

# *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**2nd March 2025**



May your Ash Wednesday be a time of reflection and promise.

# *Parish of Drumragh*

Sacred Heart Church, Omagh  
St Mary's Church, Drumragh  
**028 82242092**  
[www.drumraghparish.com](http://www.drumraghparish.com)

## Mass Times Sacred Heart Church

### **Weekday Mass:**

**10.00am Monday - Saturday**  
**7.30pm Each day except Tuesday**

### **Sunday Mass:**

Vigil 6.00pm (Saturday)

Sunday 9.00am: 12.00pm

**Sunday 6.00pm: Stations of the Cross**

**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**

**No Exposition of the**

**Blessed Sacrament on**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Mass on Ash Wednesday**

**10.00 am**

## **Overview of the Gospel**

This passage is part of Jesus' *Sermon on the Plain* in Luke's Gospel. Here, Jesus uses three vivid images to illustrate **the importance of integrity, humility, and self-awareness:**

**The blind leading the blind** – A warning that we cannot guide others if we are spiritually blind ourselves.

**The plank and the splinter** – A reminder to examine our own faults before pointing out the faults of others.

**A tree and its fruit** – A person's words and actions reveal what is truly in their heart. Jesus calls us to **self-reflection** before judging others. If we wish to lead others closer to God, we must first ensure that our own hearts are rooted in goodness.

## **Lenten Journey of Hope.**

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to come on a Lenten Journey of Hope by attending Life in the Spirit Seminars on Thursdays at 7.30 evening Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh.

March 6th God's Love

13th Salvation

20th The New Life

27th Receiving God's Gifts

April 3rd Baptism in the Spirit

10th Growth & Transformation

Fr Peter Mc Anenely

Fr Damian Bresnahan SMA

Bishop Donal McKeown

Lysette McShane

Fr Eamonn Kelly

Fr Antonio CFR



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**Parish email: [info@drumraghparish.com](mailto:info@drumraghparish.com)**

**Sacred Heart Church**  
**7.30pm Mass Intentions**  
**Monday 3rd March**  
*Bruce MacLennan - 1st Anniversary*

**Friday 7th March**  
*Frank Starrs - Month Mind*

**Sacrament of Baptism**

We welcome new members of our Parish Community who received the Sacrament of Baptism:  
*Austin McCrory*  
*Daithi Colton*  
*Archie Dillon*



**Recent Weddings**

We congratulate the following couple who were married here recently

***Kathleen McDonagh & Tony Maughan***

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

**Recently Deceased**

***Marie Devlin***  
May she rest in peace



DRUMRAGH PARISH  
LENTEN JOURNEY OF HOPE



Omagh Charismatic Prayer

Group invites you to

Life in the Spirit Seminars 2025

Week 1 - Thursday 6th March 7.30pm

Holy Mass

Theme: God's Love

Speaker: Fr Peter McAnenly

Accessible online at

[www.drumraghparish.com](http://www.drumraghparish.com)

**Vocations:**

With encouraging words for those contemplating a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, St Paul says in our second reading this weekend, "... keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain."



We pray in particular for those attending the Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, this coming weekend.

**Mass Times for Ash Wednesday 10am 1.15pm & 7.30pm**

Ashes will be blessed and distributed after each Mass

Ash Wednesday is observed as a day of penance in the whole church, one of both fast and abstinence.



**There will be evening Mass this week on Thursday & Friday at 7.30pm and Stations of the Cross at 6pm on Sunday evening.**

**Saturday 8th March 2025 Dromantine Retreat & Conference Centre**

**Workshop led by Fr Hugh Lagan, SMA – A Radical Welcome: Intercultural living and the future of religious life.** Religious life is evolving from safe international encounters to powerful intercultural and counter-cultural witness.

Intentional intercultural living is considered the future of religious life worldwide and invites all those living it to embrace an authentic and radical welcome. This workshop will explore the skills of intercultural living and communication as well as how intercultural community living can create a 'home' in which all feel welcomed.

