

Seagoe Parish

MASS SCHEDULE St Mary's Derrytrasna

Sunday	11:00am
Monday	10:30am
Wednesday	7.00pm
Friday	7.00pm
Saturdays (vigil Mass for Sunday)	6:00pm
<i>Confessions every Friday from 6:30–6:50pm and every Saturday from 5:30–5:50pm.</i>	

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This week: Adoration in St Mary's on Friday 5 December at 7:30pm, followed by Benediction at 8:15pm.

St John of Damascus (AD 676–749) teaches: "And now you ask, how the bread became Christ's body and the wine and water Christ's blood. And I say unto thee, 'The Holy Spirit is present and does those things which surpass reason and thought.' "The body of Christ which is born of the holy Virgin is in truth body united with divinity; [while in the Eucharistic Christ], the bread itself and the wine are changed into God's body and blood. But if you enquire how this happens, it is enough for you to learn that it was through the Holy Spirit, just as the Lord took on Himself flesh that subsisted in Him and was born of the holy Mother of God through the Spirit. And we know nothing further, except that the Word of God is true and energises and is all-powerful."

Next week: Rosary and Adoration in St Mary's on Wednesday 10 December at 7:30pm, followed by Benediction at 8:15pm.

ST PATRICK'S RESTORATION WORKS

The plastering of the walls in St Patrick's is complete, and will soon be sufficiently dry to begin painting. Meanwhile all other electrical, audio, fire safety and heating upgrade works continue at pace and are on course to be completed by 19 December, and so we will be able to resume Masses and normal use of the church from Sunday 21 December.

Anniversary Masses and baptisms may again be booked for St Patrick's from 21 December.

Usual Mass schedule:

Sundays 11:00am
Tuesdays 10:30am
Thursdays 10:30am
Fridays 7:00pm.

Please note Mass on Friday 26 December will be at the earlier time of 10:30am.

Full Christmas schedule will be published next week.

SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS

A selection of religious-themed Christmas cards (packs of 10) will be available at times of Masses in St Mary's chapel over the next few weeks. There is no charge for the cards—we simply ask that you select the packs you wish and leave a voluntary donation in the box provided. All proceeds will go to help your local SVP provide support to individuals and families in need over the Christmas period. Thank you.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 23 November £875.90

Please make cheques payable to 'Seagoe Parish'.

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

† 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.

Briege Doyle (née Toal), Island Grove
Brendan Lennon, Charlestown Road

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 29 November

John McAlinden, Island View, Kinnego
Joe O'Hagan, Derrycor Lane
John Louis McGeown, Derrytrasna Lane
Cormac Francis McGeown, Derrytrasna Lane
Malachy Joseph McKernan, Church Road, Derryadd

William-John & Sarah-Ellen McCaughley,
Derrytrasna Road

Monday 1 December

Harry & Dorrie McAlinden,
Derrymacash Road

Wednesday 3 December

Tony Hamill, Kilvergan Road
Lawrence Breen, Lawrencetown

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

PIPS CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Each year since 2003, PIPS Hope & Support invites families and friends who have been bereaved by suicide to come together for our Interdenominational Christmas Service of Remembrance, Hope & Healing. This special evening offers an opportunity to celebrate the lives of loved ones, find comfort in reflections, poems, beautiful music and song, and share in a candlelight procession and Memory Tree ceremony.

- This year's service will take place in St Mary's Church of Ireland, Hill Street, Newry, on **Sunday 14 December at 4:00pm**. The Christmas Service provides a space for personal reflection and remembrance, in the company of others who understand. Candles will be kindled in memory of those we have lost, while personal messages will adorn the Memory Tree. You are very welcome to bring something personal with you on the day to place on the Memory Tree, and Memory Cards and Candles will be available in the church.

Following the service, the Memory Tree will be placed in Newry Cathedral throughout the Christmas period, where anyone may visit or add memorabilia. The tree will remain in place until 6 January 2026. It is hoped that this year's Christmas Service brings comfort, peace, and a sense of togetherness to all who need it.

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society wishes to announce that its new Journal **Seanchas Dhoim Mór 2025** will be available in most Parish Centres or from committee members from the weekend of November 29th/30th. The new Journal comprises 144 pages, 21 articles and over 100 colour illustrations covering many parishes of the diocese as well as articles of general interest. **PRICE £20**. See our Facebook page **Seanchas Dhoim Mor** for details.

ST RONAN'S PASTORAL AREA:

comprising the parishes of Seagoe, Moyraverty,
Lurgan and Magheralin

Sunday Bulletin

**SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Fr Brian Fitzpatrick, P.P. V.F. 3834 1901
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Rev Patrick Gallagher, *permanent deacon* 3834 3013
Rev Gerry Heaney, *Deacon Emeritus*. 3834 3013
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Moyraverty 079 1949 6053
Seagoe 078 2777 0304

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9.30am - 2.00pm

Phone: 028 3834 3013.

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

**E-mail: seagoe parish@dromorediocese.org
or moyraverty parish@dromorediocese.org**

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

THE HANNA SISTERS

supported by St Paul's Junior Choir
in support of the work of the
Vocations Society of St Joseph.

Concert on

Sunday 30 November @ 7pm

in St Anthony's Church, Moyraverty.

(Doors open at 6.30pm).

Entry: pay at door on evening
£10 (Child - £5)

THE THREE TENORS LIVE

Conor Gibbons / Philip Klubicka / Paul Feery

www.threetenorsireland.com

Saturday 6 December, 8:15pm

in Newry Cathedral.

