

# Seagoe Parish

## MASS SCHEDULE

### ST PATRICK'S AGHACOMMON

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

### ST MARY'S DERRYTRASNA

Monday	10:30am
Wednesday	7:00pm
Saturday (vigil Mass for Sunday)	6:00pm
Confessions 5:30-5:50pm	

## UPDATE ON ST PATRICK'S

We have been given a start date of Monday 24 April by the contractors for works to begin in St Patrick's. This means the last Mass will take place on Sunday 23 April before the church closes for approximately three months.

**Baptisms** Will be held on the first, second and fourth Sundays of the month in St Mary's.

**Cemetery:** St Patrick's Cemetery will remain open and accessible for burials and visits to graves by the top gate (Corner House end). The swing gate will be out of use.

**Funerals:** Requiem Masses will be celebrated in St Mary's Derrytrasna, proceeding afterwards to St Patrick's Cemetery for interment.

**First Communion and Confirmation** for St Patrick's PS will take place on the agreed dates and times, but in St Mary's Derrytrasna, i.e.

Confirmation for both schools: Wednesday 26 April at 7:00pm

First Holy Communion on Saturday 20 May:

St Patrick's PS at 11:00am

St Mary's PS at 1:00pm.

## POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

Young people who signed up for the Award in Sept/Oct 2021 and are in the process of completing the Award are asked to return their completed Award Reflection Book to either their Award leader or their school's Head of RE if possible before Easter. The final closing date for returned completed books is **Wednesday 26th April**. Only those who return completed record cards and books will receive an Award.

## GIVE BLOOD, SAVE LIVES

Upwards of 850 units of blood are used for patients requiring transfusion each week, yet 94% of the eligible population still do not give blood. NIBTS need to attract many new donors to ensure a safe supply of blood to our hospitals. New and existing donors are urged to attend the local blood donation session in Seagoe Parish Centre, Portadown on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th April.

## PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

**Sunday 2nd April £1628.88**

Thank you for supporting your parish

## † ETERNAL REST †

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Sunday 9 April

Michael Forde, The Oaks  
Kathleen & Sharon Skelton, Derrytagh North  
Andrew & Elizabeth Hogan, Ardmore Road  
Veronica McCann, Derrytrasna Road  
Arthur Lennon, Byrne's Rampart  
James Corr, Carrigart  
John Paul Hosty, Lisnagade Mews

#### Tuesday 11 April

Shauneen Brown, Clanbrassil Grove (M.M.)

#### Wednesday 12 April

Gerald Devlin, Derrytrasna Road

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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**This week: Adoration in St Patrick's at 7:30pm on Easter Friday, 14 April. Benediction at 8:15pm.**

St Augustine says, "Recognise in this bread what hung on the cross and in this chalice what flowed from His side...whatever was announced beforehand in many and varied ways in the sacrifices of the Old Testament pertains to this one sacrifice which is revealed in the New Testament."

*Next week: Adoration in St Mary's at 7:30pm on Wednesday 19 April. Benediction at 8:15pm.*

## SOLITUDE SATURDAY

### 22nd April

An opportunity to take some time for yourself in the beautiful surroundings of Glenvale to refresh mind and body.

The day begins at 10:00am and ends at 3:30pm.

Refreshments and a light lunch included.

Suggested donation £20

Places limited so early booking essential; contact 028 3083 2828.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY

World Youth Day is a Catholic Youth Festival that takes place this year in Lisbon Portugal from 31 July to 7 August. There are 3 places left with our diocesan group. This is a great opportunity for young adults (18 to 30) to meet other like-minded young people who value their faith. It is an event that welcomes millions to attend. When you bring so many young people together it creates opportunity for a sharing of cultures, music and dance. Pope Francis plans to join the event on Sunday 6 August for Mass. This will be a memorable experience for all who attend. If you are interested in knowing more or coming along, come and see Fr Brian or Fr Colum after Mass, or give them a ring.

## SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

If you prefer cashless, please use the QR code to give to your parish funds or support your priests once-off or monthly. Open the camera on your phone, and point it at the code below for a link to the donation site. Thank you for your kind contribution.

