



Learning About Mass With Kath & Qumen

The Readings

The Minister of the Word goes to the ambo to read. The first reading is usually from the oldest part of the Bible called the Old Testament. In the Easter Season the first reading comes from the New Testament. The stories that we hear during the first reading are the same stories that Jesus would have heard when he was a child. Some of the stories from the Old Testament are thousands of years old. They remind us of how long people have been listening to God's Word. They also tell us how much God loves us. Even though the stories are very old, they still have an important message for us today.

The Psalms: The psalms are different from the other readings from the Bible. They were written as poems or songs. There are 150 psalms altogether. Sometimes the psalm is sung. Between each verse there is a response which we are all invited to say. The psalm allows us to reflect on the reading that we have just heard.

Second Reading: This reading always comes from the part of the Bible called the New Testament. The reading is taken from the books that are found directly after the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Our Response to the Readings: At the end of each of the readings the Minister of the Word finishes by saying, 'The Word of the Lord' and we all respond with the words 'Thanks be to God'. This is our way of saying thank you to God for these stories which help us to grow together as members of God's family.

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Mass & Confession Times

Sacred Heart Church

Sunday Mass Times

Vigil : Saturday 6.00 pm

Sunday : 9 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm

St Mary's Drumragh: Sunday at 10 am

Friday (Feast of Epiphany) at 11 am

Weekday Mass Times for this Week

Mon - Thurs: 10 am & 7.30 pm

Friday (Feast of the Epiphany): 8 am, 10 am & 7.30 pm

Saturday: 10 am

Confession Times

Sacred Heart Church

Thursday: 10.30 am - 12.30 pm 6.30 pm - 7.15 pm

Saturday : 10.30 am - 12.30 pm & 6.45 pm


Feasts of the Week
Week Beginning Sunday 1st January
Monday 2 – Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church
Tuesday 3 – The Holy Name of Jesus; St Munchin, bishop
Thursday 5 – Blessed Charles of St Andrew, priest
Friday 6 – The Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday 7 – St Raymond of Penyafort, priest


Sacred Heart Church
Mass Intentions 7.30 pm
Monday Nan Smyth – 1st Anniversary
Friday Patrick McCrystal – 1st Anniversary

Drumragh Pastoral Council
 The next meeting of the Pastoral Council is on Monday 9th January at 8 pm.

Prayer for Priests
We ask for your prayers for the following priests this week:
Sunday 1st January – Fr Alex Anderson
Monday 2nd January – Fr Patrick Arkinson
Tuesday 3rd January – Fr Patrick Baker
Wednesday 4th January – Fr Declan Boland
Thursday 5th January – Fr Eugene Boland
Friday 6th January – Fr Francis Bradley
Saturday 7th January – Fr Manus Bradley

Al-Anon
 Is someone's drinking affecting your life? Whatever your relationship to the drinker, whatever your story, Al-Anon can help.
 Meetings are on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8.30 pm at Gortmore House, Derry Road, Omagh.


Words of Wisdom
"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." ~ Edith Lovejoy Pierce


The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
 Friday 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is a holy day of obligation. Confessions will be heard in the Sacred Heart Church on Thursday 5th January at 10.30 am to 12.30 pm and at 6.30 to 7.15 pm. Masses will be in the Sacred Heart Church at 7.30 pm (Vigil) on Thursday evening and 8 am, 10 am and 7.30 pm on Friday. Mass will be at 11 am in Drumragh on Friday.


The Baptism of Our Lord
Service for Children Baptised in 2011
 The Parish of Drumragh is hosting a liturgical celebration for all babies baptised in our parish during the year 2011. The celebration will take place in the Sacred Heart Church at 3 pm on Sunday 8th January – the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is hoped that all of these babies will be able to attend with their parents, godparents, grandparents and all family members. It is our prayer that this ceremony will bring great blessings upon the families concerned.

First Friday Devotions
 Friday is the First Friday of the month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the Sacred Heart Church from after 10 am Mass until 7.15 pm.

Visitation of the Sick & Housebound
 Monsignor Donnelly will visit the sick this month on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th January. Fr McDevitt will visit on Monday 9th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th January.



Parish Draw 2012

Our thanks again to all the promoters who have helped with the running of our Parish Draw in 2011. As you may now be aware the draw will run again in 2012 to continue to pay for the cost of the redevelopment of the Drumragh Graveyard. The registration day will take place on Saturday 7th January in the Pastoral Centre, Brook Street between 3 pm and 5 pm. All promoters are asked to come along to register their draw cards. If you are still interested in becoming part of the draw please contact Monsignor Donnelly or Fr McDevitt at the Parochial House. The first draw will be held on Tuesday 10th January, after the Bingo in St Joseph's Hall. We wish our members and promoters a Happy New Year!



