

Baptism of the Lord

12th January 2025



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

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

Wednesday

following morning Mass

until 5.30pm

Connecting the Gospel to Today's Cultural Context

The world of today entices us to believe that we are completely free of any constraint, that we are entitled to fulfil any wish or desire (with only the law to limit us). We are beholden to no one. Our society has taken this in, and the result is a lot of loneliness. When everyone is at the centre of their own world, no one has time for anyone else - even family - particularly those of us who are vulnerable and who need the support of others. Today's feast has a very different message. Being children of God automatically makes us 'brothers and sisters' to each other. In other words, we are connected - not self-centred, self-sufficient - human beings.

Today Sunday 12th January is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Parents, guardians, godparents, and all family members are invited to the Baptismal Service for all children who were baptised during 2024 to Mass at 12pm today. Please join us for tea in Saint Joseph's Hall after Mass.

2024 has been a year of preparation for the Jubilee Year. Pope Francis has called the universal church to celebrate in 2025 - the theme being "Pilgrims of Hope" - may we all go forward together into 2025 as pilgrims in the way we recognised that our ancestors did in the past 125/260 years and more.

Fr Joseph's going home for holidays

Fr Joseph Varghese will be absent from our parish from 15th January to 15th February as he travels home to Kerala in India. We keep Fr Joseph in our prayers as he will be celebrating First Anniversary Mass for his late father Mr Matthew Varghese on 25th January and also for Sophie Anthony his late sister's Second Anniversary Mass at the beginning of February. May their souls rest in peace. We wish Fr Joseph's Mum good health and God's blessings to Fr Joseph on his journey.

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

Parish email: info@drumraghparish.com

**Sacred Heart Church
7.30pm Mass Intentions**

Friday 17th January

***P.J McElhinney - Month Mind
Von Healy - 1st Anniversary
Frank Loughran - 1st Anniversary***

Recently Deceased

We pray for

Helen Furey

Rose Loughran

Rita Bann

Patrick Joseph McElhinney

Patrick Colton

Bernadette Smyth

May they rest in peace



Sacrament of Baptism

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

Micheál Gerard Maguire

Juniper Rose McSwiggan

Nolan Iwatt

Peter Oisin Laskowski

Do This in Memory - First Communion Preparation

A word of welcome to parents and children who are preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion. This is an important time and journey.

We welcome pupils and parents for our

‘Do This in Memory’ Mass on Sunday **19th January at 12.00pm.**

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE from 12th January

Praying for Vocations

As we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus which marked the beginning of His public life and ministry we pray that each of us will respond positively to the universal call to holiness, thinking especially of those the Lord is inviting to serve His people as priests of the diocese of Derry.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025

begins on Sun. 19th January and continues until Sat. 25th January.

The theme for this year is ‘**Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ**’. During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools, reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society. To launch Catholic Schools Week in our diocese, the Eucharist will be celebrated by Bishop McKeown in Saint Eugene’s Cathedral, Derry on **Thursday 16 January at 10.00am** and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th – 25th January. There will be a Service for the week of Christian Unity at 7.00pm on SUNDAY 26th January in Omagh Methodist Church.

INVITATION TO DAYS OF FAMILY PRAYER:

Bishop McKeown will lead the diocese in 33 days of Family Prayer towards Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary, as part of a diocesan programme for the Jubilee Year of 2025, *Pilgrims of Hope*. It will be delivered online on the Diocese of Derry Facebook, each evening at **7.00pm**, starting on **Thursday 9th January 2025** and concluding on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, **Tuesday 11th February 2025**. Bishop McKeown explains, “*It is a journey I set out to make to entrust myself and my priesthood to Christ through the Mother of God. I extend an invitation to you and your families from the parishes of the diocese to join me*”. Details and times of the prayer programme with a video message from Bishop McKeown can be viewed at **derrydiocese.org/consecration**

**Bingo in St. Joseph's Hall on
Tuesday 14th January AT 8.30pm**

Parish Draw 2025 The second day of Registration for the draw will take place on **Saturday January 18th from 9.30-12 noon in the Pastoral Centre.**

The January and February draws will take place on Tuesday **February 4th**. Anyone who wishes to be a promoter or to join the draw can contact any Committee member or the Parish Office. (028 82242092)

(Parish Office opening hours 9am-2pm each day except Wednesday)

Omagh CBS Open Day for Primary 6 and 7 pupils on **Saturday January 18th 2025.** Doors open at 9:30am with the Principal's address at 10am in the school Sports Hall.

