

3rd Sunday of Advent

15th December 2024



Parish of Drumragh

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

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www.drumraghparish.com

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

See below for Confession Schedule for
Christmas. Note **NO** Confessions on
Christmas Eve

**No Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament
on Wednesday this week**

Christmas schedule Sacred Heart & St. Mary's

Sunday 15th: 5.00pm Carol Service

Confession Times

Monday 16th: From 8pm (Drumragh & Cappagh Priests attending)

Tuesday 17th: 10.30-11.15am

Wednesday 18th: 8pm-9pm in Christ the King, Strathroy
(Cappagh & Drumragh Priests) attending

Thursday 19th: 10.30am-11.15am

Friday 20th: 10.30am-11.15am 6.30-7pm

NO CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Mass Times Sacred Heart

(Tuesday) Christmas Eve - Morning Mass - 10am

Mass 5pm (for seniors & children) Vigil Mass - 9pm

(Wednesday) Christmas Day 9am & 12 noon

Thursday 26th/Friday 27th: Saturday 28th: **12.00 & 6pm Vigil**

St Mary's, Drumragh

(Tuesday) Christmas Eve – 7pm

(Wednesday) Christmas morning - 10.30am



Normal Schedule Returns from Monday 30th December

Parish Office Closed Thursday 19th December,
Re-opens Monday 6th January

Sacred Heart Church
7.30pm Mass Intentions
Monday 16th December

Kate Devlin - Month Mind
Cissie Cox - 1st Anniversary

Friday 20th December
Martin Quinn - Month Mind

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.

The Annual SVdeP church gate collection takes place after all Masses this weekend 14th/15th December.

Sacrament of Baptism

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



Recent Weddings

We congratulate the following couple who were married here recently

Leanne Treanor & Phillip Lowe
Cleonagh Taggart & Caolan Gillespe

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them all their lives.

The Annual Carol Service will take place in Sacred Heart Church today
15th December at 5pm

Praying for Vocations

With St Paul we pray for our diocesan seminarians and those discerning their vocation, that "...the peace of God will guard [their] hearts and thoughts..."

Give Blood – Save Lives

Book now for your local Blood Donation Session at Technology Education Centre, Omagh

Thursday 9th & Friday 10th January for 12.00 until 7.00pm *Book your appointment by tapping on the link - <https://bit.ly/>*



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 Sunday 15th 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 Sunday 15th December from 10am to 7pm to view the exhibition and enjoy morning coffee/ afternoon tea.

INVITATION TO 33 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 9 January 2025** and concluding on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Tuesday **11 February 2025**. 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
17th December AT 8.30pm**



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

"Five Years Tour in America.."
Anyone who has ordered a copy can collect from the Parish Office this week
Mon/Tues/Thurs between 9 & 1.30pm

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 20th December until Monday 6th January. The deadline for notices for the 5th January Newsletter is Wednesday 18th December and must be emailed to the parish office (info@drumraghparish.com)

Looking for that perfect gift?
'Ever-Now Christmas in my soul'.
A distinctly refreshing all-in-one-essentials guide to the true meaning of Christmas, and the *higher* purpose of our lives on earth.
Book available in Top News, and Amazon, priced at £19.99.

Christmas Gift to the Priests Collection
(Wednesday 25th December) This exceptional annual collection is normally gathered via envelopes or loose plate collection. Those who contribute by standing order and do not have an envelope may contribute if they wish, by putting their donation in an envelope and mark it 'Christmas Gift to the Priests'.
Thank You for your support.

To the newly baptised class of 2024.
In 2025 The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord occurs on the Sunday immediately after the great feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. – the priests, parish Baptismal Team and the parish faith community invite you to attend the 12.00pm Mass on Sunday 12th January 2025 in Sacred Heart Church to renew your baptismal promises along with us on that feast day – please bring your parents, other members of your extended family, and godparents, if possible. An invitation will be emailed to all parents this week.

The Annual Derry City GOAL Mile Walk
will take place on **Thursday December 26, leaving from Sainsbury's car park at 12 noon.** The GOAL Mile is an opportunity for local people to walk in solidarity and show support for those struggling to survive in countries ravaged by war, famine, disease and the effects of climate change. There are no administrative costs associated with the GOAL Mile so every penny raised will go directly to supporting the charity's work with the poorest of the poor. Irish humanitarian charity GOAL is currently working in Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe, Niger, Uganda, Sudan, Colombia, Haiti and Honduras.

Children in Crossfire provide access to education, nutrition, healthcare and safe, clean water for highly vulnerable children in Tanzania and Ethiopia. They are currently seeking support for their 2024 Advent Appeal, which focuses on children growing up in deep poverty in inner-city Dar es Salaam.
Donation boxes available in the porches.

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
Music by Larry & Co.



'Five Years Tour In America'

By Father J. J. Mc Glade

Now available at the
Parish Office & in Top News
Cost £25

An Ideal Christmas Present

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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)

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

20th December.

Contact Maria at 02881648357 or

WhatsApp 07768395038

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 the cross-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 their 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. Winnie McSorley got Top Score, followed by Joe Campbell in second place and Terry Monaghan took top score in the first half, Kevin. Miley in the second half. Play continues next week at 7 30pm in the Coach Inn on Sun night. There will be no whist drive on Sun 22nd Dec. Thanks for your support.

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