

*Twenty-Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time*

8th 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**

Reflections from today's readings

While the reading focuses on the man who is physically deaf and unable to speak, this passage also invites us to consider the ways in which we might be inwardly deaf or mute, unable to hear God's word or to speak His truth and love in our lives. In a world where we often encounter noise and distractions, this healing story reminds us of the importance of turning to God, whether as individuals or a community... and doing so on our own. We are called to make space and time to listen to God's voice and to allow Him to heal and guide us. We can ask Jesus to help us with the things where we feel held back and unable to progress in our own lives or in the lives of others we know. Jesus cared for the man in the Gospel. He surely also cares for us. In today's society, where people often struggle to communicate effectively or listen deeply, Jesus' healing of the deaf man challenges us to reflect on our own openness to God and others. Are we truly listening to the needs of those around us? Do we allow God to "open" us to His will, breaking through the hurts and handicaps that keep us from fully engaging in our faith and in our life? This Gospel encourages us to be receptive to God's grace. We may need to become more aware of the ways we might need healing and understanding for the ways we connect with or disconnect from ourselves, from God, and from others. This week, practice active listening in your conversations with others. Make a conscious effort to hear not just their words, but the emotions and needs behind them. Ask God to help you be more open to His guidance and more attentive to the needs of those around you.

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.

Be the living expression of God's kindness.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Fr Pat O'Hagan, diocesan Vocations Director, will celebrate the 12:30pm Mass in St Mary's Oratory, Buncrana, this Sunday, 8th September, as part of a Day of Prayer for Vocations to the diocesan priesthood. Fr Patrick Lagan will lead a Holy Hour for Vocations from 5 - 6pm. Both celebrations may be followed on the Buncrana parish webcam at: www.buncranaparish.com

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

Parish email: info@drumraghparish.com

Recently Deceased

We pray for
Anna O'Sullivan
May she rest in peace



Knights of St. Columbanus

"The Knights of St Columbanus are holding an Information Evening in **The Pastoral Centre 48 Brook Street Omagh BT78 5HD** on **Wednesday 25th September at 8pm** to inform the public about their work. If you want to know more about this work please come along."

Sacred Heart Church
7.30pm Mass Intentions
Friday 13th September

Molly McGarvey Month Mind

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Bishop Donal McKeown will lead the pilgrimage; which takes place on Saturday 28th September 2024.

Stations of the Cross at 2pm followed by Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 3pm in the main Basilic, accompanied by the Long Tower Parish Folk Group.

A bus for the parishes of Cappagh & Drumragh has been organised.

Parishioners from neighbouring parishes are also very welcome to travel on this bus. Pick up at 8am from the car-park at Killyclogher Parish Hall. Cost: £20 per person.

Book early as spaces are limited.

To book contact Orla on 028 8224 3375 or Mary on 028 8224 2092 (Mon/Tue/Thurs 9-2pm) or call into the parish offices.

Be part of the St Bernadette Relic Pilgrimage in Ireland this Autumn.

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time, visiting every diocese in the country. This very special, once-in-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all Ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in their diocese.

Check out the web page [St Bernadette Relic Pilgrimage of Ireland 2024](#)



Blessing of Motorcycles: All are very welcome to the blessing of motorcycles on Sunday 15th September in St Aengus' Church, Burt, Co. Donegal. 1:30 pm and then bike ride to RNLI Station, Ned's Point Buncrana for refreshments. Donations on the day in aid of RNLI. Fr Gerry Sweeney will be celebrating Mass in St. Patrick's Chapel, Dungiven, at 11:30 that Sunday morning: any and all bikers are welcome to come along to that Mass and then head to Burt straight after the brief blessing service.

Irish Pilgrimage Trust Easter 2025 Pilgrimage: Applications are invited from young people with additional social, emotional, physical and learning needs aged 11-30 who are interested in travelling as guests to Lourdes with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. Applications are also sought for carers aged 18+ who would be interested in accompanying guests on the trip. The trip is free for guests as volunteers complete fundraising and carers pay their own fare. Guests complete online application at <https://form.jotform.com/212932685135054> . Carers applications at <https://form.jotform.com/211793062891056>. For more information, visit <https://www.irishpilgrimagestrust.com> or contact Siân at [+44\(0\)7960211352](tel:+44(0)7960211352).