Irish Traditional music lessons available in tin whistle, fiddle, accordion, concertina, and banjo. 4 weeks lesson for £20. Everyone welcome.

Beginner 6.30 Intermediate 7pm at All Saints Primary school, Tattysallagh, starting Monday 13th January

To register or for more information contact Barry 07818451716 Or Roisin 07784935991 Facebook: Omagh Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann or Email:omaghcomhaltas@gmail.com

Al-Anon offering Family support for those affected by alcoholism

Local people, from all backgrounds are being urged to think about drinking and the effects on Families as we approach Dry January 2025.

Al-Anon is launching a new campaign 'You are not alone!' during Dry January 2025 to encourage more people living with problem drinkers to find their local Al-Anon meeting. In Northern Ireland there are 30 Al-Anon groups, and more than 700 Groups throughout the UK and the Republic of Ireland. They provide support to anyone whose life is, or has been affected by someone else drinking.

A spokesperson said 'Whatever your story, you can expect to be warmly welcomed, and not judged or pressurised in any way. Anything discussed within an Al-Anon meeting is treated as confidential, including your presence at the meeting.'

By attending Al-Anon Family Group meetings, individuals discover that they didn't cause the problem and cannot control or cure it. They also learn how best to cope with their situation by switching their focus from the alcoholic to themselves.

Whatever your relationship to the drinker, whatever your story, Al-Anon can help. We hold regular meetings where members share their own experience of living with alcoholism. Our Information Office, based in Belfast is opened from 10am – 1pm Monday to Friday; contact number 02890682368.

All meetings are listed on the website www.al-anonuk.org.uk, or you can call our Confidential Helpline on 02890682368 10am – 1pm or 6pm – 10pm daily.

Children in Crossfire donations can be left in the sacristy. Donations will be returned to the charity w/e 24th January. Any support you can give will be greatly appreciated.



Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group

Prayer Group Meetings take place in The Pastoral Centre on **Thursday evenings** with Rosary at 7.40pm and prayer meeting at 8pm. All welcome to come and pray.

St Joseph's Hall

Mon 4 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](http://www.drumraghparish.com/st.joseph's%20hall)*

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)

Parish email:

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SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 07596 500 793, or at

mariegormey@derrvdiocese.org

Additional contact numbers: Northern Ireland: PSNI Tel 101 or Social Services Western HSC Trust Tel 02871314090 (Ask for Duty Social Worker)

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Is gambling affecting your life?
Telephone 028 7135 1329.

Book Launch celebrating the Life of Dr Tom McGinley – Founder of the Foyle Hospice

Wednesday 29th January at 7.15pm - Doors open from 6.45pm.

St Columb's Hall, Orchard Street, Derry BT48 6EG

FREE ENTRY Booking essential at www.ticketsource.co.uk/stcolumbshall

The new book is written by Dr Keith Munro

£15 per book (cash only, please)

Proceeds to Foyle Hospice

Baptisms take place in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday's at 1pm.

Two weeks' notice is required for all Baptism bookings.

Children must have One Godparent who is over 16 years of age and a practicing Catholic. Normally people have two Godparents, but they must be one male and one female.

WHIST Congratulations to all our winners. John Mc Brien got Top Score, followed by Deirdre O'Hagan and Kevin Miley in joint second. Eileen Coyle took Top First Half and Winnie McSorley took Top Second Half. Play continues next week in Coach Inn on Sun night at 7.30pm. Newcomers welcome.