December at 4pm. Cross Community Choir with Santa as the special guest at 4.30 pm. Refreshments served and everyone welcome.



Drumragh Sarsfields

Keep Free Wednesday 4th December Festive Christmas Bingo
at Clanabogan Park at 7pm
Doors Open at 6pm
Book of 10 games
£10 per adult/£5 per child
Tuck Shop & selection of raffle prizes to be won.



Bring the whole family!

St Conor's Primary School & Nursery Unit OPEN DAY

for Nursery & Primary 1 Pupils starting school in September 2025.

*See our lovely school and experience our unique family atmosphere on **Tuesday 3 December 2024 at 9.30am** Meet our Principal, teachers, support staff and pupils.*

Learn about the all-round education we have to offer Visit our classrooms and other learning areas. Get a real sense of the St Conor's community.

Katrina McGettigan, Principal.

St Conor's PS & Nursery Unit.

*109 Brookmount Road.
BT78 5JQ.*

028 82 244683

info@stconors.omagh.ni.sch.uk.



St. Conor's PS Annual Bazaar and Craft Fair on Thursday 5th Dec at 7pm
Doors Open at 6.30pm

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 5th to 12th September, 2025 with Spiritual Director, Fr. Michael McCaul. Flights from Belfast and Half board in 4 star Leone Hotel: £849. Special offer of £100 discount if paid in full by **6th December**. Contact Maria at 02881648357 or WhatsApp 07768395038

*Let's light a candle and pray for peace in our world and happiness in our homes.
Happy Advent*



St Joseph's Hall

Mon 4.30pm - Groogan O' Doherty Dancing

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

Tues 2.30-4.30pm - Colmcille Club

Tues 8.30pm - Bingo

Wed 5.45 pm - Baxter School of Dancing

Thurs 8 pm - Bowls

Sat 2 pm - Groogan O'Doherty Dancing

Next Dance 20th December

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

Parish Get-together

We invite everyone to join us in St Joseph's Hall for a 'Christmas Parish 'Get-Together' today

**Sunday 1st December after
all Masses.**

There will be delicious snacks and treats served to all We hope to see you all there!



Parish Office **02882242092**

Pioneers	07775810297
Al-Anon Family Group	028 9068 2368
Alcoholics Anonymous	028 9035 1222
Aware	028 7126 0602
Care for Cancer	028 8224 6599
Drug Awareness	0800 776600
Gamblers Anonymous	028 71351329
Safeguarding Team	07596 500793
The Samaritans	028 8224 4944
SVDP Thrift Shop	028 8225 2000
SVDP Helpline	07738837991

PARISH EMERGENCY NUMBER
07858776533 (Only to be used in
case of emergency)

PILGRIMAGES TO MEDJUGORJE 2025

Bookings are now being taken for two Pilgrimages to Medjugorje. 7th May leaving from City of Derry Airport....£745 per person sharing. 2nd July leaving from Belfast International Airport...£765 per person sharing. Cost includes return flights, accommodation and meals. Additional charge for single room occupancy. For both Pilgrimages there is a £50 discount if deposit paid before 31st January.

Pilgrimages are organised through Marian Pilgrimages(Dublin). Early booking strongly recommended. For more details, please contact John Murray on 0780 1105575.

Derry Diocesan Trust

Diocesan Youth Coordinator

35 hours per week (including evening & weekend work)1 Year Fixed Term Contract with possible extension For Job Description and Application Pack please contact the

Diocesan Office on 71262302 or email recruitment@derrydiocese.org
Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email

to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than 4.30pm on 11th December 2024.

Ulster Project

Are you a young adult who would be interested in serving as a group leader for the 2025 Ulster Project?

To be eligible you should be:

- At least 21 years of age
- Available for regular group meetings between February and June 2025
- Available to travel to the US for a full month from late June
- Committed to the cross-community aims of the Ulster Project

If you feel you meet these criteria, and wish to be considered as a possible leader for 2025, you should leave your contact details in the Parish Office ASAP.

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