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# ST RONAN'S PASTORAL AREA:

comprising the parishes of Seagoe, Moyraverty, Lurgan and Magheralin

# Sunday Bulletin

SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2023

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Fr Brian Fitzpatrick, *Parish Priest* 3834 1901  
Fr Michael Maginn, *Assistant Pastor* 3831 1872  
Rev Gerry Heaney, *Permanent Deacon* 3834 3013  
Fr Colum Murphy, CC 3834 1901  
St Anthony's Church Sacristy 3834 5297  
St Anthony's Parish Hall 075 3112 6199

St Vincent de Paul Confidential Helplines  
Moyraverty 079 1949 6053  
Seagoe 078 2777 0304

### Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

Diocesan Designated Child Protection Officer  
Patricia Carville 077 8991 7741  
Southern Health & Social Care Trust 0800 783 745  
N.I ChildLine 0800 1111

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Closed all week for the Easter holidays, except 10:00am-1:00pm on Tuesday.**

Phone: 028 3834 3013.

Address: 10 Tullygally Road, Legahory, Craigavon, BT65 5BL.

E-mail: [seagoeeparish@dromorediocese.org](mailto:seagoeeparish@dromorediocese.org) or [moyravertyparish@dromorediocese.org](mailto:moyravertyparish@dromorediocese.org)  
**For emergencies, please phone the parochial house 24/7 for a priest on 3834 1901.**

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK

*No saints are celebrated this week. All the energies of the Church are given exclusively to celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord for the next eight days.*

### EASTER FOR THE SENSES

Since God has made us from the dust of the earth, and declared his handiwork to be 'very good', Christians value the physical, tangible symbols that appeal to our senses and are used in the liturgy to convey God's invisible work on our souls, hearts and minds.

#### Fire/Light



The Church's first act in celebrating the Resurrection is the blessing of a fire at the beginning of the Easter vigil. From that blessed fire the Paschal candle is lit, and the light of that candle's flame is brought into the dark church, and gradually illumines the whole building as it is shared among the congregation. The Paschal candle is given a prominent place in the sanctuary throughout Easter, and is the dominant symbol of the Easter season. Right from the beginning of the Easter Vigil our voices proclaim the light of the risen Christ. This symbol is also central at baptisms and funerals throughout the year. The Easter candle is likened to the pillar of fire that led the Israelites out of slavery to freedom.

#### Water



Water is associated with life and growth, cleansing, and even death

at times in the Bible. It is a rich Easter symbol for all these reasons: since adult catechumens join the Church at Easter in their baptism and become Christians, the water in which they are baptised symbolises their birth to a new life in God (eternal life). It also symbolises the washing away of all sin, and even their dying to the former dry and arid ways of life without Christ. Holy Easter water is sprinkled on everyone at Easter Mass to remind us of our own baptism into the life of the Risen Lord.

#### Oil



In the Bible, oil features as a necessity for medicines, for showing hospitality by anointing a guest, beginning a mission as prophet or royalty, preparing the dead for burial, and lighting lamps. Oil is the liturgical symbol which is applied by touch: think of the sacraments that involve holy anointing by touch: baptism, confirmation, holy orders and sacrament of the sick. In each of these, God reaches out to touch us in goodness. The newly-baptised are anointed with chrism as a sign of their having been anointed by the Father and Son with the Holy Spirit, and also as a sign that they are chosen and commissioned by God to be his witnesses in the world. Oil is absorbed into the body through the skin, just like the grace of God it symbolises.

#### White Garment



White is symbolic of innocence. Through Baptism our sins are washed away, and we become 'clean' because of Jesus Christ. We gain the dignity and holiness of the Christian. In putting on a white garment, the newly baptised person shows they have 'put on' Christ and have risen with him to new and everlasting life.

#### Lamb



While not used in the course of Christian liturgy, the lamb is a prominent feature of the Passover meal, wherein the blood of the lamb put on the doorposts staves off the angel of death. John the Baptist later called Jesus the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." The image of the Easter lamb, symbolising the Risen Christ with his flag of victory, is commonly seen in church decoration. Lamb is still central to the Passover meal eaten by Jews today, and roast lamb is popularly eaten as a classic Easter dinner, thus appealing to the senses of taste and smell as well as sight.

# Moyraverty Parish

## MASS SCHEDULE

### ST ANTHONY'S

Sunday	12:00noon
Monday	9:30am
Tuesday - Saturday	9:30am
Saturday (vigil Mass for Sunday)	7.30pm
Confessions 6:45pm-7:20pm on Saturdays	
<b>ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LYLO</b>	
Sundays	10:00am

### KNOCK: SAVE THE DATE

The Dromore diocesan pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 3 June. More details and booking to follow.

