

Seagoe Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

Live Mass streamed on
www.facebook.com/parishofseagoe
10:00am Monday–Saturday
11:00am on Sundays

ADVENT BEGINS



An Advent wreath is a wreath of laurel, spruce or similar foliage with four candles that are lighted successively in the weeks of Advent to symbolise the dawning light that the birth of Christ brought into the world. Traditionally three of the candles are purple, the colour of kings and of penance. A rose-coloured candle is used to mark the Third Sunday of Advent as a time to rejoice over the closeness of Christmas and the coming of Christ.

"O Lord, stir up your might, we beg you, and come, that by your protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by your deliverance. Who live and reign for ever and ever."

BULLETINS

Bulletins are available at the back of the churches, from Breen's Store, Pier Rampart, and Mulholland's Shop, Derrymacash Road. Thank you to our stockists.

SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS

A small number of the Christmas cards (packets of 10 cards) in support of St Vincent de Paul are still 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 in the church. The blue SVP donation envelopes beside the cards should be used for donations and posted (freepost: no stamp required). Thank you for your support to date.

† ETERNAL REST †

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 30 November

Noel Greene, Oakridge

Tuesday 1 December

Harry & Dorrie McAlinden,
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.*

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.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

SEAGOE PARISH

Sunday 22 November £1387.04

ONLINE DONATIONS

Thank you to all who have supported the parish using the online facility. Between June and September, **£1282** was donated by this method in support of the parish and clergy in Seagoe parish. Thank you to all our supportive parishioners. To contribute to the parish online, go to www.dromorediocese.org and click on **DONATE**.

ST RONAN'S PASTORAL AREA:

comprising the parishes of Seagoe, Moyraverty,
Lurgan and Magheralin

Sunday Bulletin

Sunday 29 November 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

seagoerchurch@hotmail.com

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions from the NI Executive do not permit indoor gatherings in a place of worship, therefore baptisms and Masses with the public cannot be held at present, except for weddings and funerals, when only 25 people may be present. These restrictions are due to end on 11 December. Daily Mass will be streamed on our facebook pages (see above). All anniversaries will be honoured and prayed for at these Masses. Thank you for your understanding and patience. We encourage all parishioners with a smartphone to download the StopCovid NI app. Stay at home ! Wash your hands Stream and pray

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 5 pm to 8:30 pm & Thursday 5pm to 7:30 pm

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon 30 Nov St Andrew, apostle. Patron of Scotland

Thu 3 Dec St Francis Xavier, Jesuit missionary to India and Japan

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For use when we cannot receive the Eucharist in person

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.

RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS

While Penitential Services/gatherings will not be possible this year prior to Christmas, it is possible throughout Advent to make an appointment for individual confession with any of the priests (even during lockdown). If the weather is fair, an outdoor spot, usually in the vicinity of one of our churches, is ideal for confession, or indoors at distance if the weather is inclement. Please phone the parochial house with enquiries, and leave a message if no answer. Alternatively, speak to the priests after Mass.

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

Live Mass streamed on
www.facebook.com/moyraverty
10:00am daily

BULLETINS

Bulletins are available at the back of the church, and from Greene's Centra, Legahory. Thank you to Greene's for their help during lockdown.

MOYRAVERTY PARISH DRAW

NOVEMBER WINNERS:

1ST PRIZE - £500

Pat & Josephine Mulholland, Drumgor Park

5 X £100

Thomas Larkham, Pinebank

Clare McKernan, Riverglade

Pat Kelly, Pinebank

Ann Worland, Drumgor

Patricia Chapman, Enniskeen

PROMOTERS' PRIZES:

Phyllis Heaney

Eamon Cassidy

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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ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 28 November

Frances McGowan, Belfast

Louis Barrie Cochrane, Drumgor Park

Sunday 29 November

Phelim Brewster, Pinebank

Daniel Campbell

Monday 30 November

Cathy O'Hanlon, Drumbeg

Wednesday 2 December

Monsignor Christopher Murray

Friday 4 December

Jimmy Crumley, Waring Street, Lurgan

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.

BAPTISMS

We welcome

Senán Tomás Boyle, The Grange, Lurgan

into our Christian community

following his recent baptism.

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11:00pm St Anthony's

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10:00am St John's, Lylo

12:00 noon St Anthony's

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MOYRAVERTY PARISH

Sunday 15 November £1327.26

Sunday 22 November £1514.56

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