

Seagoe Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

St Mary's Derrytrasna

Saturday (vigil Mass for Sunday)	6:00pm
Monday	10:30am
Wednesday	7:00pm

Confessions every Saturday from 5:30–5:50pm

St Patrick's Aghacommon

Sunday	11:00am
Tuesday	10:30am
Thursday	10:30am

Friday	7:00pm
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Confessions every Friday from 6:30–6:50pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This week: Adoration in St Patrick's on Friday 27 February at 7:30pm, concluding with Benediction at 8:15pm.

St Polycarp, living just 100 years after Christ, viewed the Eucharist as the true Body and Blood of Christ. As his martyrdom drew near, he also saw parallels between his own personal sacrifice of himself for Christ, and the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for us all on the Cross. The martyr was handed over to his death, just as the Body and Blood of Christ are handed over to God.

Next week: Rosary and Adoration in St Mary's on Wednesday 3 March at 7:30pm, concluding with Benediction at 8:15pm.

THANKSGIVING FOR ST PATRICK'S

It began with an inauspicious start as the old oil boiler packed in during the spring of 2022 and was replaced with gas heating the following autumn, just as we were getting the go-ahead for phase 1 of the work on the damp walls of the church. The internal stripping and external re-pointing took place in 2023 to allow the walls to dry throughout 2024. We resumed use of the church while the drying out took place, before closing again for phase 2 in the second half of 2025 to allow replastering and other health and safety and upgrade works to take place. So almost exactly four years on, we warmly welcome Archbishop Eamon among us today to share in our delight and gratitude for the work that has been done through the generous contributions of parishioners over the years, and grant aid from National Churches Trust and The Wolfson Foundation. We give thanks too for the skill and professionalism of all the workers and staff of Consarc Architects, Annvale Construction and GD Henderson and their subcontractors. It gave us particular pleasure that many of the skilled tradesmen and women are our own parishioners, or from the wider locality, some with personal connections to St Patrick's church and cemetery. Throughout all this time the members of Seagoe Finance Council chaired by Mrs Joan Aldridge have lent their collective expertise and oversight to the project and worked hard to see it through. We have much for which to thank God, and pray that the honour and the glory will be given to Him from within the walls of this sacred building in safety and comfort for decades to come.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 8 February £1,458.86

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.

Elizabeth McGeown, Belvedere Care Home, formerly Bayshore

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 21st February

Jim and Kathleen Smith, Hall Rampart
Adele Madden, Pier Rampart
Rosemarie McDowell, Skeltons Rampart

Sunday 22nd February

Mary and Jim Corden, Wolf Island Terrace

Monday 23rd February

Mary McMahan, Derrytrasna Road

Tuesday 24th February

Sheila Allen

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

continue each week alternately between each church. This week St. Mary's at 7:30pm, immediately after the 7.00pm Mass.

HEALING MASS

In communion with all those who are sick, **Seagoe Lourdes Committee** invite everyone to attend a special **Mass for Healing of Body, Soul and Mind**, including the Sacrament of the Sick and Confession.

Friday 27 February at 7.00pm
St Patrick's Church, Derrymacash.

HIGH MOSS SARFIELD'S GFC

Annual memberships are now due Contact Sinead McMahan on 07746436437 In our centenary year we would be delighted to welcome new or returning members

LÆTARE VIGIL FOR WOMEN

Sat 14 March at Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh, Co Waterford

Join lay women of all ages, married and single, to unite in a day of prayer with women religious from over a dozen different orders—a unique experience not to be missed! Spaces limited: register now on Eventbrite. Laetare Vigil Tickets, Sat 14 Mar 2026 at 09:30 | Eventbrite

GIVE BLOOD – SAVE LIVES

Your help is needed to provide just one of the 1200 units of blood required for patients in hospitals across the North every week. Please book your slot (and find more information) at www.nibts.org or freephone **08085 534 643**.

Seagoe Parish Centre, Portadown
Monday 23 Feb
12:30–7:30pm on both days.

Remember: book your slot beforehand online or by phone.

ST RONAN'S PASTORAL AREA:

comprising the parishes of Seagoe, Moyraverty, Lurgan and Magheralin

Sunday Bulletin

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Fr Brian Fitzpatrick, P.P. V.F. 3834 1901

Fr Shajan Panachickal Michael, CC 3834 1901

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Moyraverty 079 1949 6053

Seagoe 078 2777 0304

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person

Stephen Sherry 073 0124 6329

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Southern Health & Social Care Trust

0800 783 745

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Monday–Friday *except* Wednesdays

9:30am–2:00pm

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or moyravertyparish@dromorediocese.org

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

COMMEMORATIONS OF THE WEEK

Mon 23 Feb St Polycarp, *died approx. 155, disciple of Apostle John, defender of Christian teaching*

LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 27–31 July 2026

We welcome young adults 18–30 years to join us on Pilgrimage Cost £680 includes flight, full board and organised pilgrimage, plus opportunities to meet other pilgrims. It will be a memorable experience for all.

