

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	

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This week: Adoration and rosary in St Mary's on Wednesday 4 December at 7:30pm, concluding with Benediction at 8:15pm.

When we pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament we extend the mystery we celebrate in the Eucharist. We bring before the Lord all of our cares and troubles, and prepare ourselves for the next time we receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Extended prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is an expression of the ancient tradition of **vigil**: offering time before the Lord. Our lives are made up of time, and the way we spend it is the surest measure of our priorities. In Gethsemane, when Jesus "returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter: 'So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?'" (Matthew 26:40) In the Gospels, Jesus himself keeps vigil before the Heavenly Father (e.g., Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12).
Next week: Adoration in St Patrick's on Friday 13 December at 7:30pm, concluding with Benedictin at 8:15pm.

SVP ANNUAL APPEAL

This year's Annual Appeal collection will be held after Masses in the Parish on the weekend 7/8 December:

St Mary's — Saturday Vigil 7th December
St Patrick's — Sunday 8th December
Your traditional generosity will be greatly appreciated to help SVP give much-needed support to individuals and families experiencing hardship in our Parish this Christmas.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 24 November £1071.84
Please make cheques payable to 'Seagoe Parish'.

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

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.

SCAN ME



† 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

Joyce O'Hara (née Shaw), McGreavy Park
Padge Scullion, Blair Park, Lurgan

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 30 November

Month's Mind John McKenna,
Charlestown Road

Malachy McKernan, Church Road

Sunday 1 December

Martha Molloy, Kilvergan Road

Wednesday 4 December

Joseph Hanna, Kilclief, Strangford

Thursday 5 December

Kathleen Green, Lurgan

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

BAPTISM

Baptisms in our parishes are as follows:

St Anthony's each Sunday at 1.00pm.

St Patrick's 2nd and 4th Sunday at 12.00 noon.

St Mary's 1st Sunday at 12.00 noon.

Places are limited and you should book your date in advance of any other bookings (Meal/Flights etc.), to avoid disappointment.

There are no Saturday baptisms in either parish at this time.

ADULT BAPTISMS

Any **adults** considering joining the Catholic Church or who would like to know more about being baptised, please contact Fr Brian at the parochial house or parish office.

SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS

A selection of religious-themed Christmas Cards (packs of 10) will be available in both churches during all Masses from Wednesday 27th November. There is no specific charge for the cards. Simply select the cards of your choice and leave a voluntary donation in the SVP collection box provided.

DERRYTRASNA SENIOR CITIZENS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday 1st December in Sarsfields Community Centre at 1pm. Music by Colin Harney. Tickets available in Breens shop and for those in the parish who would like to attend please also get in touch @ 07706728415 and to confirm attendance.

ST. RONAN'S COLLEGE, LURGAN

Open Evening on Thursday 5th December in the Junior site, Waring Street. Principal's address at 5.00pm and 6.30pm. All parents and prospective pupils are invited to attend.



ST RONAN'S PASTORAL AREA:

comprising the parishes of Seagoe, Moyraverty, Lurgan and Magheralin

Sunday Bulletin

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Fr Brian Fitzpatrick, P.P. V.F.	3834 1901
Rev Gerry Heaney, <i>Permanent Deacon</i>	3834 3013
Fr Shajan Panachickal Michael, CC	3834 1901
St Anthony's Church Sacristy	3834 5297
St Anthony's Parish Hall	075 3112 6199
St Vincent de Paul Confidential Helpline	Moyraverty 079 1949 6053
	Seagoe 078 2777 0304

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person	
Stephen Sherry	073 0124 6329
safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org	
Southern Health & Social Care Trust	
	0800 783 745
N.I ChildLine	0800 1111

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday–Friday (*except Wednesdays*)
9:30am–3:00pm.
Phone: 028 3834 3013.
Address: 10 Tullygally Road, Legahory,
Craigavon, BT65 5BL.

E-mail: seagoeparish@dromorediocese.org
or moyravertyparish@dromorediocese.org

In any emergency, please phone the parochial house 24/7 on 028 3834 1901

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Tue 3 Dec St Francis Xavier, *outstanding Jesuit missionary to India, SE Asia, China and Japan in 16th century*

Wed 4 Dec St John of Damascus, *Syrian monk and doctor of the Church, promoted icons, Marian hymns and poetry*

Sat 7 Dec St Ambrose, *4th-c. archbishop of Milan, Church doctor for his sound teaching in the formative centuries of faith*

POPE'S INTENTION

The Holy Father asks us to join him in praying for important intentions each month. This December, the intention to remember is related to the Great Jubilee which will begin later this month:

For Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis requests this month's prayers "so that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognise Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

ÉIRE ÓG

Éire Óg Golden Years Weekly Drop-In Social Morning.

Every Wednesday 9.30am-1pm at Éire Óg Social Club. Enjoy some friendly chat, laughter, and a cuppa. It's a great opportunity to make new social connections. Everyone is welcome.

THE SECOND COMING

Have you noticed that every Sunday we profess in the Creed: "He [Jesus Christ] will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end." This season of Advent draws our attention forward to this crucial part of our faith, the time in the future. Though not stressed much today, the idea of the Second Coming of Jesus occurs frequently in the New Testament. It is also called the "Day of the Lord", or the "Parousia", which means the "presence" or "arrival" of someone.

