

Third Week of Lent

23rd March 2025

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Parish of Drumragh

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

Weekday Mass Times this week

10.00am Monday - Saturday

1.15pm Tuesday & Wednesday

7.30pm Monday/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

**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament on
Wednesday after
Morning Mass until 5.30pm**

Stations of the Cross

Friday at 10.30am
Sunday at 6.00pm

Connecting the Gospel to Today's Cultural Context

Paying Attention to Life's Moments

When people truly pay attention to life's significant moments—whether through personal challenges, unexpected discoveries, or deep realisations—the benefits can be transformative.

A classic example is the discovery of penicillin. In 1897, Ernest Duchesne noticed that mold could kill bacteria, but his work was ignored. Years later, Alexander Fleming accidentally rediscovered it in 1928 but didn't recognize its full potential. It took another decade for Florey and Chain to develop it into the life-saving antibiotic we know today. The lesson? If we don't pay attention, we don't see what's there.

This applies spiritually as well. Imagine if Moses had been too distracted to notice the burning bush—what if he had been scrolling on his phone instead? Many of us today live in a distracted world, missing the signs and nudges that call us to change. We fill our lives with busyness, entertainment, and avoidance, numbing ourselves to the deeper lessons life presents. Life constantly challenges us to grow—through grief, illness, crises, parenthood, or caregiving. If we aren't reflective, these moments will pass us by, and life will keep presenting the same lessons until we finally face them.

The Gospel speaks of God being like a vineyard worker who keeps tending a struggling plant—a symbol of life's challenges that demand attention and care. If we ignore them, we face missed opportunities, emotional numbness, and regret.

Lent is an invitation to wake up. It's not about finding something new but opening our eyes to what God is already showing us. The question is: Will we take the chance to learn the lessons life is offering?

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

Parish email: info@drumraghparish.com

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Aoibhin McMahon

DRUMRAGH PARISH
LENTEN JOURNEY OF HOPE



Omagh Charismatic
Prayer Group invites you to
Life in the Spirit Seminars 2025
Week 4 - Thursday 27th March
7.30pm Holy Mass

Theme: Receiving God's Gifts
Speaker: Dr. Lysette McShane
Accessible online at
www.drumraghparish.com



Recent Weddings

We congratulate the following couple who were married here recently

Catherine Nugent & Mark Gilloway
May the grace of the sacrament

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

Vocations:

In our first reading this weekend God calls Moses to lead His people from exile into the Promised Land. We pray for those being called by God today to lead His people in the ways of faith as priests of the diocese of Derry.

A Thought for Lent

“Give something, however small, to the one in need, for it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God if we have given what we could.” -

St. Gregory Nazianzen

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. The next ‘Do This in Memory’ Mass will take place tomorrow **Sunday 23rd March 12.00pm.**

"St. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men

Fri May 2nd to Mon May 5th (bank holiday) in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardbraccan Navan, C15 T884. Cost €190 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call 087 - 348 2148 or iveireland@ive.org

Children's Liturgy at 10.30am Mass each Sunday during Lent in Drumragh Chapel.

Open to primary school children.



Celebration of the Sacraments this week

First Confessions

Monday 24th March 2025

Tuesday 25th March 2025

Wednesday 26th March 2025

6.00pm Holy Family PS

6.00pm Saint Conor's PS

6.00pm All Saints & Sacred Heart PS

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

PARISH ENVELOPES are available for collection from **Monday 24th March**. We ask **parish representatives** to call to the Parish Office, between **9am & 1pm Monday, Tuesday & Thursday** to collect envelopes for their area.

The Omagh Churches Forum

Invite you to Lenten Lunch on Thursday 27th March at 12.30pm St. Joseph's Hall Guest Speaker Rev Dr. Alex Wimberley from the Corrymeela Community. All Welcome.

Lent Lunches



Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service Omagh

is seeking to recruit a chaperone for the Marriage and Relationship Counselling service in Mount Saint Columba Pastoral Centre.

The role involves the following:

To open premises and make ready to receive clients (appointments daytime and evenings).

To ensure the counsellor is not on the premises alone.

To welcome client/s into waiting area in preparation for their appointment.

To escort client off the premises post appointment.

To ensure premises are closed and locked up once counselling service has ended.

To ensure client confidentiality at all times.

If you are interested in the role, please contact Deirdre O'Rawe at dorawe@accordni.com Tel: 07980898399.

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. to facilitate venue.

Refreshments served. Everyone welcome.

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.

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@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk / +447759496677.

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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

Accord NI is recruiting experienced practitioners for the Derry and Enniskillen centres, to train in the specialism of couple counselling. Successful applicants will follow an 18-day (9 weekends) in-person Certificate programme, (144 hours class contact), which will provide the clinical skills essential for safe and ethical couples work. **Course fees paid and placement provided by Accord NI.** For further information and to obtain an application form please email info@accord.ie

Closing date for receipt of applications 30/04/2025.

Programme commences September 2025

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
Gamblers Anonymous	028 7135 1329
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

Drumquin Historical Society presents A Night in the Glen One Hundred Years ago. On Saturday 29th March at 7.30 pm in Drumquin Youth Centre Presented in Song, Story, Dance, and Poetry. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome.

St John's Parish Church, Caledon

Spring Craft Fair on Saturday 05 April 2025. 10am – 3pm

A wide variety of stall will be available

Admission: Adults £5/Children £2

For further details please contact

Lorraine Livingstone at 028 3754 8490

Fr Stephen McBrearty, lead Catholic Chaplain for the Prison Service, has asked for help to promote this volunteer role.

IMB members are unpaid public appointees, appointed by ministers to provide independent oversight of what happens in places of detention. It is a varied and rewarding role. You could be talking to a prisoner or detained person who is worried or vulnerable, who isn't able to access the support they need, or who needs help to sort out some practical problems. You will get to see and report on everything that happens behind the walls: what day-to-day life is like, whether there is enough education and training to help with rehabilitation, what support there is for the most vulnerable, how physical and mental health needs are met. Visit: <https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/news/board-opportunity-independent-monitoring-board-seeking-members>

Cappagh/Drumragh Youth Choir providing music at the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 5th April