

First Week of Lent

9th March 2025



Parish of Drumragh

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

Weekday Mass:

10.00am Monday - Saturday
1.15pm Tuesday & Wednesday
7.30pm Monday/Thursday/Friday

Sunday Mass:

Vigil 6.00pm (Saturday)
Sunday 9.00am: 12.00pm

Saint Mary's Church, Drumragh
Sunday at 10.30am

Confessions this week

Saturday 10.30-11.30 am
and after the Vigil Mass

Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament on
Wednesday after
Morning Mass until 5.30pm

Stations of the Cross
Friday at 10.30am
Sunday at 6.00pm

Connecting the Gospel to Today's Context

Each of us has a sense of purpose planted within us, guiding our desires, our aspirations, and our actions. That sense is God's presence still at work within us. Yet, despite this inner calling (from God), many things can obscure our sense of direction. Temptations arise - distractions that offer temporary satisfaction, possessions or achievements that seem to define our worth, talents and abilities that we believe will make us more impressive. When we chase these fleeting rewards, we risk losing sight of who we are meant (by God) to be. We stray from our true path, and our lives can veer off course. In doing so, we contradict our own essence - the very person we are called to become. In doing so, we turn from God. Such temptations are a universal human experience. In a world driven by materialism, power, and self-promotion, Jesus' rejection of these temptations speaks directly to us.

As we begin Lent, we recall how Christ faced temptation as he walked the path of life. His victory involved turning away from temptation and towards his life's purpose. He is with us now, encouraging us to stay true to our own personal life's purpose.

St Paul's Bookshop and Gifts: Join us at 20 Shipquay Street, Derry, on Friday 14th March as we celebrate the Grand Opening of St Paul's Bookshop & Gifts. Discover a beautiful selection of books, inspirational gifts, and unique treasures to nourish your faith and spirit. The Grand Opening is from 10am until 5pm. The shop is at the site of the former Veritas shop on Shipquay St. We can't wait to welcome you!

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**Sacred Heart Church
7.30pm Mass Intentions
Monday 10th March**

Maureen Moore - Month Mind

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Cadain John McFarland

Recently Deceased

***Eugene Duffy
Martin McGaughey***

May they rest in peace



Vocations:

As we pray for the men attending the Vocations Retreat in Larne this weekend we ask the Lord to bless all those who are discerning their vocation at this time. May God give them the grace to follow whatever path in life He wants them to take and, like Jesus in today's gospel, in times of temptation or trial, to draw courage and inspiration from the words of Scripture.



DRUMRAGH PARISH
LENTEN JOURNEY OF HOPE



Omagh Charismatic Prayer

Group invites you to

Life in the Spirit Seminars 2025

Week 1 - Thursday 13th March

7.30pm Holy Mass

Theme: Salvation

Speaker: Fr Damian Bresnahan

Accessible online at

www.drumraghparish.com

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.

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

A short-term pledge is available at www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

Services during Lent

10am & 7.30pm Monday, Thursday & Friday

10am & 1.15pm Tuesday & Wednesday

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 10.30am & Sundays at 6pm

A Thought for Lent

"No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great." **St. John Chrysostom**



**Bingo in St. Joseph's Hall on
Tuesday 11th March AT 8.30pm**

Drumragh Parish Draw Winners – March 2025

£2000 - Margaret McKenna - Promoter: Brian McKenna
£1000 - Ann & Dermot Allen- Promoter: Geraldine McKinney
£500 - Grainne McKenna - Promoter: Raymond McNally
£250 - Noel Corrigan - Promoter: Isla Corrigan
£100 - Martin Taggart - Promoter: Siobhan Taggart
£100 - Eugene McCormack - Promoter: Carmel Tierney
£100 - Anne McNamee - Promoter: Catherine McNamee
£100 - Anna Cunningham – Promoter: Colm Broderick
£100 - Babs Barrett - Promoter: Babs Barrett
£100 - Aoibhin Quinn - Promoter: Gerry Quinn
£100 - Linda O'Donnell - Promoter: Bridie McElroy
£100 - Rozella Kelly - Promoter: Rozella Kelly
£100 - Mary McGartland - Promoter: Raymond McNally
£100 - Josie McElduff - Promoter: Marian O'Doherty
£100 - Promoters Prize - Rozella Kelly

Next Draw

1st April



Dromantine Retreat & Conference Centre

Saturday 15th March 2025

Lenten Retreat Day led by Fr Paddy O'Rourke, SMA - Remain in my love

Life presents us with many demands and challenges which can rob us of our peace of mind and heart. This day of reflection gives us an opportunity to look at ways that can give us access to a life lived from a place of courage, strength, hope and love no matter what.

Registration 9.30am Cost (incl. Lunch) £38.00/€43.00

Sunday 16th – Saturday 22nd March(AM) 2025

Silent Directed Retreat

Registration 4.00pm Cost £610.00/€720.00

SVP St Columba's Conference group would like to thank the parishioners and community from Drumragh Parish for their Christmas Church Collections at Sacred Heart Church & St Mary's Drumragh which raised the grand total **£8,186**. Your contributions were very much appreciated.

Groogan O'Doherty Charity Feis

Thank You for your donations towards the Charity Feis ran by Groogan O'Doherty school of dancing.

The following charities benefited from your donations :

Brainwaves NI - **£2,000**

'Daft as a Brush' Care for Cancer, Newcastle upon Tyne – **£1,000**

Omagh Down syndrome - **£500**

Thanks also to all local dancing teachers and their pupils.

*Thank
you!*

Pro-life Day: Advancing the Culture of Life, Through Prayer, Love and Service.

With Bernadette Smyth of Precious Life, and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal Saturday 15th March from 10am - 4pm, at St Pio House, Galliagh, Derry.
Will include Mass and Adoration, Talks and Prayer

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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Sunday 16th – Saturday 22nd March (AM) 2025

Silent Preached Retreat led by Mr Philip McParland

Lent: Season of Wellbeing

Lent is a good time to do some personal reflection. This retreat will be conducted in an atmosphere of peace and quiet. It will consider what it means to live a balanced and meaningful life in our contemporary world.

Registration 4.00pm Cost £610 / €720 *Please contact Leanne or Louisa at admin@dromantineconference.com or by calling us on - 028 (048 from ROI) 30 821 964.*

Subject: 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry

Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.?

We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am.

In the prayerful setting of Lough Derg, this day will provide space for the power of music to nourish our spirit and allow us to give praise to God through the beauty of sound, song and silence. There will be various inputs as well as time to pray, connect with others and explore this Sacred place. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm (open to the public). This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus).

Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>

For further information please contact info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk / +447759496677.

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.**