

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 28 June 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AVAILABILITY OF MASSES VIA WEBCAMS

The following Churches in the Diocese of Dromore have facilities to broadcast Mass via the web.

Lurgan Parish (St Peter's/St Paul's)

www.lurganparish.com

Newry Parish

www.newrycathedralparish.org

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(Moyraverty)	07919496053
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Safeguarding Children Diocesan Designated Child Protection Office	
Patricia Carville	07789917741
Southern Health & Social Care Trust	
	0800 783 745
N.I ChildLine	08001111

The Priests of the Parish will offer daily Mass for the Anniversaries as listed below.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Frank O'Hagan, Pier Rampart.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 28 June

Moyraverty

Kevin Nelson, Drumgor Heights
Jamie Ray Buck, Hillcrest Mews

Tuesday 30 June

Moyraverty

Elizabeth (Elsie) Morgan, Avondale Manor
Sean McCann, Lower North Street
Madge McDowell, North Street
Hugh Haughey, Toronto

Seagoe

Vincent Doyle, 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.*

PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office will be closed from
Wednesday 1 July until Tuesday 14 July.

Anniversaries (up to 17 July) and notices for bulletin should be in the parish office by noon Tuesday 30 June to ensure inclusion in the bulletins.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms resume in both Moyraverty and Seagoe on Sunday 5 July and will continue every week over the summer. Parents who have already booked have been given dates already; if you would like to book a baptism, contact the parish office.

OFFERTORY ONLINE

We are now also pleased to offer an **online alternative** to the envelopes. If you are earning and can make a contribution to your parish and clergy, you may now do so via the diocesan website. Just go to www.dromorediocese.org and click on DONATE on the home page. You then select your own parish, and choose either a one-off or monthly donation to parish or clergy. Envelopes can also be left into parish office. Thank you sincerely for all your support, especially in these times of economic duress.

SAFE RESUMPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS

We are pleased to announce that the celebration of Mass with a congregation and baptisms may now resume. Even though there has been a sacramental drought for 107 days, the social distancing measures required for public safety mean that it is impossible for everyone to return at once. However, the parish pastoral councils made up of clergy and lay members have agreed and planned that everyone will be able to safely attend Mass and receive Eucharist once per week to begin.

Masses will resume from Monday 29 June, and we ask everyone to bear the following in mind:

* The capacity of our churches is now markedly reduced: 65 people socially distanced in St Anthony's, 36 people in St Patrick's, and 42 people in St Mary's. These numbers can be increased if members of the same household come to Mass together and share the same pew. (Regrettably, it is not feasible to open St John's in Lylo at the present time)

* The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains suspended, therefore parishioners are encouraged to **come along any other day of the week**. In order to give everyone a chance to attend, we ask parishioners to **attend Mass no more than one day per week** for the present.

* Additional weekday Masses are provided so that people may choose a time and day that suits.

* Mass goers will be admitted to the church as individuals or family groups in a controlled manner by stewards and shown to a seat. Please maintain social distancing as you wait to enter, as for retail premises. If it happens that all available places in the church are filled, **please do not be offended if you cannot be admitted and are asked to come back at another time**.

* Stewards will assist with the movement of people at Communion time and will oversee the orderly departure of parishioners after Mass through all available exits.

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

* As there is heightened hunger for the Eucharist after the three-month absence, all parishes are doing their best to cater for their own parishioners first. Therefore please attend only your own parish and do not travel to other churches at this time. **As ever, those with vulnerable health conditions or those displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home.**

Mass times for the next two weeks will be as follows, beginning on 29 June:

	St Anthony's, Moyraverty	St Patrick's, Aghacommon	St Mary's Derrytrasna
Monday	9:30am & 6:00pm	10:30am	7:00pm
Tuesday	9:30am	7:00pm	10:30am
Wednesday	9:30am & 6:00pm	10:30pm	7:00pm
Thursday	9:30am Communion Service	7:00pm	10:30am
Friday	9:30am	10:30am	7:00pm
Saturday	9:30am & 7:30pm	-	6:00pm
Sunday	12:00noon	11:00am	-

We will review this schedule after two weeks and amend according to need and the continued feasibility of stewarding and cleaning arrangements.

Let us all bear with one another as we get used to these new ways of attending Mass, and we thank you sincerely for your patience. We are delighted to have you back, thank God.

CONFIRMATION

We are pleased to be able to publish the rescheduled Confirmation dates for our young parishioners, as follows:

In St Anthony's Church:

St Anthony's PS — Monday 31 August
4:00pm (P7RMC), 6:00pm (P7NI) and 8:00pm (P7SS).

St Brendan's PS — Tuesday 1 September
5:00pm (P7A) and 7:00pm (P7B)

Tullygally PS — Wednesday 2 September,
4:00pm

Drumgor PS — Wednesday 2 September,
6:00pm

Portadown Integrated PS — Wednesday 2
September, 8:00pm

In St Mary's Church, Derrytrasna:

St Mary's PS — Thursday 3 September, 7:00pm

In St Patrick's Church, Aghacommon:

St Patrick's PS — Friday 4 September, 7:00pm

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

29 June	Ss Peter and Paul, apostles
1 July	St Oliver Plunkett, martyr
3 July	St Thomas, apostle

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you will see, the cleaning of the churches after every Mass and the stewarding of congregations requires a lot of energy and co-ordination. However, many hands make light work, and to provide this level of cover we need additional help.

Could you afford some time to help with stewarding or cleaning, even just at the Masses you attend? You are guaranteed a place at Mass as a worker, and even better if you get a group of friends gathered and volunteer together. Please let us know if you are willing and able!

PARISH DRAW

Due to the Coronavirus restriction we have been unable to continue with the parish draw at this time. We have drawn 7 of the 12 draws for 2020. We therefore need to draw another 5 to finish the draw.

We propose to do this as follows:

Two draws in September

One in October

One in November

One in December (Grand Finale – top prize of £5000).

Promoters can leave payments into the parish office at any time but please have your card and monies in a sealed envelopes. We will return your card by post once we have recorded all payments. Please only make collections if you feel comfortable and safe to do so.

Thank you for your patience at this time.