

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday
In Ordinary Time*

22nd September 2024



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

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

Was there a moment in the last few days where I served another person without seeking recognition? Take a moment to look back at that moment and appreciate that you were following Jesus in "giving without counting the cost". Might that have been a moment recently where I felt 'taken for granted'? Was there anything in me caused me to be dissatisfied in that moment? Can I name what that was now and bring it to God in prayer? Is there anything in my mentality there that I or God would want to see changed? Pray about that too.

Children are trusting and need to be loved. When hurts come, those children can close up and being to rely on other forms of satisfaction? Is there any element of that in me? Did I notice myself being closed to someone else recently? Is there something in my behaviour that might point to a past hurt that debilitates our willingness to connect in the present? Imagine yourself as the child that Jesus is clasping. How are you reacting? What might you learn from that? Is there room for me to foster a more trusting and receptive spirit in my relationship with God? How do I define success in my life? Am I willing to let go of worldly measures of greatness and embrace the path of service to others? What things in my life can I point to as evidence of my worldly ambition? What things can I point to in my life as evidence that my worldly ambition is getting less (even to a small amount)?

This week, take time to perform a simple act of service for someone who may not be able to repay you. Reflect on how this brings you closer to the heart of Jesus and His example of humility.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, You came not to be served but to serve. Teach us the true meaning of greatness, that we may be humble and willing to serve others as You did. Help us to welcome the vulnerable and embrace the path of self-giving love, trusting in Your promise of life eternal. Amen.

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

Parish email: info@drumraghparish.com

**Sacred Heart Church
7.30pm Mass Intentions**

**Monday 23rd September
*Tommy McGuigan -Month Mind***

**Friday 27th September
Eamon McAlynn - Month Mind
Edward O'Reilly - Month Mind
*Thomas Downey - 1st Anniversary***

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Praying for Vocations

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus says, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." We pray for those called to serve the people of God as priests of the diocese of Derry, especially our five seminarians and the three men who have applied to begin their seminary studies this year.

Recently Deceased

We pray for
Colm Grogan
May he rest in peace



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.

Saint Francis' Blessing of pets/animals

Many people bring their pets to be blessed on St. Francis' feast day October 4th because of his love for animals as expressed in his Canticle of Creatures. We invite you to gather with us **on Sunday 29th September at 2.30pm** in the car park behind Sacred Heart Church. We'll remember not only the care of all creatures at our Blessing of the Animals, but your pet will be blessed individually as well. Please gather in the car park by 2:25 pm. Please keep all pets/animals under control.

"Do This in Memory" celebrations commence on Sunday 24th October 2024, we are appealing for volunteers to help in the organising of these events in preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion for Year 4 pupils. Training will be given. Please contact Mary at the Parish Office to leave your contact details.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND RETREAT DAY: Join us for a day of Spiritual Restoration, Inspiring Talks, Holy Mass, Prayer and Confession on Loughderg Island, Pettigo, Co. Donegal on **Saturday 5th October 2024**. This all day Retreat will run from 10am – 5pm. Email catholicmothers@outlook.ie for more information or to book your place.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine Saturday 28th September

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.

Bingo in St. Joseph's Hall on Tuesday 24th September



Twilight Walk in aid of Marie Curie taking place in Glenpark estate Friday 27th September. Gates open 6pm, with lanterns available for you to personalise in memory of your loved one, to have included in the lantern lane. Walk starts 7pm, and finishes with refreshments and entertainment. Please bring a torch and wear reflective clothing. Cash and card donations accepted on the night to support the work of your local Marie Curie Nurses.

Organ Donation Week 23rd - 29th September:

Organ Donation Week is a time dedicated to remembering and giving thanks to people who have enabled the "Gift of Life" to others by donating organs to those in need of life-saving transplants. This week is also an opportunity to raise awareness of organ donation. You are invited to have a conversation with your family, share your decision, register your decision. You Could Be A Life Saver!
Further information: www.organdonationni.info

Trócaire require people to join their team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict in Sudan and Gaza. You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Change – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, then please email Mark McMahon at infoni@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

Indian Children Sponsorship Group

The annual sponsorship money/donation is now due and can be paid to Phil Mullan (028 8224 7289) or to Una McMaugh (028 8554 8070). Many thanks to all for your continued support, giving an education to the poor and deprived children. Money can also be left in Top News. Your help is much appreciated. Thank you.

Public Meeting: Justice for Palestinian people: what can we do to help?

Speakers: Megan Sethuraman: World Council of Churches, Ecumenical programme in Palestine & Israel. Gerry Grainger, Barrister.

Wednesday 7pm. 25th September in Strule Arts Centre. Adm free. (hosted by Omagh branch the Ireland Palestinian Solidarity Campaign- ipscomagh@gmail.com)

Adult Safeguarding Training for all Church Volunteers will be held in the Pastoral Centre, Omagh on Tuesday 15th October from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm. You are encouraged to attend this training if your employment or volunteering in the parish involves contact with adults at risk or adults in need of Protection i.e., meeting with/visiting ... The following roles in the parish would benefit from this training, Clergy and Religious, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Parish Secretaries, Parish Housekeepers, Parish Caretakers, Adult Prayer Ministry Groups. Adult Safeguarding Training is required every 3 years. This is an opportunity to update and refresh your knowledge.

Please ring the Parish Office 028 8224 2092 between the hours (Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 9-2pm) to book your place onto this Adult Training.

The trainer requires a minimum of 15 people to allow the training to go ahead.

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

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.**

Next Dance 18th October

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."

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.



"**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)

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Marie Gormley DLP
Telephone 07596500793
marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org

Killyclogher Senior Citizen Club

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**

Omagh District Cage Bird Society are having a Bird Sale & Car Boot Sale on Saturday 28th September from 9am in Knockmoyle Community Hall BT79 7TB Enquiries to 07708671635

Whist - Play continues on Sunday night at 7 30pm in Coach Inn.