25 places are available. To secure your place, email youthdirector@dromorediocese.org.

Names and £50 deposit required before end of February.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES

Please remember to take a Trócaire box home, and another for anyone who doesn't have one.

POPE LEO'S LENTEN MESSAGE

Some extracts:

Dear brothers and sisters, Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives... the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ. This year, I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through **listening**. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone... Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today he shares with us what is in his heart... Sacred Scripture helps us to recognise and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering. In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen as he does.

If Lent is a time for listening, **fasting** is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognise what we "hunger" for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance... However, in order to practice fasting in accordance with its evangelical character and avoid the temptation that leads to pride, it must be lived in faith and humility. It must be grounded in communion with the Lord, because "those who are unable to nourish themselves with the word of God do not fast properly"... In this regard, I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour.

...I impart my heartfelt blessing upon all of you and your Lenten journey.

Search 'Pope Leo Lenten message' for the full text.

AND NOW, THE GOOD NEWS

TheWay.ie is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the 'Good News' and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. Use the QR code to access the site.



Moyraverty Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

St Anthony's

Sunday	12:00noon
Monday–Saturday	9:30am
Mondays	6:00pm
Saturday (vigil Mass for Sunday)	7:30pm

Confessions

From 6:45pm–7:20pm on Saturdays

St John the Evangelist, Lylo

Sunday 10:00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross will be prayed on Wednesdays of Lent at 10:00am immediately after the 9:30am Mass, beginning on Wednesday 25 February.

LENT SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Sr Rosemary and Deacon Pat will lead a reflection on the Sunday Gospel for the Fridays of Lent leading up to Holy Week. Beginning in the Parish Centre on Friday 20 Feb at 10am (after Mass) until 11am. Everyone warmly welcome. There will be a cup of tea on arrival.

POPE'S INTENTION

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. In this month of February, we pray:

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

"They left everything at once and followed him" (Lk 5:11)

Thinking about a calling to serve? Join us for an in-person Discernment Retreat designed to help you explore the path to the diocesan priesthood. It's a relaxed space to reflect, ask questions, and connect with others on the same journey. Come as you are and take time to listen to where your heart might be leading!

Weekend 6–8 March 2026

Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne.

For more details contact Fr Brian on pp.moyraverty.seagoe@gmail.com,

or search 'discernment retreat' in Larne on eventbrite.co.uk to book a free place online.

Organised by Northern Dioceses Vocations Directors.

YOUNG ADULT EVENT (18–30+)

You are invited to join us in Dromantine.

Thursday 5 March, 6:30pm for 7pm start, until 9pm.

We are very conscious of the struggles faced by so many of our young people today. We are keen to hear from you and your friends to share your thoughts about how together you can be part of pastoral renewal in the Diocese of Dromore and how we can offer new opportunities to you, your peers, and the next generation. It will help us with hospitality if you pre-register via email youthdirector@dromorediocese.org. All welcome.

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 21st February

Josephine Turnbull and Pat Murray, Omagh

Paul Lavery, Lakeview Park

Neil McStravick, Carrigart

Sylvia McGeown, Carrigart

Theresa McEntee, Lurgan

Carmen O'Hare, Crumlin

Sunday 22nd February

Thomas McConville, Cloncore

James Robinson, Maghera

Sean McCaughley, Kilvergan Road

Jim Quinn, Enniskeen

Monday 23rd February

Month's Mind Baby Ayda Foy,

Downshire Avenue

Seamus Green, Manor Park

Eileen and Joe McCoy, Westacres

Tony McCoy, Drumgor Heights

Wednesday 25th February

Fergal Lennon, Ardowen

Thursday 26th February

Month's Mind Pauline Treanor,

Meadowbrook

Friday 27th February

Josie McKenna

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

BAPTISM

We rejoice with the family of **Lilah Craig**

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

THE BIG COUNTRY NIGHT

in memory of Josie McKenna

Friday 27 February,

Ashburn Hotel

Doors open 7:30pm,

show begins at 8:00pm

Featuring:

Hugo Duncan, Boxcar Brian, Trevor Dickson, Chrissy Mac, Kevin Kearney, William George, James Rodgers, Johnny Brooks, Gene Fitzpatrick, Katje McParland, Amber Campbell, Liz Cairns Liggett, Geri Kane, Jordan McPolin.

Compère: Seán Wallace.

All proceeds in aid of the Mandeville Unit, Craigavon Hospital
Tickets via the Ashburn Hotel, or Colleen's Kitchen

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 8 February £1,189.48

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