

*Second Week of  
Lent*

**16th March 2025**



*Parish of Drumragh*

Sacred Heart Church, Omagh  
St Mary's Church, Drumragh  
**028 82242092**  
[www.drumraghparish.com](http://www.drumraghparish.com)

**Mass Times Sacred Heart Church**



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

**MONDAY: 9AM & 12PM**

**Saint Mary's Church, Drumragh  
10.30am**

**Weekday Mass Times this week**

**10.00am Tuesday - Saturday**

**1.15pm Tuesday & Wednesday**

**7.30pm 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**

**Stations of the Cross**

**Friday at 10.30am**

**Sunday at 6.00pm**

It was truly remarkable to receive this message from Pope Francis' this week. It will surely bring great joy and encouragement to the clergy and lay faithful of Drumragh. It is a testament to the parish's importance in the wider Church and a reminder of the Holy Father's care for all his flock.



*His Holiness Pope Francis*

*sends greetings of good wishes*

*to the clergy and lay faithful of the Parish of Drumragh  
as they celebrate the 125th anniversary of  
Sacred Heart Church.*

*Joining in their thanksgiving to Almighty God  
for the graces received during the church's history,*

*His Holiness prays that this celebration,  
together with that of Saint Mary's Church,  
will be an opportunity for the people of Drumragh  
to open their hearts to spiritual renewal,*

*grow in zeal for spreading the Gospel  
and promote Christian charity among their brothers and sisters.*

*Entrusting all the parishioners to the loving protection  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,*

*the Holy Father cordially imparts his Blessing  
as pledge of abundant joy and peace  
in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*From the Vatican, 14 February 2025*

*+Edgar Pena Parra Substitute*

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

**Parish email: [info@drumraghparish.com](mailto:info@drumraghparish.com)**

**Sacred Heart Church  
7.30pm Mass Intentions  
Friday 21st March**

*Marie Devlin - Month Mind*

**Sacrament of Baptism**

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

*Aibha Rose Boyle  
Conor Martin Hughes  
Seanie James O'Neill  
Oscar Patrick Sweeney*

DRUMRAGH PARISH  
LENTE JOURNEY OF HOPE



Omagh Charismatic

Prayer Group invites you to

Life in the Spirit Seminars 2025

**Week 3 - Thursday 20th March**

**7.30pm Holy Mass**

Theme: The new Life

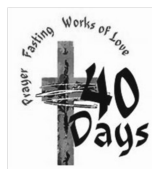
Speaker: Bishop Donal McKeown

Accessible online at

[www.drumraghparish.com](http://www.drumraghparish.com)

**DAILY LENTEN PRAYER**

Loving Father, to prepare for his mission of proclaiming Your kingdom to the world



Your Son Jesus was guided by your Holy Spirit to the quiet of the desert.

In these Lenten days, I pray that I will be guided by that same spirit, to a place of renewal in my heart and mind, so that I will seek opportunities for daily personal prayer, personal sacrifices and acts of kindness. With your help, may I too be truly prepared to share in the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*A prayer of Saint Patrick*

*May the Strength of God pilot us.  
May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the Hand of God protect us.  
May the Way of God direct us.  
May the Shield of God defend us.  
May the Host of God guard us.  
Against the snares of the evil ones.  
Against temptations of the world.  
May Christ be with us  
May Christ be before us  
May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!  
May the Salvation, Lord, always be ours  
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.*



**Vocations:**

We ask God's blessing on those being called to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry, that they will have the faith and trust of Abraham and St Patrick, and that they will listen to Jesus, the Son of God, the Chosen One.

**Pilgrimage to Knock.**

Sunday 6th April. Bus en route from Cookstown pick up at Crevenagh park and ride at 8.15am. Bus fare £20, Meal €40 (optional). For more details contact Una 07743575969

***A Thought for Lent***

*“Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism, for what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes but bite and devour our brothers.”*

***St. John Chrysostom***

**Dementia Prayer week 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March**

Lord, thank you for your presence this moment, holding us in your love. Help us to share your love with those who live among us with dementia, that we may see your beauty in them. Amen

**Bingo in St. Joseph's Hall on  
Tuesday 18th March AT 8.30pm**

**PARISH ENVELOPES** are available for collection from **Tuesday 18th March**. We ask **parish representatives** to call to the Parish Office, between **9am & 1pm Tuesday & Thursday** and **9am - 12 noon on Wednesday** to collect the envelopes for their area.

