

# Seagoe Parish

## MASS SCHEDULE

Mass streamed daily from 10:15am, 7 days a week.

Stations of the Cross streamed live at 7:00pm on Fridays.

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## ARRANGING BAPTISMS

Congratulations to parents of new babies born in our parish. Baptisms of up to two children take place on the second Sunday of each month in St Mary's, Derrytrasna, and on the fourth Sunday in St Patrick's Aghacommon. Please phone the parish office to make an appointment to book your child's baptism.

## SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

The pandemic has seriously reduced parish income with the suspension of Masses and reduced congregations. More than ever, we need the support of parishioners to enable the parish to move forward.

In this time when physical collections are not taken up on Sundays, why not move your donation **online?** Go to [www.dromorediocese.org](http://www.dromorediocese.org), then click on DONATE.

Alternatively, phone the parish office if you would prefer to arrange a **direct debit**, or to have a **box of envelopes**.

Thank you; please encourage members of your family who are earning, even if they don't attend Mass often.

## † ETERNAL REST †

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Nuala McConville,  
Foxgrove, formerly Lurgan  
Joanne Heaney, Wolfisland Terrace

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Saturday 6 March

Patrick & Sheila McCann,  
Ballynamoney Road

Annie & Andy Hayes,  
Derrymacash Road

Sarah Lavery, Wolfisland Terrace  
(Month's Mind)

#### Sunday 7 March

Tony McCann,

Derrytrasna Park (Month's Mind)

Joe McCluskey, The Palms

#### Tuesday 9 March

Patrick Aldridge, Belfast

#### Wednesday 10 March

Jim McGurran, Derrymacash Road

#### Thursday 11 March

John & Isene Byrne,  
Charlestown Road

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

### POPE FRANCIS

Saturday 13 March marks the 8th anniversary of Pope Francis' election as Successor of St Peter. Please keep him in your prayers these days as he pays an apostolic journey to Iraq too.

## LENT : PRAYER

What good does prayer do? Does it change God's mind? No, God doesn't need convincing to act for good. So why pray?

1. Jesus told us to, and led by example: "Pray always," "be persistent".
2. Prayer changes things. In calling us to prayer, God extends to us the dignity of being causes; he could do it on his own, but he wants to be co-worker with us. So when we cooperate and add our prayers to his goodness, that what he's calling us to. God still wants us to play our part: to care for ourselves, provide for children, make decisions for good. Spiritually he wants us to pray for good and in so doing, play our part in bringing good about with God.
3. Prayer changes us. In any way we come into contact with God, it changes us. We become more like him when we spend time with him, and are in relationship with him. Think of a parent who asks a child to help with chores: the parent could do them alone, probably more quickly, but in working together, the job gets done, but more importantly the child grows in understanding how the parent plans, thinks, acts, solves problems: a relationship grows deeper. This is how we grow more like God in spending time with him.

# ST RONAN'S PASTORAL AREA:

comprising the parishes of Seagoe, Moyraverty,  
Lurgan and Magheralin

# Sunday Bulletin

SUNDAY 7 MARCH 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Fr Brian Fitzpatrick, PP.	3834 1901
Fr Michael Maginn, Assistant Pastor	3831 1872
Rev Gerry Heaney, permanent deacon	3834 3013
Rev Juan Jesús Gonzalez Borralló, transitional deacon	3834 1901

St Anthony's Church Sacristy	3834 5297
St Anthony's Parish Hall	07531126199

St Vincent de Paul Confidential Helplines  
Moyraverty 07919496053  
Seagoe 07827770304

**Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**  
Diocesan Designated Child Protection Officer  
Patricia Carville 07789917741  
Southern Health & Social Care Trust 0800 783 745  
N.I ChildLine 08001111

## PARISH OFFICE RESTRICTED VISITING

The Parish Office retains normal opening hours, but during the lockdown emergency, this is for phone calls, e-mails and other correspondence, but not to callers in person.

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:**

**9:00am–2:00pm**

**Friday: 9:00am–1:30pm**

**Phone: 3834 3013**

**Please note our new e-mail addresses:**

**[moyravertyparish@dromorediocese.org](mailto:moyravertyparish@dromorediocese.org)**  
**[seagoe-parish@dromorediocese.org](mailto:seagoe-parish@dromorediocese.org)**

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday 15 - Friday 19 March.**

Anniversaries and notices for the bulletin Sunday 21 March should be in the parish office by 12.00 this Thursday.