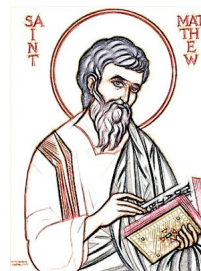
Christmas & Classic Mix
from The Dubliners to Andrea Bocelli.
Tickets now on sale £30
from Newry Parish office, Cathedral shop on
the Mall, or tickettailor.com.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wed 3 Dec St Francis Xavier, *Jesuit priest
and missionary to India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia
and Japan in 16th c.*

Sat 6 Dec St Nicholas, *4th-c. Eastern
bishop, defender of Christ's divinity, and
renowned for his charity. Patron of children,
also of Russia and of Greece.*

HAPPY NEW [CHURCH] YEAR THE YEAR OF MATTHEW



The Church opens the new Church Year with the Saturday Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent. The beginning of the new Church year this weekend immerses us in the Gospel of St. Matthew, which will be the "official Gospel" for the liturgical year of 2026. With a few exceptions, all the Sunday gospels for the next year will come from the Gospel of Matthew. So, what is Matthew's overall "message"?

Given that Jesus and his apostles were Jews, and that the earliest Christians understood themselves to be faithful Jews who worshipped in the Temple and celebrated Eucharist, St. Matthew felt compelled to compose a sweeping description of God's plan for the Jews—and ultimately for all humanity—in the light of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Consequently St. Matthew's story of the Christ is the fulfilment of the Old Testament in the life and death of Jesus of Nazareth. Almost a hundred times, Matthew mentions "according to the Scriptures" in his gospel, and he is careful to include a lot of Jesus' teaching which brings the teaching of the old Law to its completion. It's worthwhile reading Matthew's gospel for yourself, so as to get a feel for what he highlights about Jesus the Saviour in his telling of the Good News.

ST RYC
St. Ronan's Youth for Christ

PRAISE & PIZZA

ADVENT AWAKENING
Hearing God above the noise

Music by SonLight

Confession
Adoration
Benediction

Step away from the rush. Be still.
Let His voice awaken your heart.

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 6:30PM
St Anthony's Church, Moyraverty, BT65 5BE
Pizza in St Anthony's Parish Centre afterwards

Saint Carlo Acutis first class relic will also be available for veneration.

Moyraverty Parish

MASS SCHEDULE St Anthony's

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Monday–Saturday	9:30am
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*Confessions
From 6:45pm–7:20pm on Saturdays*

St John the Evangelist, Lylo

Sunday 10:00am

TRIDUUM OF REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT

Sr Rosemary will be holding a series of Scripture Reflections on the Sunday Gospel for Advent continuing Friday 5th & 12th December, directly after the 9.30am Mass in St Anthony's Parish Centre. A cup of tea served on arrival. Everyone warmly welcome.

POPE'S INTENTION

As Pope Leo undertakes his first apostolic journey abroad, to Türkiye and Lebanon this weekend, his prayer intention for this month is relevant to the places he is going to support the local Catholic communities. Please join him in this prayer:

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

FLOWERS IN ST ANTHONY'S

We could do with the assistance of any generous parishioner with the skill or a good eye for floral arrangements to help furnish the sanctuary and statues in St Anthony's church. Some time once a week is sufficient in general, and all helps to enhance the beauty and of our church and worship to the glory of God. Please contact the parish office for more information if interested. Thank you for considering.



STANTON PREGNANCY CARE

Coffee Morning in aid of Stanton Pregnancy Care will be held in Synod Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, on Saturday, 6th December 2025 at 10.30 am. Come along and hear about the amazing work of Stanton Pregnancy Care NI, providing women facing unexpected pregnancy with practical help and support. For more information, contact 028 9033 2882.

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Thomas Stewart, Ardowen
Tony Lynass, Drumbeg

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Month's Mind Hugh Kelly, Drumellan Park

Phelim Brewster, Pinebank

Betty Morgan, Ardowen

Sunday 30 November

Kevin McDermott, Old Lurgan Road

Barney Halfpenny, Drumbeg

Catherine O'Hanlon, Drumbeg

Monday 1 December

Billy McCaughy, Meadowbrook

Tuesday 2 December

Monsignor Christopher Murray former PP

Sheila Doran, Lurgan

Thursday 4 December

Eileen McCann, Campbell Walk

Peter Lawson, Gateshead

Jimmy Crumley, Waring Street

Friday 5 December

Kathleen Patrick, Enniskeen

Patrick Thompson, Moyraverty Court

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BAPTISMS

We rejoice with the families of

Tom Danny Turley, Lisnagrilly Manor

Ché-John Skelton, Clanrolla Park

at their recent birth to eternal
life in the sacrament of baptism.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday 7th December 2pm – 5pm. A
Christmas Fair for 7th Dromore Scouts in their
Den.

BETTER TOGETHER CROSS COMMUNITY GROUP

Christmas Party Sunday 7 December 3.00-
5.30pm, The Hub, Brownlow Road, Craigavon.
Music by the Elderly Brothers. Admission £5,
everyone welcome.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 23 November £1113.15

Please make all cheques payable to
'Moyraverty Parish'.

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CASHLESS DONATION POINT

Please support us with a donation by
card/phone if you have no change for the
collection, shrines, or newspapers. Thank
you!