Bingo in St. Joseph's Hall on Tuesday 10th September



Drumragh Parish Draw Winners – September 2024

£2000 - Feargal Hasson - Fr. Eugene Hasson
 £1000 - Gerry Starrs - Promotor– Gerry Starrs
 £500 - Michael Gallagher - Promotor - Geraldine Gallagher
 £250 - Brona McKenna - Promotor - Brian McKenna
 £100 - Pauline Sheridan - Promotor – Margaret Sheridan
 £100 - Marcella Canavan - Promotor - Jackie McDermott
 £100 - Catherine Gormley - Mary Maguire
 £100 - Eimear Keys - Promotor –Bridie McElroy
 £100 - Drumragh Sarsfields - Promotor - Brian McKenna
 £100 - Joan Coyle - Promotor - Carmel Tierney
 £100 - Mary Logue - Promotor - Catherine McNamee
 £100 - Susie Mathers - Promotor - Barry Mathers
 £100 - Jackie McDermott - Promotor - Jackie McDermott
 £100 - Edwina McNamee - Promotor - Catherine McNamee
 £100 - Promoters Prize - Geraldine Wilson

3k/5k Fun Walk/Run

in memory of ANN KELLY
 in aid of Marie Curie
 Care & Support through
 terminal illness
 Saturday September 21st
MINIMUM DONATION: £5
 Registration at Strathroy
 Community Centre from
 11am with walk/run starting
 from 12noon

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.

Comhaltas Cr. na hÓmaigh

Ranga Ceol Tradisúnta
 Ar dTús arís
 Scoil Lá na Naomh Táitesallach
 De Luan 16 M/Fóm 2024
 18.30hrs – Udar
 19.00hrs – Ardú
 Feadog, Bainseo, Fidil, Consairtín, Harp

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 from September to June from 2pm - 4pm . Next meeting 9th September. If you would like to speak to a member before attending please phone or text 07557884551

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

GROWTH IN PRAYER AND

REFLECTIVE LIVING (hosted by Drumalis via Zoom, commencing Mon, 16 September 2024)

Do you feel restless, do you sense there is a deeper meaning to life, that God is out there but you feel disconnected. The Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living course may be for you.

This 20-session course via Zoom between September and March is based on the insights of Ignatian Spirituality.

If you would like to book a place please contact Drumalis by email –

drumalis@btconnect.com or by phone (028) 28272196/28276455

(Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm).

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

European Heritage

Open Days 2024

Guided Tour of Sacred Heart Church, at 2pm on Saturday 14th September

&

Sunday 15th September

Tel. 07909 917679

"Stepping on Falls Prevention Programme," supported by the Public Health Agency. This initiative is specifically designed for individuals aged 65 and over who have experienced a fall or have concerns about falling. The programme aims to improve safety, enhance balance, and build confidence among participants.

Programme Details:

Start Date: Thursday, 26th September 2024 Location: St Columba's Hall, Omagh

For further information or to book a place, please contact our office at 028 8225 1559

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 next **Sunday 15th September** will be for **The Retired Priests Collection**. We have had the following notification from Bishop McKeown...The Retirement Fund from parishes falls well short of covering the actual retirement costs within the diocese each year. The annual envelope collection is a relatively small, but vital element in trying to ensure that the Retired Priests reserve fund is not depleted, as this reserve is intended for the long-term retirement costs of priests of the diocese, including those who are nowhere near retiring. Given the increasing number of retired priests, it is expected that demands on the retirement fund will continue to increase. Your generosity towards this collection is much appreciated.

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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)

Pre-order Your Copy of 'Five Years Tour In America' by -

Father J. J. Mc Glade at
www.drumraghparish.com OR at the
Parish Office 02882242092

ADOPTION Are you interested in adopting a young child into your family? The Western Trust is holding a Virtual Information event about Adoption on **Tuesday 10th September 2024**, from **3-5pm**, via **Microsoft Teams**. If you would like to join the online event, please contact the Adoption & Permanence Team in Omagh on **028 82835114**.

Whist resumes again on Sunday 8th September at 7 30pm in the Coach Inn. Look forward to meeting up again. New members welcome.