## UPDATE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP

The Northern Bishops endorse the **stay at home** message for the current lockdown. However following their meetings with the Stormont Executive and Public Health authorities, the Bishops and leaders of the other main Churches have identified 26 March as a *provisional* date for resuming the celebration of public worship, subject to confirmation after further meetings following Saint Patrick's Day.

This gives us some increased hope that we will be able to celebrate Easter together, and dates beyond that for Confirmation and First Communion should be kept as planned.

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

*(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)*

## RECONCILIATION

Confession/reconciliation and God's mercy is always available, lockdown or not. You are welcome to phone either of the priests on the numbers above to arrange to have confession, for you and the members of your family/bubble. We will be glad to meet you at social distance, in the church or outdoors if the weather is fine, and make this Lent a time of real personal grace. St Paul on Ash Wednesday: "We beseech you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God" (2Cor 5:20).

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Remember, the churches are still open daily for private prayer. Why not pay a visit and pray the Stations of the Cross? Alternatively, join our parish Facebook pages to pray the Stations with us on Friday evenings: Seagoe @ 7:00pm, Moyraverty @ 7:45pm.

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- 7 Mar** Ss Felicity and Perpetua, young 3rd-century African mothers, martyred for becoming Christians
- 8 Mar** St Senan, 6th-century monk from Clare
- 8 Mar** St John of God, provider of hospitals for the sick
- 9 Mar** St Frances of Rome, wife, mother, carer for the destitute
- 11 Mar** St Aengus, reforming monk from Laois

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Anniversaries and Notices for bulletin should be in the parish office **no later than 12.00 noon on Thursday** to be included in the bulletin.

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## RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING

Counselling is an essential service which is permitted during times of pandemic restrictions. The Accord Newry Centre is providing 'in person' Couples Relationships Counselling. Please contact Moira O'Hare, Accord Newry on 07918170686 for information. Office Hours are Monday to Wednesday 5pm–8:30pm and Thursday 5pm–7:30pm.

## Trócaire

Trócaire boxes are available in all the churches: please take one for your household and others for your extended family, neighbours or friends who are housebound. Daily small contributions to the box throughout Lent amount to a very generous gift to the poor come Easter. Thank you.

## LYLO CEMETERY

Some people have been dumping household rubbish in the graveyard skip which is designated only for garden waste, flowers, wreaths, etc. This greatly increases the cost to the parish of having the skip emptied. Please do not bring household waste to the skip to dispose of it there.

## EASTER BLESSINGS

An Easter Card of 12 poems and prayers by Fr Michael Maginn, is now available at the back of St Anthony's Church, Craigavon.

If you wish to leave a suggested donation of £2 per card, it may be placed in the large wooden box marked Weekly Parish Envelopes. All proceeds to Trocaire.



## † ETERNAL REST †

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Saturday 6 March

Kearney Family, Belfast  
Frank Moore, Thornleigh

#### Sunday 7 March

Henry Lappin, Bleary

#### Monday 8 March

Agnes Farrell, Clonmeen

#### Wednesday 10 March

Margaret Byrne, Gilpin's Manor  
Kathleen Topping, Lurgan & Portadown  
Sadie Livingston, Silverwood Cottage

#### Friday 12 March

Patsy Donnelly, Pinebank

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.*

## DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 15th March 2021: @7:30pm The Society will host an online lecture by Michael McKernan entitled "Where did St Patrick come from?" Access to the event will be available from 7:20pm with a start at 7:30pm sharp. A link to the talk can be obtained by e-mailing the Hon Secretary [goss.jjm@gmail.com](mailto:goss.jjm@gmail.com) and will be forwarded on Monday 15th March

## THE 2021 CENSUS

The ten-yearly civil census takes place on 21 March, in the next fortnight. A pack will be delivered to your door next week with all the necessary information about the census and how to complete it.

If you don't receive a pack, you need guidance in different formats, or require any support whatever, phone free on **0800 328 2021** or visit the website **[www.census.gov.uk/ni](http://www.census.gov.uk/ni)**.

Don't forget, it was when Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem to be registered in the census that the Son of God was born, and counted too. If it's good enough for the Holy Family, it's important enough that you and your household be counted too in 2021. Don't be left out.