

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. www.facebook.com/parishofseagoe

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.

† ETERNAL REST † RECENTLY DECEASED

Marita Breen, Pier Rampart

Ann Kerr, Annesborough Road

Jim Harte, Lurgan

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 21 February

Bridget & Johnny Coleman, Ballynamoney Cottages

Mary McCann, Ballynamoney Road

Bernadette Kenny, Ballynamoney Road

Edward & Clara McCann, Lurgan

Monday 22 February

Arthur Greene, McGreavey Drive

Thursday 25 February

Mary McMahan, Derrytrasna 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.

SEAGOE PARISH WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Amount £ 673.60

Thank you for your continued generosity.

"Fasting" doesn't mean eating fast food!



ST RONAN'S PASTORAL AREA: comprising the parishes of Seagoe, Moyraverty, Lurgan and Magheralin

Sunday Bulletin

SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2021

FIRST 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
seagoe parish@dromorediocese.org**

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 @ 7:30pm.

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)

Trócaire

Fr James Oyet Latansio writes to explain the importance our Trócaire donations make to him in South Sudan: he describes how his people are suffering not just with Covid-19, but also with violent conflict, school closures, and hunger. In spite of the recent war, however, his people still have hope, and they are offering their pain in union with Christ on the Cross. They need our help through the resources and staff Trócaire provide. Please give what you can and remember them in your prayers. Fr James says, "**Hold the hands of our brothers and sisters in South Sudan; walk with us during this Lent time.**"

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.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

22 Feb Chair of St Peter, the role of the Pope as Vicar of Christ

23 Feb St Polycarp, bishop and martyr

27 Feb St Gregory of Narek, Armenian mystic and doctor of the Church

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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.

PENANCE

Christ knew nothing of sin, but came to offer himself for the sins of us all. All members of the Church, ministers included, must acknowledge we are sinners and by expressing sorrow for sin in doing so, avail of the salvation and mercy Jesus has won for us and longs to lavish on us. "The kingdom of God is at hand," he says; "**repent**, and believe in the gospel" (Mk 1:15). Penance is the practice of the universal Church during Lent, an essential part of the lives of all Christ's faithful. We do penance in order to:

* remember and share in the suffering and death of the Lord

* express our inner conversion

* make up for our sins.

So, decide your act of penance for this Lent. The classics are **fasting, prayer** and **almsgiving**. How might one or all of these become more prominent in our lives? More on the topic next week.

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Geraldine McCollum, Lismara

John (Jackie) O'Connor, Belfast

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 20 February

Alice Nugent, Keady

Jim McKeever, Clonmeen

James & Charlotte McGrann, Meadowbrook

Maura Costello, Monaghan

John Gourley, Lisburn

Sunday 21 February

Anna Haughian, Derrymacash

Brendan Duffy, Meadowbrook

Seamus McBride, Armagh

Mamie McConnell, Markethill

Jim Quinn, Enniskeen

Paul Lavery, Lakeview Park

Josephine Turnbull, Omagh

Pat Murray, Omagh

Wednesday 24 February

Fergie O'Hagan, Meadowbrook

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