Registration 9.00am Cost (incl. lunch £43.00/€50.00)

Please contact Leanne or Louisa at [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com) or by calling us on 028 (048 from ROI) 30 821 964.

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

**Parish Draw for March**

The Parish Draw takes place on **Tuesday March** Promoters are asked to please make their returns **before 7.30pm on Tuesday.**

**Eucharistic Ministers for March**

**Sacred Heart Church**

6pm Nuala Bradley/Patricia Hamill  
Maura Sharpe  
9am Monica O'Gara/Aidan Quinn  
Sean Rodgers  
12pm Anne Fleming/Regina Gormley  
Colette McCann

**Drumragh 10.30am**

Betty Baxter/Conrad Darcy

**Ministers of the Word March**

**Sacred Heart Church**

6pm Vigil Saturday Pauline Kelly  
9am Sunday Dorothy Hughes  
12 noon Malachy McCaughey

**Weekdays**

10am Mass: Gerry Laird/Brian McKenna

**St. Mary's Drumragh**

**10.30am Sunday Brian McKenna**

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Thursday 13th March at 7.30pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny Co. Donegal.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

***Give blood in St. Joseph's Hall Omagh on  
Thursday 6th & Friday 7th March***

***12.30pm-7.30pm You could save 3 lives!***

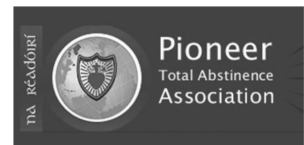
*Book your appointment by tapping on the link - <https://nibts.hscni.net/online-booking-for-blood-donation-appointments/>*

**Collection Notice for next week**

This is just a reminder for weekly envelope users and for those who contribute by standing order that the collection for the Holy Land takes place on **Ash Wednesday March 5th.**

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

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together".



A short-term pledge is available via [www.pioneerassociation.org](http://www.pioneerassociation.org) for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

**A Theology Course for Lent**

An exploration into Theology - Reading the signs of the times: a theology course presented by Fr Brian Brady will take place on the Tuesdays of Lent, at 7.00pm in St Eugene's Cathedral Hall. St Eugene's Cathedral Hall is just a few yards outside the cathedral grounds. The first evening will take place on Tuesday 11th March. All are welcome.

**A Thought for Lent**

Before we **look outward**, we must **look inward**. As we approach Lent, let us take this call to self-examination seriously, asking God to transform our hearts so that we may **bear good fruit** in our lives.

**1.15pm & 7.30pm  
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS**

**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 March**  
**Sinead**  
**Mc Loughlin**

**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  
**Gamblers Anonymous**          028 7135 1329  
**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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**WHIST**

Congratulations to all our winners  
K McCullagh took Top score, followed  
by J McBrien & K Miley in second  
place. K Mc Garrity had highest score in  
first half and P McAnespie in second  
half. Play continues next week in Coach  
Inn on Sunday evening at 7 30pm.

St John's Parish Church, Caledon  
Spring Craft Fair on  
Saturday 05 April 2025. 10am – 3pm  
A wide variety of stall will be available  
Admission: Adults £5/Children £2  
Includes Tea/Coffee/Juice/Traybakes  
For further details please contact  
Lorraine Livingstone  
(Tel : 028 3754 8490)

**DIOCESE OF DERRY**

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025** *Led by Bishop Donal McKeown*

**30TH JUNE - 4TH JULY 2025 | 4 NIGHTS**

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDING**

Mass at the Grotto/Torchlight Procession/Blessed Sacrament Procession

International Mass

Return flights from Derry to Lourdes/4 nights' hotel accommodation/ Full Board

From £849 pps - **FOR INFORMATION & BOOKINGS:**

Pilgrimage Office 028 71260293      Email [derrypilgrim@outlook.com](mailto:derrypilgrim@outlook.com)

Open Thursdays & Saturdays: 11am – 1pm

*Payments for the pilgrimage are acceptable by online payment or cheque  
(cash payments not acceptable).*

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