By the expression "the Second Coming", we are referring to the Christian belief in the words of Jesus that he will come again in glory to judge all people. The Parousia will signal the end of human history as we know it. When this will take place no one knows but the Father (Acts 1:11), nor is there any clear indication in Scripture of just how it will be accomplished. Often called the 'end of the world', it does not mean that the universe as we know it will be annihilated, but only that it will be changed into something new and wonderful, something that surpasses human imagination. To the early Christians the Second Coming of Jesus, which was understood as the consummation of God's work in redeeming the human race, was not something to be feared. Rather, it was hoped for, longed for. They fervently prayed, "Come, Lord" (1 Cor 16:22). In fact, the second-last sentence of the entire Bible reflects this yearning, first by quoting Jesus himself, and then by adding a prayer: "Surely I am coming soon! Amen. **Come, Lord Jesus!**" (Rev 22:20). As believing, hoping Advent followers of Jesus Christ, this should also be our prayer.

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.

Sat 10 May to Thurs 15 May 2025

The price of £859 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) includes: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, operated by Northern Star Travel Ltd and facilitated by Joe Walsh Tours. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/triple rooms. The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please contact:- Mrs Jean Clarke, Hon. Secretary, NI Cancer Pilgrimage, 67 Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8DL, or speak to us on **Tel. 078746 88388**, or **e-mail at: mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk**

Moyraverty Parish

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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THE HANNA SISTERS BY CANDLELIGHT.

presented by Moyraverty Lourdes

Another night of musical delight not to be missed in St Anthony's Church **Sunday 1 December at 7:00pm**. Admission by donation, all proceeds going towards Pilgrimage of sick parishioners to Lourdes.

NEW BOOK ON ROSARY

We can think of the Rosary as 'the Bible on a string'. **The Bible in a Week with the Blessed Virgin Mary** is a new book which proposes new mysteries of the Rosary for the faithful to reflect upon in a week-long series of meditations, showing the Old Testament background to the New Testament mysteries fulfilled in Jesus the Saviour. With these new mysteries, we hope to re-propose an old prayer for a new time, confident that it can lead to authentic renewal as part of a full Catholic and sacramental life.

Fr. Patrick Desmond OP, Prior at St. Catherine's Dominican church, Newry will launch his book **The Bible in a Week with the Blessed Virgin Mary** on

- Sunday 8 December at 6:30pm in the Dominican Church, Newry.
- Monday 9 December at 7:15pm in the Dominican Friary, Dundalk
- Thursday 12 December in Forkhill/Mullaghbane parish (time to be confirmed).

The format will be:

- 1) Rosary
- 2) Talk on the new book, explaining it
- 3) Opportunity to buy a copy and chat afterwards

Everyone is welcome to attend.

SVP ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

The collection for the SVP annual Christmas appeal will take place after Masses on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December. Many of you continue to support SVP and I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Without your help we would not be able to continue to support our fellow parishioners on your behalf. 2024 has been a difficult year for many people within our community, with an increased cost of living and energy bills putting pressure on families. Many families have to choose between heating their home or putting food on the table. With your help we can continue to support those in our community that need it most this winter.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all and wish you a peaceful Christmas and happy and healthy 2025.

† RECENTLY DECEASED †

Frankie Burns, Pinebank
Liam Walsh, Dundalk
formerly Meadowbrook
David (Dee) O'Neill, Lurgan
John (Tucker) Haughian, Lurgan
Hilda Keenan, Meadowbrook

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 30 November

Michael O'Hagan, Drumbeg North
William Fitzpatrick, Drumbeg South

Sunday 1 December

Martha (Marty) Johnston, Drumgort Heights

Phelim Brewster, Pinebank

Barney Halfpenny, Drumbeg North

Monday 2 December

Mgr Christopher Murray, former PP

Wednesday 4 December

Peter Lawson, Gateshead

Jimmy Crumley, Waring Street

Thursday 5 December

Kathleen Patrick, Enniskeen

Friday 6 December

Brendan Smyth, Pinebank

Mary Reilly

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ST BRENDAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

Open Afternoon – Tuesday 3 December 3.15pm-5.00pm. (if these times don't suit please feel free to contact the school office to make an appointment).

- Visit our wonderful Nursery
 - Join us for some Christmas Cheer & refreshments
 - See Santa
 - Listen to our beautiful choir as our school's Christmas lights are turned on.
 - Have an opportunity to speak with staff.
- Admission Application Forms on EA website from 10 January 2025 @ 12.00 noon.
Applications for Nursery: Children born between 2 July 2021- 1 July 2022
Applications for Primary 1: Children born between 2 July 2020 - 1 July 2021

BETTER TOGETHER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 1st December, 3pm-5 30pm in Brownlow Hub Brownlow Road Craigavon.
Music by The Fabulous Six. Visit by Santa.
Admission £5

CANTABILE PRESENTS "Carols by Candlelight"

Special Guests The Maginn School of Irish Dancing. Junior Cantabile Musical Director Kerrie Patterson. Accompanist Brian Greene St. Paul's Chapel Sunday 8th December at 7.00pm. Admission is free with voluntary donations in aid of St. Vincent de Paul and Lurgan Salvation Army.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 24 November £1108.95
Please make all cheques payable to 'Moyraverty Parish'.

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