

*2nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

**19th January 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**

**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**

**Aid to the Church in Need**

In his message for World Day of Peace (Jan. 1), Pope Francis asked Catholics to “stop for a moment, at the beginning of this year, to think of the mercy with which God constantly forgives our sins and forgives our every debt, so that our hearts may overflow with hope and peace”. The Pope has also chosen ‘hope’ at the theme for this Holy Year. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is a papal charity that was set up after the devastation of World War II to bring fresh hope. Today it works supporting 6,000 vulnerable communities in 140 countries. Often these are Christians who are persecuted for their faith, or who live in areas where it is dangerous or difficult to be a Christian. Omagh man Michael Kelly, who works with ACN Ireland, will speak at all Masses next weekend (Jan. 25/26) about the work of ACN with those affected communities, particularly in Gaza and Ukraine

**Host families required for language homestay programme in Northern Ireland 2025**

We are a local company and since 2008 we have been arranging the visit of boys and girls from France, Spain and Italy to Northern Ireland. They normally travel for 2-3 weeks during the summer holidays and the main objective of their stay is to improve their English conversation and learn about our culture and traditions.

They are hosted by local families in Northern Ireland.

As our visitors are normally aged between 12 and 17 it is ideal for local families who have boys or girls at home around the same age. We are happy to say that almost 20 years on and so many lovely friendships have been formed between families in NI and abroad! Families are obviously vetted and visited during the registration process and are paid expenses as a thank you for taking part.

Interested parties should contact via whatsapp Judi on: 07955232563 or can look at the website [www.northernislandhostfamilies.com](http://www.northernislandhostfamilies.com) for further details.

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

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

**Sacred Heart Church  
7.30pm Mass Intentions**

**Monday 20th January**

***Laurence Mills - Month Mind  
Dominic McGale - 1st Anniversary***

**Friday 24th January**

***Helen Furey - Month Mind  
Josephine Kieran - 1st Anniversary***

**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.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025**

begins today Sunday 19th January and continues until Saturday 25th January. The theme for this year is '**Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ**'. During Catholic Schools Week families, and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools, reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society.

**Recently Deceased**

***John McAfee  
Raymond Jamison***



May they rest in peace

Drumragh Parish express prayerful solidarity to Rev. Graham Hare, Rector of Saint Columba's Church of Ireland on the death of his mother Joan.

**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 today Sunday **19th January 12.00pm.**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

We welcome new members of our Parish Community who received the Sacrament of Baptism:  
***Charlie Joseph McLaughlin***

**33 DAYS OF FAMILY PRAYER:**

Bishop McKeown continues to lead the diocese in 33 days of Family Prayer. Details and times of the prayer programme with a video message from Bishop McKeown can be viewed at **derrydiocese.org/consecration**

**Praying for Vocations**

As we pray for the grace to use our God-given gifts as God would wish us to use them we pray in particular for those called to use them as priests in the service of the parishes and people of our diocese.

The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from **Saturday 18th January until Saturday 25th January 2025**. This year of 2025, in addition to being a Jubilee Year based on the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope', is also the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Ecumenical Council of the Church, the Council of Nicaea, held in 325. **There will be a Service for the week of Christian Unity at 7.00pm on SUNDAY 26th January in Omagh Methodist Church.**

To celebrate Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Christ Church along with The Association of Iconographers Ireland, invite you to an ***Exhibition of Icons*** in St. Eugene's Cathedral Hall, Infirmary Road, Derry, BT48 7ER from Monday 20th January to Wednesday 22nd January 2025 from 10.30am to 8.30pm. Entry to the exhibition is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

**Bingo in St. Joseph's Hall on  
Tuesday 21st January AT 8.30pm**

**Children in Crossfire** are thrilled with the kind support received so far for their Advent Appeal and extend their sincere thanks to everyone who donated or volunteered to help. They will now count up all contributions and let us know how much was raised soon. If you missed the collection and would still like to help, you can donate via this link. Please note our parish name in the comment section. [www.childrenincrossfire.org/](http://www.childrenincrossfire.org/)



**Ulster Project 2025**

Application forms for young people wishing to participate in this year's Ulster Project are now available. Forms may be obtained from the Parish Office, to where they should be returned no later than **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**. The Ulster Project involves regular group activities on a cross-community basis during the period February to June. These activities are in preparation for a four-week group visit to USA in July, during which participants are hosted by American families and experience an exciting and varied daily programme.

To be eligible for this year's project, applicants should currently be in Year 11 of post-primary education

**Loreto Grammar School Omagh**

**OPEN NIGHT Wednesday 22 January 2025**

Registration: 6.00pm / Principal's Address: 6.30pm Followed by Tours  
*All Learners are Welcome at Loreto    Making Young Dreams Possible*

**Accord is now seeking marriage preparation facilitators. Might this be you ...?**

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you:

- are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and,
- have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, then Accord wishes to hear from you!

An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling role, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training in the Accord marriage preparation programme and be part of a team delivering programmes locally.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) and for further information see [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**Webcam Recordings**

This is a reminder to parishioners that all recordings on the webcam are automatically deleted after 90 days. A copy of the recording can be downloaded by clicking the download button and saved before the 90 days if required.

**Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima**

We are inviting young people aged 16 + to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 4 nights from 14th July to 18th July. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with their peers from around the world in a faith context. Cost is £700 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in please contact [lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org) 00 44 2871264087

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

**Fr. J. J. McGlade's book**  
**"Five Years Tour in America.."**  
**If you have ordered this book or**  
**want to place an order, it is now**  
**available at the Parish Office**  
Open Mon/Tues/Thurs between  
9 & 1.30pm

Book Launch celebrating the Life of Dr Tom McGinley – Founder of the Foyle Hospice Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stcolumbshall)

The new book is written by Dr Keith Munro £15 per book (cash only, please) Proceeds to Foyle Hospice

#### **We are now open for enrolments for Spring 2025**

Study Theology Online, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 11th.

Find out more at [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)  
Click [here](#) to see a 2 minute introductory film [Prioryinstitute.com](http://Prioryinstitute.com)

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#### **NOW FLYING DIRECT FROM BELFAST**

Pilgrimage to Fatima 7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel. 28th May/4th June. Spiritual Director Fr Antony CP. Full religious programme. £849pps. For further information contact Joe Catney 07776425631

#### **WHIST**

Congratulations to all our winners. Deirdre O Hagan took First place followed by John Mc Brien in Second, Terry Monaghan had highest score in First Half and Pat Stankard/Geraldine Gallagher shared highest score in Second Half. **Please note that there will be no Whist Drive on Sunday 19th January.**

**DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE**  
**Mrs Marie Gormley DLP**  
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