

Seagoe Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

ST PATRICK'S AGHACOMMON

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

ST MARY'S DERRYTRASNA

Monday	10:30am
Wednesday	7:00pm
Saturday	6:00pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)



Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent, so-named from the very first word of Mass in the Entrance Antiphon (see the back page): "Rejoice, I say, in the Lord; again I say, rejoice!" The candle (and possibly the ministers' vestments) take on the lighter colour of rose (pink) from the usual Advent purple. The arrival of the Lord, the goal of the whole season, is approaching, thus it is appropriate to rejoice in anticipation.

Joy-filled Giver of Life, let the anticipation of your birth fill us with overflowing joy. May our excitement and anticipation be a sign to the world that you are always near. Amen.

RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS

A priest will be available for confessions twice a week in Seagoe up until Christmas at the following times:

St Mary's Derrytrasna 7:30pm Wednesdays

St Patrick's Aghacommon 7:30pm Fridays

Also on request from any of the priests.

BAPTISMS

Baptism can be booked through the parish office. One parent must call, in person, to complete the baptism form and arrange a suitable date.

Baptisms in Seagoe will take place as follows:

St Mary's 1st & 3rd Sunday

St Patrick's 2nd & 4th Sunday.

We baptise a maximum of 2 children each Sunday in St Mary's and St Patrick's.

† ETERNAL REST †

RECENTLY DECEASED

Joe O'Hagan, Derrymacash
Dinah (Ina) Byrne, McGreavy Park
Hugh Patrick McConville, Ballinamoney Road

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 12 December

Desmond (Dessie) Lavery, Wolfisland Terrace

Sunday 13 December

Catherine Carville, Ballynamoney Road
James Austin, Derrymacash

Tuesday 15 December

Patrick & Eileen Moore, Derrymacash Road
John Breen, McGreavy Drive

Wednesday 16 December

Maurice Hogan, Wolfisland terrace
William-John & Sarah -Ellen McCaughley,
Derrytrasna Road

Friday 18 December

Joe Fitzpatrick, Wolfisland Terrace
Tommy & Annie Scullion, Derrymacash Road
Patsy, Sean & Myles Scullion,
Derrymacash Road

*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.*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve — Thursday 24 December

6:00pm St Patrick's, Aghacommon
(priority for families with primary
school children)

7:30pm St Mary's, Derrytrasna

9:00pm St Patrick's, Aghacommon

Christmas Day — Friday 25 December

9:00am St Mary's, Derrytrasna

11:00am St Patrick's, Aghacommon

12:00 noon St Mary's, Derrytrasna

If you would like to attend any of these Masses,
please phone/e-mail/facebook the parish
office to reserve a place (see main notice).

No booking—no admittance.

SVP SEAGOE

A further supply of Christmas cards (packets of 10 cards) in support of St Vincent de Paul is now available in both Seagoe churches. There is no set price for the cards—a donation at your own discretion is all that is requested. All proceeds go to our local Holy Family SVP Conference in Seagoe Parish. With churches open only for private prayer please do not leave any donations unattended. The blue SVP freepost donation envelopes beside the cards may be used for donations and put in the post (no stamp required). Thank you for your support to date.

With the winter approaching this year on top of the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 virus many individuals and families may find it difficult to make it through each day.

We think especially of those whose livelihoods are being affected, those who have young children, those who are ill or elderly and those living alone.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is here to provide what help we can to people struggling in any way. Unfortunately under present restrictions we are unable to visit people in their homes like we would normally do but if you think there is anything we might do to help you in these difficult times please contact us on our Seagoe

Confidential Helpline: 078 2777 0304

ST RONAN'S PASTORAL AREA:

comprising the parishes of Seagoe, Moyraverty,
Lurgan and Magheralin

Sunday Bulletin

Sunday 13 December 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)

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 Borrallo,
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 HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00-2:00pm.

Friday 9:00-1:30pm.

Contact : 028 3834 3013.

moyraverty@hotmail.com

seagoercchurch@hotmail.com

CORONAVIRUS

Face masks are mandatory for all attending church, including for funerals, weddings, baptisms and other special occasions.

Attendance at weddings and funerals is limited to the capacity of each church with social distancing regulations observed.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains suspended, therefore parishioners are encouraged to come along any other day of the week on a time and day that suit.

Please maintain social distancing both inside and outside the church building.

Kindly respect the advice and guidance given by stewards at all times.

As ever, those with vulnerable health conditions or those displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home.

If you test positive for Covid-19 and have attended an event in church in the recent past, please inform the parish office or sacristy by telephone. We encourage all parishioners with a smartphone to download the StopCovidNI app.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

14 Dec St John of the Cross, Carmelite mystic and spiritual writer

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

During the course of the week just gone, the Holy Father proclaimed a **Year of St Joseph** from 8 December 2020–8 December 2021. It marks the 150th anniversary of St Joseph being declared as patron of the universal Church.

