

*7th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

**23rd February 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:**

**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**

**Overview of the Gospel**

This Gospel contains Jesus' revolutionary teaching to love our enemies and show mercy to all, reflecting the boundless compassion of God. Jesus challenges human inclinations toward revenge and self-interest by presenting a higher standard: responding to hatred with love and to wrongdoing with forgiveness. The Golden Rule—treating others as we would want to be treated—forms the heart of His message. Jesus concludes with a call to imitate God's generosity, reminding us that divine mercy is not earned but freely given. Feelings follow footsteps. Actions change people. What we do influences who we become. If no one ever took small steps to change, nothing would ever change. Small steps like saying 'hello', making 'small talk' can lead a person away from shyness and self-focus and towards seeing the real humanity in others. When we let the hurts of life limit our actions, when we let the past limit how we view others, we might well be justified... but are we seeing the whole picture of other folk? Are we seeing the world as God sees it? Are we seeing the humanity (damaged and dimmed as it may be) in other folk whom God equally loves? As Jesus says: the Most High is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Jesus is calling us to broaden our outlook and to grow in character. Doing as he suggests, even in small ways can develop us even as we face the hurts that others have inflicted and move beyond them. Easily said, not easily done... Jesus never excused himself from the difficult: it turns out that doing the difficult ultimately led to glory for him. It can do the same for us in ways that we cannot even imagine just now.

Ultimately, this challenging path of growth and empathy, much like Jesus' own journey, can lead us to profound personal transformation and a deeper understanding of the world.

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**Sacred Heart Church  
7.30pm Mass Intentions**

**Monday 24th November**

***Baby Twins Scarlett Rose Doherty  
& Grayson Aidan Doherty Month Mind***

**Friday 28th February**

***Bernadette Smyth - Month Mind  
Arthur O'Neill - 1st Anniversary***

**Sacrament of Baptism**

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

***Arthur Harry Crocker  
Patrick James McCarthy***

**Do This in Memory Mass this weekend at 12.00 Sunday 23rd**

**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.

**Vocations:**

In this weekend's gospel Jesus reminds us of the challenge to love without discrimination or counting the cost. We pray for those called to preach the Gospel of love as priests of the diocese of Derry.



**Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, 7-9 March. Anyone interested should contact Fr Pat O'Hagan at [pgoh2111@gmail.com](mailto:pgoh2111@gmail.com)**

This year **Tattysallagh Crib Festival** raised £12,512 which included £217.50 Gift Aid which was divided equally between: MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders) to be used in the hospitals in Gaza.

UNICEF to support their Ukraine Emergency Humanitarian Appeal

MELLON EDUCATE to construct schools in the Townships of Cape Town, South Africa. Each of these three Charities received £4,170 and have acknowledged with deep gratitude the great generosity of the people of Omagh and the surrounding districts. Tattysallagh Crib Festival would like to sincerely thank all those generous people who helped and supported the exhibition, donated in person or online to raise this magnificent sum. Photos of the cheque presentations and other relevant information can be viewed on Tattysallagh Crib Festival '24 Facebook page soon.

**Lenten Journey of Hope.**

Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to come on a Lenten Journey of Hope by attending Life in the Spirit Seminars on Thursdays at 7.30 evening Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh.

March 6th God's Love

13th Salvation

20th The New Life

27th Receiving God's Gifts

April 3rd Baptism in the Spirit

10th Growth & Transformation

Fr Peter Mc Anenely

Fr Damian Bresnahan SMA

Bishop Donal McKeown

Lysette McShane

Fr Eamonn Kelly

Fr Antonio CFR

Come and Pray.

*Cappagh/Drumragh Youth Choir providing music at the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March*

**Bingo in St. Joseph's Hall on  
Tuesday 25th February AT 8.30pm**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> March, Sacred Heart Church, 5pm**

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

**For further information contact 07789001503**

**Dromantine Summer Camp 2025**

Registration for Camp 2025 goes live on Saturday 1st March for players (11-16) and the leadership team (17+). For more information about camp and how to register please visit our website at [www.dromantinesummercamp.co.uk](http://www.dromantinesummercamp.co.uk).

2025 Camp dates are as follows:

- Boys week 1: 20th - 25th July
- Boys week 2: 27th July - 1st August
- Girls week 1: 3rd - 8th August
- Girls week 2: 10th - 15th August

**Mary's Meals -Emergency in Southern Africa**

Southern Africa is experiencing its worst drought in 100 years, with an estimated 21 million children in the region suffering from malnutrition. Mary's Meals works in four of the worst effected countries (Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe) providing vital daily school meals to 1.5 million hungry children. To help Mary's Meals keep providing these life-changing meals and reach more children in need, please keep our work in your prayers and consider donating to this appeal.

10p provides a school meal. Find out more at [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) or freephone 0800 698 1212

**Subject: 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry**

*Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.?*

We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am.

In the prayerful setting of Lough Derg, this day will provide space for the power of music to nourish our spirit and allow us to give praise to God through the beauty of sound, song and silence. There will be various inputs as well as time to pray, connect with others and explore this Sacred place. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm (open to the public). This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus).

Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>

For further information please contact [info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk) / +447759496677.

**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**

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<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** **(Only to be used in case of emergency)**

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**Collectors for February**

**Vigil:** Pat Tierney, Peter McKenna,  
Roddy Hackett, Lorcan McGrath  
**9am:** Sean Lynam, Brian Byrne  
Sean Rodgers, Dominic Pinto  
**12pm:** Jim Joe Campbell/Billy Henry  
John McSorley/Jim Canning

St. Brigid's Crosses  
Thank you to the staff and customers at Top News for donations for St. Brigid's crosses to the Saturday Club for Special Needs Children. The total amount raised was £215.21 & 20cents



**WHIST**

Play continues next week in Coach Inn on

**The Royal national institute of the Deaf** are holding there bi monthly free drop in event in the Omagh Methodist Church hall on Thursday 27th February from 10.30-12-30

Come along and have your hearing checked new batteries and how to get the best from your hearing aids.

**Lourdes Hospitalité**

Committee thanks everyone for supporting the collection last weekend. A total of £713 was raised which helps bring pilgrims who require special care and assistance to Lourdes. Thank you again to everyone for the generous donations, especially when there was a collection the previous week for the **Lourdes Irish Pilgrimage Trust**, which raises funds to take young people with social, emotional, learning and physical difficulties to Lourdes at Easter.



**NOW, FIRST FLIGHTS DIRECT FROM BELFAST INTER' TO THE SHRINE OF FATIMA.**

7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel 28th May/4th June Spiritual Director Fr Antony CP. Convenient flight times. £849pps. For further details contact Joe Catney 07776425631.

**Also, 30th July/6th August.**