

Twenty-Seventh Sunday

In Ordinary Time

Month of the Holy Rosary

6th October 2024



Parish of Drumragh

Sacred Heart Church, Omagh

St Mary's Church, Drumragh

028 82242092

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

Sunday 6.00pm: Devotions

Saint Mary's Church, Drumragh

Sunday at 10.30am

Confessions this week

Friday 6.00 -7.15pm

Saturday 10.30pm-11.30pm

& after the Vigil Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday following morning Mass

until 5.30pm

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

We live in a society where we are encouraged to put our own needs first. In that way, marriage has come to be seen as disposable and easily ended. For Jesus to teach that marriage comes from God is neither seen nor accepted in a post-Christian society. When there is no horizon of heaven, where only the visible counts, then marriage becomes more about the entitlement to be happy and the avoidance of struggle or suffering.

Consequently, the modern view of marriage: namely, it's fine if it works for both parties. It is no longer presumed to be a lifetime commitment. And indeed, when the relationship breaks down, recriminations start. The solicitors get involved and there is the inflicting of further pain through immature behavior. Not only is it a difficult situation for children to grow up in, but it is also a difficult environment that impedes how they might imbibe the level of sacrifice and mutual consideration that will make their own prospective marriages work, if they ever face entering into one. Society is affected and future generations weakened.

Jesus invites us to see marriage through the lens of God's eternal love—a love that endures even through difficulties. This is becoming an alien notion in modern society, or a notion that is easily cast aside when difficulties arise.

St. Teresa of Calcutta: "Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do... but how much love we put in that action."

Pope Francis has asked everyone to observe **Monday October 7th** as a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the world and an end to violence.

Visit of the Holy Relics of St Bernadette to the Diocese of Derry:

The relics will visit St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, from 2:00pm on Sunday 13th to Monday 14th October.

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

Parish email: info@drumraghparish.com

Sacred Heart Church

7.30pm Mass Intentions

Friday 11th October

Gerard Drumm - Month Mind

Patrick Turbett - Month Mind

James Leanord -1st Anniversary

Alice Devlin -1st Anniversary

St. Mary's, Drumragh

Saturday 12th October at 10am

Memorial Mass - Patsy Harris

Priests Retreat in Fatima

I am taking part in a Retreat at the Fatima Shrine from Monday 16th October until Friday 20th October. If you wish to send any petitions, they can be left in the Sacristy or in the Parish Office before 12th of October marked 'Fatima Petition'. Please remember to say a prayer for me and I will keep you all in mine.

Fr Joseph

Recently Deceased

We pray for

Dessie Kelly

May he rest in peace



"Do This in Memory" celebrations commence on Sunday 24th October 2024, we are appealing for volunteers to help in the organising of these events in preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion for Year 4 pupils. Training will be given. Please contact Fr. Joseph for details.

Praying for Vocations

Whilst this weekend's readings speak to us about the vocation of marriage and invite us to pray for engaged and married couples, we pray also for those called to serve as priests of this diocese, thinking particularly of the four men to be interviewed next weekend as they hope to begin seminary studies in January.

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.

There will be a special **First Saturdays Conference** on Saturday, October 12th (10am to 4pm) in the Firgrove Hotel in Mitchelstown. Sr Lucia of Fatima explained the importance of this devotion by saying that whether there is peace or war in the world depends on the practise of this devotion. We sure live in very turbulent and troubled times. There will be Mass and four speakers: Dr Katrina Layden, Fr Jaimie Twohig, Christine O'Hara and Fr Marius O'Reilly. We will also pray the Rosary, and do the 15 minute meditation together. Bring your own lunch or eat in the hotel carvery. For more details see firstsaturdays.ie

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: Hosted by Catholic Marriage Encounter Ireland, 8 – 10 November, Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co Kildare. Limited places. Booking is online only: www.marriageencounter.ie The programme involves a Weekend experience aimed at transforming the way spouses communicate to deepen their love for each other. The Weekend experience allows one to develop a higher and broader understanding of what it means to be married.

Sacramentally married couples are most welcome! *Faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's definition that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman, any reference to "marriage" or "couple" made by Worldwide Marriage Encounter is in this context.* While faith is a powerful part of this process, the focus of the Marriage Encounter experience is on the ups and downs of married life.

