

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Presentation of the Lord
2nd February 2025



Parish of Drumragh

Sacred Heart Church, Omagh
St Mary's Church, Drumragh
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www.drumraghparish.com

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 10.30am

Saturday 10.30-11.30 am

and after the Vigil Mass

Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday

following morning Mass

until 5.30pm

Candlemass Day - Please leave candles to be blessed on the table at the back of the church, these will be blessed at the 12 noon Mass ONLY

Connecting the Gospel to Today's Context

It has been 40 days since Christmas. In the Bible, the number 40 connects with a time of spiritual (inward) transformation through challenge and hardship: Israel's 40 years in the desert; Jesus' spending 40 days in the wilderness; our 40 days of Lent (excluding the Sundays).

Even though the Christmas Crib is long put away, today's feast invites us back to the spiritual significance of Christmas. It invites us to keep hold of Christmas faith, Christmas hope, and Christmas love beyond the season itself. The Feast invites us to recognise Jesus as the one who brings light to our lives, a light that can illuminate the darkness that often surrounds human experience, helping us to cope when the 'sword will pierce your own heart too'.

When people think of religion as an 'optional extra', or a 'private matter', or as 'non-essential': they do a disservice to themselves and to many others. Pain and suffering give rise to real questions. These real questions give rise to a search for what life means. Our Christian faith expresses the meaning (the light) that Jesus brings to life. Religious practice keeps us connected to it.

Pain and suffering cannot be bypassed. There is no life that will not require resilience (that could come from faith and religious practice). What Jesus offers is 'light' in those 'dark' moments of experience. He does not dismiss those dark moments. He does not suggest that we will simply 'get over them', as if by ignoring them they might go away. Rather he invites to 'go through' them - as he has done, with faith in God's love - and in that way he leads us to personal transformation in this life and resurrection in life to come.

He goes the journey with us and will greet us at journey's end.

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

Parish email: info@drumraghparish.com

**Sacred Heart Church
7.30pm Mass Intentions**

**Monday 3rd February
*Patrick Colton - Month Mind***

**Friday 7th February
*Seamus Doherty - 1st Anniversary***

Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome new members of our Parish Community who received the Sacrament of Baptism:

***Mollie Jane Rodgers
Katie Louise McDonnell
Clara Erin Hernandez
Cillian Teddey Keys***

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group

Prayer Group Meetings take place in The Pastoral Centre on **Thursday evenings** with Rosary at 7.40pm and prayer meeting at 8pm.

All welcome to come and pray.

33 DAYS OF FAMILY PRAYER:

Bishop McKeown continues to lead the diocese in 33 days of Family Prayer. Details and times of the prayer programme with a video message from Bishop McKeown (*This can be viewed at any time at derrydiocese.org/consecration & YouTube*)

Irish Pilgrimage Trust (IHCPT)

Fundraising Church Gate Collection this **Weekend 1st/2nd February**

We are raising funds to take young people with social, emotional, learning and Physical difficulties to Lourdes at Easter.

Praying for Vocations

For an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood - that those called to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry will, like Jesus, be "compassionate and trustworthy" ministers of God's love, forgiveness, and mercy.



Eucharistic Ministers will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound next Sunday 9th February

The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta would like to sincerely thank everyone for kindly donating to the collection at the Crib this Christmas for the Order of Malta Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem. The generosity of the parishioners of Drumragh (£2515) was much appreciated. Please remember the Doctors, Nurses and patients in the hospital at this difficult time in the Middle East. God bless you all.

Derry Diocesan Society

The following names have been added to the list of Deceased Members of the Derry Diocesan Society

Dessie Kelly	Beatrice Quinn	Damian Hackett	Adrian McSorley
George Harkin	Eugene Craig	Cathal McNamee	Frances McNamee
Patricia Harris	Mary Moynihan	Gerry Nugent	Eileen Kelly
P J Taggart	Philomena Chesters	Roisin Sweeney	Phyliss Mullan
Kate Devlin	Martin Quinn	John Rodgers	Arty Breen
Teresa McCusker	Brendan McSorley		

We pray that all who sleep in Christ find in your presence, light, happiness and peace.

**Bingo in St. Joseph's Hall on
Tuesday 4th February AT 8.30pm**

Parish Draw for January & February

The first Parish Draw takes place on **Tuesday 4th February**, Promoters are asked to please make their returns **before 7.30pm on Tuesday**.

