

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**? This week you can see the valuable contributions made to each parish this way in 2020. Please consider doing the same for the future. Go to 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.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

We ask parishioners who fill their weekly envelopes at home kindly to keep them at the back of the drawer until Masses resume, when they may be brought to the church. Alternatively, give them to one of the sacristans or clergy, or drop them in the parish office letterbox. Or why not change from envelopes to a direct debit weekly support, or donate online (see *Supporting your Parish*)? We thank you for keeping the parish finances in your thoughts.

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.

† ETERNAL REST †

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 27 February

Bridget (Bridie) O'Hagan, Skelton's Rampart

Tom Donnelly, Ardmore Road

Pauline Lennon, Liscorran Road, Lurgan

Michael McKenna, Wolfisland Terrace

Sunday 28 February

Patrick & Mary Ann Fox, Derrytrasna

Teresa McCluskey, Derryveen

Mary & Jimmy Corden, Wolfisland Terrace

Monday 1 March

Susan Scullion, Wolfisland Terrace

Wednesday 3 March

Michael & Bridget, William,

Joey & Patsy McConville, Ballynamoney

Thursday 4 March

Gerald McCluskey,

The Palms (Month's Mind)

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

LENT: FASTING

Why do Christians fast? Why is it required of us?

1. To grow in self-mastery, i.e. the ability to say 'no' to our senses so as not to be slaves to *everything* my body desires. Jesus came to set us free, and we should be free to say 'no' to some legitimate pleasures (such as food) so as to be free to say 'no' to illegitimate pleasures of sin.
2. Obedience/discernment. My fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday recognises the authority of the Church to guide me towards holiness. Discernment means ultimately letting the Holy Spirit tell me what to do, what choices to make, and fasting trains us in obedience to the Spirit of God.
3. Worship/sacrifice. Fasting involves a sacrifice, and sacrifice is always oriented towards others, most of all God. Worship is to give of our possessions, our time, our hearts to God. We offer our very selves. "The heart of all worship is sacrifice." (Pope Benedict XVI) Therefore every moment of fasting becomes a moment of worship.
4. To be a co-redeemer with Jesus. Listen to St Paul: "In my body I am making up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for the sake of his body, the Church" Colossians 1:24). In fasting, or any suffering, we carry a little splinter of Jesus' cross, that he allows us to carry for him for the salvation of the world.

So, fast from any good thing: food, TV, social media, the snooze button...but do fast. (it's not just for Lent, you know ☺)

ST RONAN'S PASTORAL AREA:

comprising the parishes of Seagoe, Moyraverty, Lurgan and Magheralin

Sunday Bulletin

SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2021

SECOND 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 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 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
seagoeeparish@dromorediocese.org

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

- 1 Mar** St David, bishop, patron of Wales
- 4 Mar** St Casimir, devout prince, patron of Poland
- 5 Mar** St Kieran, bishop, co-worker with Patrick, patron of Ossory (Kilkenny)

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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.

DOG FOULING

There has been a shameful increase in the incidence of dog fouling in Lylo cemetery, most distressingly on some people's graves. Visitors to the graveyard are reminded that dogs must never be let off the leash in the graveyard, and all dog mess must be cleaned and removed by the dog owner.



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RECENTLY DECEASED

Anne Mulholland, Clonmeen

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Kathleen Harvey, Hillcrest Manor

Kevin Atkinson, Portadown

Sara Mallon, Portadown

Rosaleen Mulholland, Lisburn

Sunday 28 February

Mary Ann O'Donnell, Belfast

Benedict McAvoy, Lurgan

Mary Jane McGrath, Ardowen

Mary Walsh, Belfast

Paul Cassidy, Meadowbrook

Monday 1 March

William Skelton, Rowan Park

Gerry & Sally McCready,

Ashgrove Gardens

Tuesday 2 March

Kitty O'Neill (nee Mallon),

Portadown

Wednesday 3 March

Connor Ruddy Conway, Garrymore

Thursday 4 March

Brian Laverty, Westacres

Una Gibney, Belfast

Friday 6 March

Maura Kelly, Drumellan Park

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.

BAPTISM

We welcome

Rossa Davitt Douglas Toman,

Silverwood Leaves

into our Christian community

following his recent baptism.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 21 February

£ 1247.40

(including envelopes left in parish office & Church).