

Seagoe Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

Live Mass streamed on
www.facebook.com/parishofseagoe
Sunday–Thursday at 11:00am daily.
From Friday 11 Dec, Masses as follows with parishioners welcome to attend:

Friday St Patrick's 7:00pm
Saturday St Mary's 6:00pm
Sunday St Patrick's 11:00am



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.

Jesus, you came to give us abundant life. Just like every generation before us, we get attached to the hills and valleys and sins that keep you at a 'safe' distance. Help us to turn back to you, to see the obstacles. Give us the grace to desire a smoother way by letting go of our sins, so you can fill our hands and hearts with new life. Amen.

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.

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.

† ETERNAL REST †

RECENTLY DECEASED

Malachy McKernan, Church Road

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 6 December
Tony Hamill, Kilvergan Road
Tuesday 8 December
Martha Molloy, Kilvergan Road
Joseph Hanna Strangford

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.

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.

SVP SEAGOE

A further supply of Christmas cards (packets of 10 cards) in support of St Vincent de Paul is now 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. The blue SVP freepost donation envelopes beside the cards may be used for donations and put in the post (no stamp required). Thank you for your support to date.

Our **annual Christmas Appeal** will take place at all Masses in the parish next weekend, Sat 12/Sun 13 December.

ST RONAN'S PASTORAL AREA:

comprising the parishes of Seagoe, Moyraverty, Lurgan and Magheralin

Sunday Bulletin

Sunday 6 December 2020
SECOND 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

ADORATION CHAPEL

Edward Street, Lurgan
Open daily 10am–7pm for private prayer and adoration

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass for the holyday will be streamed only this year (see top of the page) live at 10:00am (Moyraverty) and 11:00 (Seagoe) and available on the facebook pages afterwards.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

6 Dec St Nicholas, patron of children
7 Dec St Ambrose, doctor of the Church
8 Dec Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10 Dec Our Lady of Loreto
12 Dec St Finnian, father of Irish monasticism

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
Sunday–Thursday at 10:00am daily.

From Friday 11 Dec, Masses as follows with parishioners welcome to attend:

Friday St Anthony's 9:30am
Saturday St Anthony's 9:30am & 7:30pm
Sunday St John's, Lylo 10:00am
St Anthony's 12:00 noon

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.

ST JOHN'S LYLO

Don't forget to reserve your place for Sunday Mass in Lylo if you wish to attend. Contact the parish office by phone or e-mail.

MOYRAVERTY PARISH DRAW

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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RECENTLY DECEASED

John Coghill, Garrymore
William (Billy) McDonald, Ardowen

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 5 December
Kathleen Patrick, Enniskeen
Anthony Robinson, Kernan Hill Manor
Bernard Halfpenny, Drumbeg
Marty Johnston, Drumgor Heights

Sunday 6 December

Brendan Smyth, Pinebank
Mary Reilly

John McGrann, Meadowbrook
Patrick Kearns, Drumglass

Monday 7 December

Patrick McConville, Lisnaminty
Sarah Norah Magee, Newcastle

Tuesday 8 December

Geraldine O'Kane, Drumglass
Ruby Cochrane, Drumgor Park

Wednesday 9 December

John Burns, Liverpool, formerly Ardowen

Friday 11 December

Lily McColgan, Annaclone

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SVP CRAIGAVON

SVP Craigavon would like to thank the local community for their continuous support and generosity throughout the year. In the last 12 months this has enabled us to help over 800 households in our area. The help provided includes basic food, electricity, heating, furniture and educational support to the value of £38,000. Also your donations to SVP shops allow the local community to purchase products at affordable prices. Due to Covid-19 this has been a particularly difficult time for all. We appreciate your continued support. Finally our Annual Christmas Appeal will commence week beginning Sunday 13 December, with boxes outside all Churches.