South West College is inviting those leaving school this June and their parents and friends to come along to our open day at the Omagh Campus on **Tuesday 4th February from 3pm to 7pm**. On the day you will learn more about our Post-16 Further Education, Apprenticeships and Degree Courses, have the opportunity to explore our award-winning facilities, take part in a range of demonstrations and activities and find out how we can put you on the path to your future career. Further information and registration is available now at www.swc.ac.uk"

Parish Envelopes 2025/2026

Envelopes for next year are being organised this month. If anyone is considering contributing by standing order on or before April 2025, please contact the parish office before **14th February** so that your envelope can be removed from the envelope list. If you are new to the Parish and require an envelope or wish to set up a standing order please also contact the Parish Office.

The Lourdes Hospitalité collection, which helps those who wish to go to Lourdes and require care and assistance, is due to take place at weekend Masses on the **8th/9th of February 2025**. As in previous years, we appeal to your generosity for this worthwhile cause as we take the pilgrimage forward facing many new challenges.

Eucharistic Minsters for February
Sacred Heart Church

6pm Marie Gallagher/Donna Sheilds
Michael Fitzgerald
9am Colette Breslin/Dominic Pinto
Geraldine Gallagher
12pm Jackie Kelly/Mary Donaghy
Christine Kelly

Drumragh 10.30am

Ciaran Canavan/Anita Hackett

Ministers of the Word February
Sacred Heart Church

6pm Vigil Saturday Bernadette Doherty
9am Conchúr D'Arcy
12 pm John Mc Sorley

St Mary's Drumragh

10.30am Sunday Rosin & Elish Hackett

Weekdays

10am Mass: Chrissie Kelly
Dympna Kelly

Evening Mass 7.30pm

3rd Feb Siobhan McGrath
7th Feb Sean Taggart
10th Feb Evelyn Heaney
14th Feb Chrissie Kelly
17th Feb Siobhan Sweeney
21st Feb Cara MC Cance
24th Feb Evelyn Heaney
28th Feb Fiona Garrity

Collectors for February

Vigil: Pat Tierney, Peter McKenna,
Roddy Hackett, Rory Dolan
9am: Gerry Broderick, John Rafferty
Sean Tierney, John Breslin
12pm: Dermot O'Kane, Kevin Kelly
Tom Timoney, Francis Bradley

SPARK: A weekend of fun, faith and friendship for 12-16 year olds

Do you know a young person who would like to build their faith and make new friends? February 21st - 23rd, 2025 Termonbacca Carmelite Retreat Centre, Derry
How to Book or find out more? Text or WhatsApp Brendan on +353 86 8067973 or Vivienne on +44 7935 007351 *Cost?* €80/£70 per person (to cover food and board)

St Joseph's Hall

Mon 4.30 pm - Groogan O' Doherty School of 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 School of Dancing

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

Next Dance
21st February
*Sprig of
Heather*

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
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)

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**Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to
Fatima**

We are inviting young people aged 16 + to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 4 nights from 14th July to 18th July. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with their peers from around the world in a faith context. Cost is £700 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in please contact lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org
00 44 2871264087

**Cappagh Padre Pio prayer group
pilgrimage 2025.**

10th - 17th of September
visiting the shrines of Assisi,
San Giovanni Rotondo & Saint
Micheal's cave. Cost £1,135 pps

Fully Escorted Pilgrimage
SHRINES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE
SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO, LORETO,
ASSISI and CASCIA

17th – 24th September 2025 7 Nights
flying from Dublin to Bari including
visits to the Tombs of Blessed Carlo
Acutis, St Francis, St Clare and St Pio.
Visit the first Eucharistic Miracle of the
Catholic Church in Lanciano and the
Holy House of Nazareth in Loreto, plus
much more. Comprehensive Travel
insurance is EXTRA. COST £1,229 pps
SHARING SEATS ARE LIMITED
Single room supplement is £350.00
EXTRA. Spiritual Director: Fr Ciaran
Dallat £300.00 deposit secures a seat!
For further details contact: Jean Reynolds
07729 402311 or email:
jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk

WHIST

Whist Drive will go ahead this week at
usual time of 7.30pm on Sunday in Coach
Inn.

**DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING
REPRESENTATIVE**
Mrs Marie Gormley DLP
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GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
Is gambling affecting your life?
Telephone 028 7135 1329.