

2nd Sunday of Advent

8th December 2024



Parish of Drumragh

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

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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

Friday 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



*We welcome the Papal Nuncio
Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor
& Bishop Donal McKeown to celebrate the
12.00 Mid-day Mass with us today.*

The action of God is clearly articulated in today's scripture readings. We are invited to receive this word and to start looking for the (small but significant) signs of God's action in our own lives, just as God acted in Bethlehem (apparently small, but with ultimate significance). We are invited to prayer and religious practice to inform our way of looking at the world so that we might see all of life's happenings and history as being in God's keeping... and channelling God's love. Advent offers a counter-narrative, encouraging us to pause, reflect, and to open our hearts to acknowledge and receive the Lord, thereby preparing a way for him.

Themes for Meditation

Faith: Can I practice the habit of being thankful to God for the good things of any day? Can I cultivate my awareness of where God might be present? Can I explore my trust in God despite the difficulties that have come my way?

Preparation: What can I do to give this coming Christmas a deeper sense of meaning for me personally? and for my friends and family?

Humility: In what ways can I cultivate humility to recognise the presence of God's grace and healing over the years?

Contemplative Action

This week, identify one habit or attitude that distances you from God. Commit to changing this aspect of your life, seeking God's grace through prayer and, if appropriate, the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let this act of repentance be a step towards preparing the way for the Lord in your heart



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

Parish email: info@drumraghparish.com

Recently Deceased

We pray for
Arty Breen
Hugh Donnelly
May they rest in peace



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.

Sacred Heart Church
7.30pm Mass Intentions

Monday 9th December

John Ferris - Memorial Mass
Francis Ferris - Memorial Mass
Philomena Chesters - Month Mind

Friday 13th December

Phyllis Mullan - Month Mind
Maureen Gormley - 1st Anniversary

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Praying for Vocations

For the future priests of the diocese of Derry that, like St John the Baptist, they will work to "... prepare the way of the Lord, and make his paths straight.... so that all mankind can see the salvation of God.

The annual SVdeP church gate collection takes place after all Masses next weekend

ORDER OF MALTA IRELAND

Today, 800 meters from the birthplace of Jesus Christ, one special door is always open to the poor and destitute expectant mothers, without discrimination: Holy Family Hospital – Bethlehem
The Crib Box crib donations go towards The Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation appeal.



An Advent Prayer

Merciful Father, as we journey through this Advent season, grant us the grace to heed John the Baptist's call to repentance. Help us to prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of Your Son. May we remove the obstacles that hinder our relationship with You and strive to live in accordance with Your will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man." Pope Francis

CRIB FESTIVAL RETURNS TO ST JOSEPH'S HALL

St Joseph's Hall, Omagh will once again be the venue for this year's Nativity Festival. Everyone is invited to come along to the exhibition on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December from 10 am to 7 pm. There will be a Live Nativity Performance at 3pm each day. Please note, this year three charities will benefit from your donations, MSF (Doctors Without Borders) for their work in Gaza, UNICEF for their work in Ukraine and Mellon Educate for their work in South Africa. Last year's exhibition was a huge success and hopefully people will respond with equal generosity knowing that they are helping the plight of the people suffering in these countries. New and interesting nativities from various countries have been added to the vast collection of over 300 Nativity sets. During the weeks of Advent, we will continue with the virtual display of cribs on social media. (Tattysallagh Crib Festival 2024) A warm welcome is extended to everyone to come along on Saturday 14th or Sunday 17th December from 10am to 7pm to view the exhibition and enjoy morning coffee/ afternoon tea.



**Bingo in St. Joseph's Hall on
10th December AT 8.30pm**



Drumragh Parish Draw Winners – December 2024

- £5,000** – Jack & Ryan McCain - Promoter Seamus Haigney
- £2,000** – Mary McCullough - Promoter Raymond McNally
- £1,000** – Geraldine McKenna - Promoter Ann Byrne
- £500** – Frances McCrossan - Promoter Babs Barrett
- £250** – Elizabeth McNally - Promoter Fr. Hasson
- £100** – Geraldine McCanny - Promoter Carmel Tierney
- £100** – Louise McCrossan - Promoter Daniel McCrossan
- £100** – Helen Johnson - Promoter Mary Maguire
- £100** – Colm Broderick - Promoter Colm Broderick
- £100** – Betty Baxter - Promoter Philomena McNamee
- £100** – Mary McGartland - Promoter Raymond McNally
- £100** – Eddie McGlinchey - Promoter Elizabeth Broderick
- £100** – Christine McKenny - Promoter Philomena McNamee
- £100** – Catherine Loughrey - Promoter Marian O'Doherty
- £100** – Karen O'Neill - Promoter Ann Byrne
- £100** – Bernie Nugent - Promoter Mairead Keys
- £100** – Eoin O'Doherty - Promoter Brian McKenna
- £100** – Gerard & Mary Haughey - Promoter Mary Haughey
- £100 Promoter's Prizes:** Brian McKenna/Ann Colton/Imelda McGuigan/Claire Grugan

Christmas Gift Idea

Drumragh Parish Draw Gift Cards are available at the Parish Office (£60)
An ideal Christmas Gift

The Papal Nuncio will launch the "Five Years Tour in America.." book after 12.00 Mass (today Sunday) in St. Joseph's Hall. Anyone who has ordered a copy can collect in the Hall today.

Edmund Rice Camp Omagh

Pop into our festive coffee morning in Omagh CBS
TODAY Sunday from 9am-3pm! Plenty of sweet treats and live music to get you in the Christmas spirit. All proceeds go towards the running of our annual Christmas camp which brings so much joy and laughter to kids in your local community.



Mary's Meals – Double The Love

Amongst the many challenges we see in today's world, your little acts of love can bring hope to desperately hungry children with a daily school meal with Mary's Meals. At this time, all donations made to Mary's Meals are being doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £900,000. There are many ways to give, including our gift cards and online Christmas Trees of Hope. Find out more at marysmeals.org.uk or freephone 0800 698 1212 .

Comhaltas Cr. na hÓmaigh

Invite one and all to their Parti/Seisiún na Nollaig in Scoile All the Saints Táite Salach on **Monday**

Christmas lights switch on at Vivo Clanabogan today at 4pm.



All Saints' Primary School, Tattysallagh

will hold their Open Day for prospective new parents and pupils on **Friday 13th December** from **1.30 until 3pm.** Everyone is welcome to come along and meet the principal, staff and pupils and to see for yourself what a rich learning experience we have to offer in a beautiful and child-centred setting. Pastoral care, outdoor learning, sports, music, culture and ICT are among our many strengths. We look forward to welcoming you in school.



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

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

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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
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)

MEDJUGORJE 2025

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 anuary. Pilgrimages are organised through Marian Pilgrimages(Dublin). Contact John Murray on 0780 1105575.

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 thecross-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.

The Royal National institute of the Deaf are holding there bi monthly free drop in event in **Omagh Methodist Church hall on Thursday the 19th from 10.30-12.30** come along and have your hearing aids checked new batteries provided and advise on how to get the best from your aids.

Whist Congratulations to all our winners. Terry Monaghan got Top Score, followed by Winnie McSorley in second place and K McCullagh had the highest score in the First Half and K McGarrity had highest score in the Second Half. Next Sunday at 7.30pm we are holding our Christmas Whist, so expect a few treats and prizes throughout the evening.

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