Please contact the parish office if :

- You are new to the parish and would like to receive a box of offering envelopes
- You would like to make a donation via standing order.

**GIFT AID:** If you pay tax, please consider joining the gift aid scheme. It's very easy, you just sign a card! There is no cost to you, but 25% of every £ you donate can be reclaimed by the Parish from HMRC.

If you haven't distributed the envelopes before, but feel you could volunteer to help distribute in your park/area - please contact the parish office, and we will call you if required. Many hands make light work! We would really appreciate your help.



**Charity Quiz night**  
Organised by the McNamee family  
in aid of Air Ambulance N.I.  
at the Weigh Inn, Kevlin Road on  
**Friday the 21st March at 8.30pm.**  
Everyone welcome!



**Sycamore Faith Discovery Programme**

Sycamore is an informal course about our Catholic faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film, quiet reflection time and a discussion.

The course will be run by Fr Peter O'Kane & Tony Brennan, Diocesan Mission Team on **Monday's, 24th, 31st March and Monday, 7th April, 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Pastoral Centre, Brook Street, Omagh.**

Please register at [derrydiocese.org/sycamore](http://derrydiocese.org/sycamore). to facilitate venue. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome.

**Join the Choir!**

Do you enjoy singing with others?  
Want to get involved in Drumragh/Cappagh Parish?  
Come join our Cross-Parish Choir

*No choir experience is necessary*

Rehearsals will take place on Saturday evenings before Mass.

Year 10 upwards

Upcoming Dates & Rehearsal times

**5<sup>th</sup> April, Sacred Heart Church, 5pm**

**For further information contact 07789001503**



**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**

**SSPX Resistance Ireland - note from Bishop McKeown.**

SSPX Resistance is a group holding Masses within the territory of the Diocese of Derry. Given their presence here in the Diocese of Derry, I find it necessary to stress the following:-

- **The priests associated with SSPX Resistance Ireland are not in full communion with the Catholic Church and they do not accept the full teaching authority of the Church.**
- **The priests of SSPX Resistance Ireland administer sacraments, but do so illicitly—that is, without the necessary faculties and approval of the Church.**
- **The Catholic Church has no supervision whatsoever of the priests or ministers of SSPX Resistance Ireland, who have no connection with the Diocese of Derry in terms of Safeguarding practices and policies and are not overseen by the Bishop of Derry.**

Considering this information, I urge all the faithful to remain steadfast in communion with the Church, united with the Holy Father and the bishops who share in full communion with him. Let us continue to pray for the unity of the Church and for those who have distanced themselves from full communion, that they may one day be reconciled.

*Bishop Donal McKeown*

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<b>Pioneers</b>	07775810297
<b>Al-Anon Family Group</b>	028 9068 2368
<b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b>	028 9035 1222
<b>Aware</b>	028 7126 0602
<b>Care for Cancer</b>	028 8224 6599
<b>Gamblers Anonymous</b>	028 7135 1329
<b>Drug Awareness</b>	0800 776600
<b>Safeguarding Team</b>	07596 500793
<b>The Samaritans</b>	028 8224 4944
<b>SVDP Thrift Shop</b>	028 8225 2000
<b>SVDP Helpline</b>	07738837991

**PARISH EMERGENCY NUMBER  
07858776533**

**Fr. J. J. McGlade's book  
"Five Years Tour in America.."  
Some ordered books have not yet  
been collected and are now  
available at the Parish Office  
Open Mon/Tues/Thurs 9-2pm**

**Mid Ulster Festival of Amateur  
Drama 2025 @ The Patrician  
Carrickmore, Fri 21st - Sat 29th March.  
Nightly at 8pm. Box office opens  
Monday 17th March, 10am-5pm.  
Tel: 028 80761906.  
See Facebook for further information.**

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