We would like to thank all those who have supported our 2011 Advent Appeal. Advent calendar boxes and other donations can be returned to the church over the weekend of 7th/8th January. Proceeds will benefit children who are suffering from severe malnutrition in Ethiopia. For further information please visit www.childrenincrossfire.org/advent, or call Mark on 02871 269898.

Confirmation Talk



There will be a talk for parents of Year Seven children who are making their Confirmation this March. It will take place on Monday 16th January in St Joseph's Hall at 8.15 pm. All are asked to attend.

Readers for January

6.00 pm – Michael Flanagan; **9.00 am** – Kathleen O'Hagan; **11.00 am** – John Magennis; **12.30 pm** – Regina Maguire.

"In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship, but never in want." **Irish Toast**



Omagh Independent Advice Centre



Omagh Independent Advice Centre offers a free and confidential advice service to anyone in financial difficulty on all aspects of debt or any associated financial problem. If you would like to speak to someone about your financial difficulties, please contact Michele in the Advice Centre on 028 8224 3252.

Comhaltas Cr. na hOmaigh

Sincere thanks to all who supported our Christmas Draw and to our sponsors. Thanks to teachers Liam and Mairead, Principal and Caretaker of St Colmcille's School.

Winners of our Christmas Raffle:

- 1st - Aodhan Conway Caislean Glas
- 2nd - Half-way House Bar Taite Riabh

Nollaig shona Daoibh agus Bliain Ur Faoi mhasa.

NB. Class recommences on 6th February 2012 in St. Colmcille's School

Make 2012 your BEST Year yet!

Get back in Shape with Kettlebells for Women



Wednesday 4th January 2012, 8pm, Cappagh

Parish Centre, Killyclogher.

Monday 9th January 2012, 8pm, Strathroy Community Centre.

New Year Bootcamp - kickstart your health and fitness!

Starting Saturday 14th January 2012 at 9.30 am in Cappagh Parish Centre, Killyclogher

Total Body Toning

Tattyreagh Club, Wednesday 4th January 2012, 6:30pm.

All Classes run for 6 weeks @ £30. For more information and to book your place contact Colleen on 0752 101 0467 or email fightingfit@hotmail.co.uk.

**St Joseph's Hall, Omagh
Grand Country Concert
with Nashville Star Dee
Reilly**

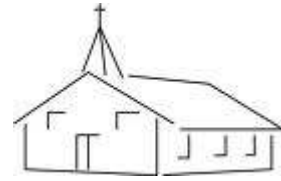


**& Guests Tony Kerr, Joe
Moore, Jason McGilligan &
The Big Band**

Friday 17th February 2012
Admission £15 – Doors Open 7.15 pm –
Show @ 8 pm
Tickets Available from: Top News,
Crystal Productions or from the website
www.crystalproductions.org

Words of Wisdom

*“The bad news is time flies. The good
news is you're the pilot.”*
– Michael Altschuler



**Contact the Booking Committee at
St Joseph's Hall for bookings for
St Joseph's Hall, Omagh .
Booking Forms can also be
downloaded at
www.drumraghparish.com**

*The Committee of St
Joseph's Hall wish all
its patrons a Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New Year*



*from A Christmas Childhood (by Patrick
Cavanagh)*

**My father played the melodeon
Outside at our gate;
There were stars in the morning east
And they danced to his music.
Across the wild bogs his melodeon called
To Lennons and Callans.
As I pulled on my trousers in a hurry
I knew some strange thing had happened.
Outside in the cow-house my mother
Made the music of milking;
The light of her stable-lamp was a star
And the frost of Bethlehem made it twinkle.
A water-hen screeched across the bog,
Mass-going feet
Crunched the wafer-ice on the pot-holes,
Somebody wistfully twisted the bellows wheel.
I nicked six nicks on the door-post
With my penknife's big blade-
There was a little one for cutting tobacco.
And I was six Christmases of age.
My father played the melodeon,
My mother milked the cows,
And I had a prayer like a white rose pinned
On the Virgin Mary's blouse.**



Useful Telephone Numbers

ACCORD	8224 2439
AL-ANON FAMILY	9068 2368
ALCOHOLICS	9043 4848
ANONYMOUS	
AWARE	7126 0602
CARE FOR CANCER	8224 6599
CRUSE	8224 4414
DRUG AWARENESS	0800 776600
GAMBLERS	7135 1329
ANONYMOUS	
THE SAMARITANS	8224 4944
WOMEN'S AID	8224 5998
PARKINSONS DISEASE	8224 2889
PIONEERS	8224 2921
SVDP THRIFT SHOP	8224 9839
SVDP HELPLINE	8224 4488