During the coming year the virtues of St Joseph's life will be highlighted, devotion to him encouraged, and indulgences available connected with prayer to St Joseph and celebration of his feasts on 19 March and 1 May.

'Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.'

CHRISTMAS MASSES: RESERVE A PLACE

This year due to the pandemic there is no obligation to attend Mass at Christmas, but we recognise that many parishioners will want to do all they can to keep Christ at the centre of their celebrations while observing social distancing as much as possible.

To this end, the priests and deacons, with the support of the parish pastoral councils, intend to provide some extra Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in both parishes to accommodate those who might wish to attend. Social distancing protocol will be strictly observed at all celebrations, as at present. In order to plan attendance it will be necessary to ask parishioners to reserve a place for a Mass of their choice.

For those who would prefer not to attend on Christmas Eve night or Christmas Day, daily Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve morning, St Stephen's Day and throughout the Christmas season into January, and it is praiseworthy to attend Christmas Mass on any of these days instead.

If you do wish to attend on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, Mass times for each parish are found in this bulletin, and you must **phone/e-mail/facebook the parish office** to make a booking. You may leave a voice message if the office is closed. You will be asked for your address, the Mass which you wish to attend, and the number of people in your family group. Booking is open from **Monday 30 November–Thursday 17 December**. If any Mass is oversubscribed, names will be picked at random from all those who apply. Notification of a place at Mass will be given from 18 December. Applicants from other parishes will only be considered once all parishioners from Moyraverty and Seagoe are accommodated. ***There will be no admittance without a reservation.***

Moyraverty Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

ST ANTHONY'S, MOYRAVERTY

Sunday	7:30pm vigil (Saturday evening) 12 noon
Monday – Friday	9:30am

No 9:30am Mass on Saturday due to wedding.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S, LYLO

Sunday 10.00am

RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS

A priest will be available for confessions three times a week in St Anthony's up until Christmas at the following times:

6:30pm Mondays

10:00am Thursdays

6:30pm Saturdays

Also on request from any of the priests.

ROTAS

Minister of Eucharist & Word

New Rotas are available for collection from the back of the Church.

Could all Ministers please let us have up to date contact details by leaving their mobile number either in the Sacristy or Parish Office.

ST JOHN'S LYLO

Don't forget to reserve your place for Sunday Mass in Lylo if you wish to attend. Contact the parish office by phone or e-mail.

YOUTH 2000

The Youth 2000 Christmas E-Retreat will take place from the 18th - 20th of December. Registration is now free on www.youth2000.ie

MOYRAVERTY PARISH DRAW

To be eligible for the December Draw you must be a fully paid up member (£60). Please make sure your payments are up to date by Monday 14 December in order to be included in our Grand Final Draw!

The December Draw will be the Grand Final Draw with top prize of £5000 and will take place on Tuesday 15 December @ 7pm in Parish Office. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

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, and so we ask you to ensure you make a regular contribution by any of these means:

* a box of **offertory envelopes** (available from the Parish Office if required)

* sending a **direct debit instruction** to your bank (ready-made forms at the back of the church)

* setting up a regular **online contribution** to Moyraverty parish at www.dromorediocese.org, then click on DONATE

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Fr Michael Maginn's Christmas card is on sale from the bookstall in St Anthony's Church, Tullygally Thrift Shop and Parish office from this week. Price is £2.00 each and all proceeds will go to St Vincent De Paul.

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Kevin Seeley, Pinebank
Kevin Magee, Lurgan

ANNIVERSARIES

Month's Mind

Saturday 12 December
Patrick Noel McAreavey, Clonmeen

Saturday 13 December

Billy Donnelly, Belfast
Edward Bell, Cherrytree Walk

Joe Kane, Avonmere

Agnes Rice, Keady

Patrick Colaluca, Meadowbrook

John Sheridan, Ardowen

Sunday 13 December

Jack McAvoy, Ballynamoney

Molly Williamson, Portadown

Gerry McCready, Kilwilke Gardens

Catherine Tennyson, Maghery

Monday 14 December

Mary McGarvey, Pinebank

Thursday 17 December

Agnes Fitzsimons, Belfast

Friday 18 December

Francis Murphy, Knocknamuckley

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SVP CRAIGAVON

SVP Craigavon would like to thank the local community for their continuous support and generosity throughout the year. In the last 12 months this has enabled us to help over 800 households in our area. The help provided includes basic food, electricity, heating, furniture and educational support to the value of £38,000. Also your donations to SVP shops allow the local community to purchase products at affordable prices.

Due to Covid-19 this has been a particularly difficult time for all. We appreciate your continued support.

Finally our Annual Christmas Appeal will commence week beginning Sunday 13 December, with boxes outside all Churches.