Bingo in St. Joseph's Hall on 8th October



Drumragh Parish Draw Winners – October 2024

£2000 - Louise McCrossan– Daniel McCrossan
£1000 - Anne Marie Pinder - Promotor – Parish Office
£500 - Deirdre Mullan - Promotor - Joe Mulryan
£250 - Siobhan Kelly - Promotor - Brian McKenna
£100 - Anita McKernan - Promotor – Rozella Kelly
£100 - Vincent Young - Promotor - Carmel Tierney
£100 - Julie Breslin - Fionnuala Quinn
£100 - Doreen Kelly - Promotor – Raymond McNally
£100 - Damien & Karen Colton - Promotor - Ann Colton
£100 - Michael Cunningham - Promotor - Raymond McNally
£100 - Margaret Coll - Promotor - Carmel Tierney
£100 - Pat Loughran - Promotor - Madeline Donnelly
£100 - Ciaran Breen - Promotor - Carmel Tierney
£100 - Maura McLaughlin - Promotor - Babs Barrett
£100 - Promoters Prize - Brenda Meyler

**Next Parish Draw
5th November**

Indian Children Sponsorship Group

The annual sponsorship money/donation is now due and can be paid to Phil Mullan (028 8224 7289) or to Una McMaugh (028 8554 8070). Many thanks to all for your continued support, giving an education to the poor and deprived children. Donations can also be left in Top News. Your help is much appreciated. Thank you.

AWARE NI have a weekly support group that runs on Tuesday evenings at 6.45pm in The Hub, 67D Market Street, Omagh, BT79 0AA. It is free to attend and our support groups welcome people with depression, anxiety and bipolar disorder as well as carers for people with the illness. These groups are for 18+ and there is no need to register in advance. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with AWARE, please contact sarah@aware-ni.org aware-ni.org/information-about-our-support-groups

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary Oct. 7th

Adult Safeguarding Training for all Church Volunteers will be held in the Pastoral Centre, Omagh on **Tuesday 15th October from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm**. Please ring the Parish Office 028 8224 2092 between the hours of 9-2pm (Monday/Tuesday/Thursday) to book your place.

St Eugene's Band

140th Anniversary Concert
24th October @7.30pm
in **St. Joseph's Hall**

Tickets £12.50 available at Top News and from band members.



Age NI are hoping to reach out locally to people who have a genuine interest in reducing loneliness & isolation by becoming an Age NI Shared Lives carer and being matched with an older person in their local community to offer social support more information AT <https://youtu.be/pTqAKAwjLQ> (2 mins duration)
Support an older person and become a 'shared lives carer'
Training & Support from the team/flexibility for you and your family/receive an allowance and expenses

St Joseph's Hall

Mon 4.30pm - Groogan O' Doherty School of Dancing

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

Tues 2.30-4.30pm - 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

Booking forms and hall rates are available to download at [www.drumraghparish.com/st.joseph's hall](http://www.drumraghparish.com/st.joseph's%20hall)

**Next Dance
18th October**

Do you have hearing loss? In our group we help each other with information and support. We meet at Omagh Fire Station, Killybrack Road, on the 2nd Monday of every month until June from 2pm - 4pm . **Next meeting 14th October.** If you would like to speak to a member before attending please phone or text 07557884551

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Thursday 10th October at 7:15pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny Co.Donegal. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

The Servant Sisters Killygordon

All or Nothing Youth Club for Girls: Every Friday from 4:30-6:30pm at the Parochial House, Crossroads, Killygordon. Open to girls (primary school) 4th-6th class and girls (secondary school age): 1st-3rd year. Activities vary every week and may include cooking/baking, art, crafts, music lessons, Spanish lessons, games, prayer and formation and more!

Monthly Get-togethers for girls, (primary age girls 2nd-6th class):

Games, sports, music, arts & crafts, baking, prayer, faith formation, and much more! Starting on 12 October. Parochial House, Crossroads, Killygordon, from 1:30pm – 6:45pm (5:30pm pickup for those who don't come to Mass with us.). Email: derryshm@homeofthemothers.com to express your interest.

More details of other events on Parish facebook page

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)

Whist - Congratulations to all our winners. Joe Campbell got Top Score, followed by Pat McAnespie in second place, K McGarrity had the highest score in the First Half and M McBrien had highest score in the Second Half. Play continues next Sunday at 7 30pm in Coach Inn. Newcomers especially welcome as our numbers are dwindling.

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