### NEW ENVELOPES

New boxes of offertory envelopes are now available in all churches. Every box has a card within to be completed for gift aid if you are a taxpayer, benefitting the parish by 25% on your donation without any cost to yourself. Please return completed cards to the collection basket or parish office.

Anyone who would like to start a direct debit or new box of envelopes in support of the parish should contact the parish office as soon as possible.

### POPE'S INTENTION

Each month, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention. In this month of April, you are invited to join him in praying "for a culture of peace and non-violence. We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens." Amen.

### ALLELUIA!



Warmest congratulation and welcome into the Church to our newly-baptised sisters in Christ, Shannan Jackson and Gemma Maguire-Elliott. As adults seeking faith, they undertook the formation programme of learning more about God's plan of love for us all, and how to open their hearts to him in return. They are now called **neophytes** (newborns) as they are born to eternal life this weekend; may this new life in God bring them joy and fulfilment every day ahead, and guide them at life's end to the kingdom of heaven.

### PARISH DRAW

The next of the parish draws takes place this coming EASTER TUESDAY at 7:30pm in the parish centre and on facebook live. Participants and promoters are asked to make sure their returns are made to ensure they are eligible for the draw. **The parish office will be open from 10:00am-1:00pm on Easter Tuesday for draw returns to be made.** It will not be open on Tuesday afternoon.

### NOVENA TO SAINT ANTHONY

The Parish Pastoral Council is pleased to announce the return of the Novena to St Anthony following its popularity during last year's jubilee. This year the novena will again run over nine consecutive Mondays, beginning on Monday next, 17 April, and concluding on 12 June. Prayers will be recited at the 9:30am and 6:00pm Masses each week.

### THANK YOU

We appreciate the attractive new stand for the Paschal fire, created for us by Tony Creaney, Pinebank, who has gifted it to the parish in memory of Paula Moore, RIP. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam.

### DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 17 April @ 7:30pm. The Society will host an illustrated talk by Jerome Mullen OBE GCM on "Life and Death of a Vatican Diplomat: The Pain of a Brother's Loss" in the Parish Centre, Newry. All welcome

## † ETERNAL REST †

### RECENTLY DECEASED

*We offer our deepest sympathy and prayerful remembrance to the families of the following parishioners who died in recent days.*

Sheila Plaistowe, Magheralin  
Alice Richardson, Clanrolla  
Loretta Graham, Bleary

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Saturday 8 April

Esther Robinson, Pinebank  
Major Edmund Joseph Bourke, Fermoy & Craigavon  
Mary Hamilton, Meadowbrook  
Maura Conran, Portadown

#### Sunday 9 April

Maura Mullaney, Ardowen  
James & Mary Ellen Hagan, Kildress  
Winifred O'Dowd, Clonmeen  
Marie Reynolds, Lough Road, Lurgan  
Patrick Fisher Snr, Belfast  
Grazina Kaspariene, Moyraverty Gardens  
Angie McKeown, Bleary

#### Monday 10 April

John Higgins, Rosmoyle  
Sylvia Henderson, formerly Moyraverty (MM)

#### Thursday 13 April

Anne Fox, Lakeview Park  
Margaret Larkin

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

### BAPTISM

We rejoice with the family of **Lola Violet Sheehy**, Hillcrest Mews at her recent birth to eternal life in the sacrament of baptism.

### PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

**Sunday 2nd April £1202.97**

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

### TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Please return to the collection basket, or hand in to sacristy or parochial house. **Do not leave Trócaire boxes unattended in an empty church.**



Limited tickets £12.00 available from:

**Colleen's Kitchen**  
**St Vincent de Paul shop in St Anthony's Church Porch**  
**Parish office**

**To book a table, phone Colleen on 077 1402 7667. DRAW TICKETS are now on sale for this Grand Country Music Show** - if you wish to buy a ticket £1 or perhaps a book of 7 £5 or even sell a few books for the draw on the night they will be available after all Masses at the back of the church this weekend.

**1st Prize £300**  
**2nd Prize £200**  
**3rd Prize £100**

*All Proceeds in support of Moyraverty Parish.*