

Seagoe Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

Mass streamed daily from 10:15am,
Sunday to Thursday
www.facebook.com/parishofseagoe

ST PATRICK'S AGHACOMMON

Friday 26 March,

7:00pm Mass

Friday 26 March,

7:30pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday 28 March,

11:00am Mass

ST MARY'S DERRYTRASNA

Saturday 27 March,

6:00pm Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will take place in St Patrick's, Aghacommon, at 7:30pm on Friday. Meditations led by young people of the parish; all 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.

In this time when physical collections are not taken up on Sundays, why not move your donation **online?** Go to www.dromorediocese.org, then click on DONATE.

Alternatively, phone the parish office if you would prefer to arrange a **direct debit**, or to have a **box of envelopes**.

Thank you; please encourage members of your family who are earning, even if they don't attend Mass often.

ARRANGING BAPTISMS

Congratulations to parents of new babies born in our parish. Baptisms of up to two children take place on the second Sunday of each month in St Mary's, Derrytrasna, and on the fourth Sunday in St Patrick's Aghacommon. Please phone the parish office to make an appointment to book your child's baptism.

GRANT RECEIVED

Our thanks go to the Department for Communities and Co-Operation Ireland for a recent grant to the parish for Covid recovery supplies, helping us to keep the churches safe places to worship.

† ETERNAL REST †

RECENTLY DECEASED

Raymond Corey, Raughlan Lane

ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 21 March

Patrick Carville, Ballynamoney

Kathleen Duffy, Wolfisland Terrace

The Corden Family, Ballinary

Monday 22 March

Evelyn Ann Doris, formerly Derrytrasna

Tuesday 23 March

Mary Ellen & Edward McAlinden,

High Moss

Thursday 25 March

Daniel Blaney, Ardmore Road

Friday 26 March

May Haughian, Derrtrasna

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

25 MARCH:

THE ANNUNCIATION

Exactly nine months before Christmas Day, we celebrate the conception of Jesus when Mary gave her consent to God following the Angel Gabriel's message. A short reflection:

Quieten yourself down. Become alert and aware. God is closer to you than your jugular vein. So, do what Mary did, open yourself to that Presence.

Was the annunciation just an afternoon visit from a well-dressed young man? Or might it be saying that the Presence of God to Mary was so real, and she was so receptive, that the Word was able to become flesh within her?

And she consented.

Mary permitted the embodiment of God, the most extraordinary event since the inception of the universe. So I ask, Am I able to make this a blueprint for my response to God? Will Jesus be made present in me, differently from Mary, but nonetheless real? Will my eyes, voice, hands, and feet bring Jesus wherever I go, and to whomever, I meet?

Can I, too, embody Jesus?

SEAGOE PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

14 March - £2352.30

Thank you to all our parish benefactors for your generous support.

ST RONAN'S PASTORAL AREA:

comprising the parishes of Seagoe, Moyraverty,
Lurgan and Magheralin

Sunday Bulletin

Sunday 21 March 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Seagoe 0782 777 0304

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

Diocesan Designated Child Protection Officer
Patricia Carville 077 8991 7741
Southern Health & Social Care Trust 0800 783 745
N.I ChildLine 0800 1111

PARISH OFFICE RESTRICTED VISITING

The Parish Office retains normal opening hours, but during the lockdown emergency, this is for phone calls, e-mails and other correspondence, but not to callers in person.

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:

9:00am–2:00pm

Friday: 9:00am–1:30pm

Phone: 3834 3013

Please note our new e-mail addresses:
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RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

After 77 days of suspended public worship, we will be able to gather again in church from this Friday, 26 March. The reopening will be done in a cautious way with all the necessary mitigations and safeguards required to maximise safety of those who attend our churches for worship. Every parishioner, however, should carefully consider for themselves if returning to public worship is the safe and appropriate step at this time. Our thanks to the stewards, cleaners and sacristans who help us manage the reopening.

Please see the Mass schedules above for the times of Masses and Stations in each parish towards the end of this week.

AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY YEAR

On Friday, Pope Francis opened the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, running from 19 March 2021–26 June 2022. Amoris Laetitia is the name of the Pope's letter also known as **The Joy of Love** in which he meditates on love in family life. It's easily accessible online or in print, and well worth a read. The year will be a time of special prayer and support for all families in our parishes. Much more to come.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

CORONAVIRUS

Face masks are mandatory for all attending church, including for funerals, weddings, baptisms and other special occasions.

Attendance at weddings and funerals is limited to a maximum of 25 people.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains suspended, therefore parishioners are encouraged to come along any other day of the week on a time and day that suit.

Please maintain social distancing both inside and outside the church building. Kindly respect the advice and guidance given by stewards at all times.

As ever, those with vulnerable health conditions or **those displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home.**

COVERING STATUES

You will see the principal crucifix and major statues in our churches veiled from this weekend until Easter. The veiling of crosses and images is a custom of 'fasting' from those sacred depictions which represent the Easter glory of our salvation the other fifty weeks of the year. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Easter feast, so too, our fasting from the cross will culminate in veneration of the unveiled holy wood on Good Friday when the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the images of the saints culminates on Easter night with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ for all sinners, making them saints, who are revealed again.

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ST ANTHONY'S

Friday 26 March,

9:30am Mass

Friday 26 March,

10:00am Stations of the Cross

Saturday 27 March,

9:30am Mass

Saturday 27 March,

7:30pm Mass

Sunday 28 March,

12:00noon Mass

ST JOHN'S, LYLO

Sunday 28 March,

10:00am Mass

(limited to 25 people,

first come first served)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will take place in St Anthony's after the 9:30am Mass on Friday. All welcome to attend.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

23 March St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Spanish bishop who built up the Church in Peru

24 March St Macartan, companion of St Patrick and patron of Clogher

25 March Annunciation of the Lord

EASTER BLESSINGS

An Easter Card of 12 poems and prayers by Fr Michael Maginn, is now available at the back of St Anthony's Church, Craigavon.

If you wish to leave a suggested donation of £2 per card, it may be placed in the large wooden box marked Weekly Parish Envelopes.

All proceeds to Trocaire.



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ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 21 March

Richard O'Donnell, Belfast

Bernard Morrison, Belfast

Jamie McConville, Westacres

Monday 22 March

Christie Reid, Drumbeg North

Daniel Burns, Drumellan Gardens

Tuesday 23 March

James (Jimmy) Casey, Blackburn

Thursday 25 March

Patrick Gallagher, Pinebank

Friday 26 March

Margaret Austin (née Mallon),

Enniskeen

Patrick J McKeever, Stonebridge

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

'ANYWAY'

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred. **Forgive them anyway.**

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. **Be kind anyway.**

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. **Succeed anyway.**

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. **Be honest and sincere anyway.**

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. **Create anyway.**

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. **Be happy anyway.**

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. **Do good anyway.**

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. **Give your best anyway.**

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. **It was never between you and them anyway.**

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta