

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time*

15th 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-11.30pm

& 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**

Reflections:

Jesus' call to take up the cross and follow Him flatly confronts modern-day ideas of the 'good life'. The modern culture prizes achievement, consumption, property, and possessions and sees them as signs of success. But for Jesus, success is being faithful even when life brings—or even requires—us to suffer. Think marriage. Think priesthood. Think educators and healthcare workers. There is no walk of life that is dedicated to caring for others that does not, from time to time, involve suffering. Also think illness. Being faithful to God's gift of life, when death and unavoidable illness come: these too are a taking up of the cross. All these things do something to us inwardly. They form virtues and values in us that are already the life of heaven growing in us.

Today's society frequently promotes the pursuit of personal gain and self-preservation as the highest goals. Jesus' message is countercultural, urging us to find life not through accumulation or self-promotion, but through self-denial and service to others.

This Gospel challenges us to reflect on what we are willing to sacrifice for the sake of Christ and His Gospel, reminding us that true fulfilment (true personal growth, true humanity) comes from living a life oriented towards God and others.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You call us to follow You on the path of the cross. Grant us the courage to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow You, trusting that in losing our life for Your sake, we will find it. Help us to live as true disciples, embracing the challenges of this life with faith and hope in Your promise of eternal life. Amen.

**European Heritage Open Day
2024**

**Guided Tour of Sacred Heart
Church, at 2pm today
Sunday 15th September
Tel. 07909 917679**

This week, consider a way in which you can practice self-denial for the sake of another, whether through an act of charity, forgiveness, or service. Offer this sacrifice to God, asking for the grace to embrace the crosses in your life with faith and trust in His plan.

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

Parish email: info@drumraghparish.com

Recently Deceased

We pray for
Pat Turbett
Gerry Drumm
May they rest in peace



Sacred Heart Church
7.30pm Mass Intentions

Friday 20th September
Grace Darcy 1st Anniversary

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.

Weekend Retreat for Mission Supporters and Friends of SMA

Friday 27th September (4.30pm) – Sunday 29th September (2.00pm)

The SMA community welcomes our Supporters and friends to this ***Weekend Retreat and Reflection***, which will be an opportunity to take time aside in the tranquil and relaxed setting of Dromantine. All will join in celebrating Mass each day at the Novena in honour of St. Thérèse. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated during the weekend.

SMA Novena 2024 In honour of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions: **Monday 23 September to Tuesday 1 October.** Daily Mass & Novena Prayers at **10.00am & 7.30pm**, SMA Chapel, Dromantine. All are welcome. You can also participate via webcam (www.sma.ie).

Franciscan Friary, Rosstown

A Triduum in preparation for the Feast of St. Padre Pio will take place at the Franciscan Friary, Rosstown from Friday 20th September until Monday 23rd September. There will be Mass, Homily and Blessing with his mitten at 7.30pm each evening. Preacher will be Fr. Pius McLaughlin OFM who met Padre Pio. All very welcome for these prayerful celebrations.

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 82243375 or Mary on 028 82242092 (Mon/Tue/Thurs 9-2pm) or call into the parish offices.

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Croia Ann Drumm
Tadhga Anthony McCabe
Theo Jack Murphy
Oran Shay Kirwan

The Climate Crisis – what can we do?

The Sisters of Mercy have invited Jane Mellett from Trocaire to facilitate a webinar on The Climate Crisis: Thursday 19th September, 7.30 pm. To register for this webinar, click the link <https://bit.ly/3XDKJct> and enter your name and address

**Bingo in St. Joseph's Hall on
Tuesday 17th September**



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.

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.

Drumquin Culture Night – Friday 20 September 2024. Drumquin Historical Society is planning a re-enactment of the old hiring fairs. Starts at Duncan's Car Park at 7.30pm followed by refreshments, music and personal stories at the Youth Centre. Joe Mahon from Lesser Spotted Ulster will make an appearance. Save the date. Everyone welcome.

As part of the **Good Relations Week 2024**, Youth Link is hosting an event to showcase our efforts in the Omagh area through the Empower 2 Transform project. This event will provide a platform for you to share your visions for the future of the greater Omagh community. Where: Youth Hub, Omagh Methodist ON Friday 20th September, 10:00am- Noon Light refreshments will be provided on arrival.

Please use the link below to book and feel free to circulate this invitation among your contacts. <https://forms.gle/rgQfoJqqRth17VGJ8>

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email us at naomi@youthlink.org.uk

We would like to draw your attention to a few courses offered by Drumalis, commencing in the coming months:

PATHWAYS ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Pathways Adult Faith Development programme for 2024/25 begins on **Saturday, 12 October** at Drumalis. The programme takes place one Saturday a month from 10 am – 4 pm between October and June. All are welcome. Past participants may also be interested in the new programme on offer for this coming year.

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.

Places are also available on the Zoom course, "ROOTED IN LOVE", delivered over ten Thursday evening sessions from Sept 2024 to May 2025 – this course is ideal for anyone who has already completed Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living.

If you would like to book a place or have any other queries, please contact Drumalis by email – drumalis@btconnect.com or by phone (028) 28272196/28276455

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

St. Catherine of Siena: "Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."

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 9pm - Bingo

Wed 5.45 pm - Baxter School of Dancing

Thurs 8 pm - Bowls

Friday - Dance Music by COUNTRY ROADS

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)

Thrive Academy

are hosting a Digital Awareness Evening for Parents in **Omagh County Primary School** on **Wed 25th Sep** at 8pm.
All Welcome.

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."

Volunteer Recruitment Fair

Linking those who want to help with those that need help
Monday 16th September 10am-2pm
Omagh Library
Everyone Welcome

The Net Magazine 2023

The July/August ition of 'The Net' is now available in the church porches

"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

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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)

Killyclogher Senior Citizen Club

reopened on Thursday and are enjoying their usual activities. You are very welcome to come along and join us on Thursdays from 2-4pm

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

Whist Eileen Coyle won Top Score, with Winnie McSorley coming in 2nd, Geraldine Gallagher had highest first half score and John McBrien had highest 2nd half score. Play continues next week at 7.30pm in Coach Inn on Sunday.