

Seagoe Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

St Patrick's Aghacommon

Sunday	11:00am
Tuesday	10:30am
Thursday	10:30am
Friday	7:00pm

Confessions every Friday 6:30–6:50pm

St Mary's Derrytrasna

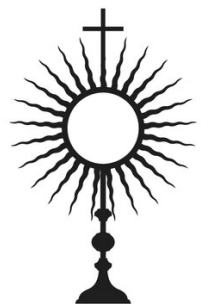
Monday	10:30am
Wednesday	7:00pm
Saturdays (vigil Mass for Sunday)	6:00pm

Confessions every Saturday 5:30–5:50pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations will be held immediately after the Evening Mass alternately on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent.

This week: Stations of the Cross in St Mary's at 7:30pm on Wednesday 26 March



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This week: Adoration in St Patrick's at 7:30pm on Friday 28 March, concluding with Benediction at 8:15pm.

This Tuesday we celebrate the Incarnation: God made flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary. St Alphonsus asserts this fact: God wanted to dwell among human beings, humbling himself to the point of taking on our human nature and thus making possible his encounter with man. He then goes on to relate the Incarnation to the Eucharist:

In the Eucharist, the mystery of the Incarnation becomes more concrete because Christ unites himself to the person receiving, who responds: "My Saviour in the Sacrament, O divine Lover, how adorable are the inventions of your love to make yourself beloved by souls! O eternal Word, you who became man, you were not content with dying for us; you gave us this Sacrament as **company, nourishment and a pledge of Paradise**. You appeared among us as an infant in a stable, as a poor man in a workshop, as an offender on a cross, as bread upon an altar. Tell me, must anything else be invented to make you loved?"

Next week: NO Adoration in St Mary's due to Confirmation.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 16 March £1000.37

Please make cheques payable to 'Seagoe Parish'.

We thank all our parishioners for their continued support and generosity.

† RECENTLY DECEASED †

We offer our deepest sympathy and prayerful remembrance to the to the grieving relatives of the following parishioners and people in other parishes who died in recent days.

Kathleen Mullan, née French, formerly Derrymacash
Michael Breen, Lisnagade Mews
Eilish Casey, Templer Court

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 22 March

Seamus, William-John & Annie McConville, Derrycor

Mary Rose & Francis McKeown, Hillsborough
Mary Ellen & Edward McAlinden, High Moss

Sunday 23 March

Month's Mind Sean McCaughley, Kilvergan Road

Patrick Carville, Ballynamoney Road
John McShane, Ennis Tarry
Kathleen Duffy, Wolfisland Terrace

Tuesday 25 March

Joseph McGeown, Ardmore Road
Daniel Blaney, Ardmore Road

Wednesday 26 March

Month's Mind Fergal Lennon, Ardowen
May Haughian, Derrytrasna Road

Kathleen Coleman, Ballynery North Road

Thursday 27 March

Francis Hogan, Wolfisland Terrace

Friday 28 March

John Coleman, Charlestown Road

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

2023 PARISH ACCOUNTS

Seagoe parishioners will find a copy of the 2023 parish accounts enclosed in this week's bulletin for your information. Of note, the large cost of repair and maintenance for the year is primarily due not only to phase 1 of the repair works to St Patrick's Church both inside and out, but also costs of a new boiler installed in St Patrick's in December 2022. However, excluding the figure for these works, the income exceeds routine expenditure, and we are heartened by the continued generosity of all our parishioners and benefactors who contribute by different means. This enables us to plan and invest for future projects and the continued maintenance of Church property. 2024 accounts are currently being prepared and will be published later this year. Thank you. Fr Brian and Seagoe Parish Finance Committee.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

New Offertory Envelopes are currently being distributed.

If you would like envelopes for the first time please contact the parish office. Please let us know if you have changed address.

If you are a taxpayer please use the card in your envelope box to sign up for Gift Aid as this allows us to claim 20% tax back on you payments; also if you are currently Gift Aided and are no longer paying income tax please let us know so we can remove you from our claim.

Direct Debit forms are available from the back of the Church as a convenient way to make your payments!

ST RONAN'S PASTORAL AREA:

comprising the parishes of Seagoe, Moyraverty, Lurgan and Magheralin

Sunday Bulletin

SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday–Friday (*except Wednesdays*)

9.30am - 2.00pm

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or moyraverty parish@dromorediocese.org

In any emergency, please phone the parochial house 24/7 on 028 3834 190

IRISH SYNODAL PATHWAY!

To prepare for the 2026 National Synodal Assembly for Ireland, the Diocese of Dromore invites you to attend one of two consultation evenings to reflect on the Universal Synod themes and set priorities for action.

Newry Parish Centre – 2nd April 2025 at 7pm

or

St Peter's Lurgan Parish centre – 9th April 2025 at 7pm

You can either complete the required pre-reading independently, or attend an online orientation event via Zoom on Wednesday 26 March at 7pm.

Extended date /Register by 24th March 2025 here: www.dromorediocese.org/events

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon 24 Mar St Macartan, *convert of St Patrick, became his companion, first bishop of Clogher*

Tue 25 Mar Annunciation of the Lord

25 MARCH THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



25 March, nine months in anticipation of Christmas, we celebrate the openness of young Mary of Nazareth to the message brought her by the Angel Gabriel, her willing obedience to God's will, and the Holy Spirit by whose power God the Son was conceived human in her womb. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

No Lenten fasting is permitted on this solemnity.

EVENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL OF ST PATRICK & ST COLMAN

As Newry Cathedral is the Church in the Dromore Diocese designated by the Archbishop to gain a Plenary Indulgence, the parishioners of all parishes of the Diocese are welcome to join in the following various celebrations.

Sat 5 April ~ Visiting speaker Martina Purdy, who will speak on the theme of Hope.

Fri 11 April ~ Service of Reconciliation, focusing on the Indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope and the theme of Reconciliation.

Sun 27 April ~ Celebration of Carlo Acutis becoming a Saint. Mass will be celebrated at 5.30pm in the Cathedral celebrating the fact of Carlo Acutis' canonisation, a young man who lived his life in an extraordinary way. The new Saint will be someone to whom the youth can relate.

Sun 18 May ~ Family Mass, followed by the blessing of the Grotto in the Cathedral Garden and a Family Picnic. We express our gratitude to the family who donated this beautiful grotto and to the gardening committee who look after the garden so well.

Sun 22 Jun ~ Corpus Christi Procession at 3.00pm. This year the procession will begin in St. Catherine's Church and make its way to the Cathedral for the Benediction.

Sun 29 June ~ Mass Rock Commemoration at 3.00pm. The Mass Rock is in a beautiful setting in Ballyholland. It is in a secluded setting, giving an appreciation of the hardship our forbearers endured to attend their weekly Mass, risking their lives.

MASS SCHEDULE

St Anthony's

Sunday	12:00noon
Monday–Saturday	9:30am
Mondays	6:00pm
Saturday (vigil Mass for Sunday)	7:30pm

Confessions

From 6:45pm–7:20pm on Saturdays

St John the Evangelist, Lylo

Sunday	10:00am
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations will be held immediately after the 9.30am morning Mass on Wednesdays during Lent.

REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

Sr Rosemary will lead 'Scripture Reflections for Lent' in St Anthony's Parish Centre on Friday 28 March, 4 April & 11 April, after the 9.30am Mass. A cup of tea will be served on arrival and all are welcome.

LENTEN RETREAT

Coming soon to all the parishes of St Ronan's Pastoral Area, a Lenten retreat for all our parishioners. Nightly, from Monday 7–Friday 11 April, hosted by each parish in turn. More details next week.

LENTEN SCRUTINIES

What are they?

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, Cameron, the newly named "Elect" [Chosen One] in our parish, participates in three successive rites called "the Scrutinies". These date back to the early Church, and take place during the Sunday Mass for adults preparing for baptism, each one linked to the Gospel reading for that Sunday. Each **gospel** powerfully depicts the hidden transformation God accomplishes in the Elect through each Scrutiny. A **proclamation** emphasises repentance and conversion as the Light of Christ comes to pierce the darkness of sin and to bring life where there is death.

The "Elect" along with his sponsor, kneels before the celebrant, and the assembly prays for him with a series of **intercessions**. It culminates in a prayer of cleansing and protection (**exorcism**) with the laying-on-of-hands. Each Scrutiny is a step in preparing the Elect for the celebration and initiation soon to come.

The Scrutinies are God's way of taking a close, loving look at the Elect. Jesus "scrutinises" us with Divine Light, revealing all that is valuable within each of us. During Lent, every one of us is invited to take a close look into our own heart. Jesus also reveals to us the ways in which we are hurting, or sick, or sinful. This is not to reject us, but to call us to new life and to healing.

May these Scrutinies call our Elect Cameron, and us, into the living waters of baptism, to the light of holiness, to a new life in Christ, through His Resurrection.

† ANNIVERSARIES †

Saturday 22 March

Eileen & Joe Moore, Bleary
Christy Ried, Drumbeg North
Daniel Burns, Drumellan Gardens

Sunday 23 March

Frank McEvoy, Ardowen
Patrick McAtamney, Hunter Hill Park

Monday 24 March

John Watkins, Highfield Park

Wednesday 26 March

Margaret Austin, Enniskeen

Thursday 27 March

Alice Lappin, Portadown

Friday 28 March

Philomena Mallon, Taghnevan
Eddie & Sadie Lavelle, Co Cavan

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

BAPTISM

We rejoice with the family of **Nathan Febi**, Hannon Drive at his recent birth to eternal life in the sacrament of baptism

LEGION OF MARY ACIES CEREMONY

Sunday 23rd March at 3pm

St Anthony's Church Craigavon.

Everyone welcome to renew their Consecration to our Blessed Lady including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction. Refreshments will be served in St Anthony's Parish Centre following the service.

LOURDES 18-30-YEAR-OLDS

8–14 June 2025

Come experience Lourdes for yourself: the prayer, music, faith and craic with others, plus working and spending time with the Pilgrims of Dromore Diocese, helping those who need assistance, assisting with Masses and celebrations.

If interested, we require names and £150 deposit by Wednesday 26 March; total cost £450. For more info email youthdirector@dromorediocese.org or phone 02830833898

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 16 March £1028.44

Please make all cheques payable to 'Moyraverty Parish'.

We thank all our parishioners for their

CASHLESS DONATION POINT

We have a new card reader installed in St Anthony's Church porch for anyone who is caught without cash but wishes to make a contribution by card/phone for the collection basket, for candles or shrines.

Simply CHOOSE/enter the amount you wish to donate,

TAP your contactless card/phone.....and you're DONE.

There is also a one-off option to Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer.

Thank you sincerely for your support to the parish.