

Seagoe Parish

MASS SCHEDULE St Mary's Derrytrasna

Sunday	11:00am
Monday	10:30am
Wednesday	7.00pm
Friday	7.00pm
Saturdays (vigil Mass for Sunday)	6:00pm
Confessions every Friday from 6:30–6:50pm and every Saturday from 5:30–5:50pm.	



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This week: Adoration in St Mary's on Friday 19 December at 7:30pm, followed by Benediction at 8:15pm.

St Peter Julian Eymard says, "Look upon the hour of adoration offered to you as an hour in paradise. Go to your adoration as one would to heaven, to the divine banquet. You will then long for that hour and greet it with joy. Take delight in fostering a longing for it in your heart. Tell yourself, In four hours, in two hours, in one hour, our Lord will give me an audience of grace and love. He has invited me; he is waiting for me; he is longing for me." Next Adoration will resume in the new year in St Mary's on Wednesday 7 January. The Adoration Chapel, Edward Street, Lurgan, will remain open every day over Christmas from 9am–9pm.

RETURN TO ST PATRICK'S

We look forward to resuming worship in St Patrick's from **next Sunday, 21 December, at 11:00am Mass**. The church will be open daily to the public thereafter for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and confessions and Masses over the Christmas season will take place as advertised.

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the restoration work done in St Patrick's will take place in the New Year.

Sincere thanks to Rose and Patsy Murray, our sacristans in St Mary's Derrytrasna, who had the chapel in 'Trasna open and welcoming for us for the extra Masses, adoration, baptisms and funerals that would otherwise have taken place in St Patrick's over the last five months. Thank you also to Peter McVeigh who lent a frequent helping hand for sacristy duties in St Mary's.

Anniversary Masses and baptisms may again be booked for St Patrick's from 21 December. Usual Mass schedule:
Sundays 11:00am
Tuesdays 10:30am
Thursdays 10:30am
Fridays 7:00pm.

Please note Mass on Friday 26 December will be at the earlier time of 10:30am.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 7 December £2414.91
Evora Hospice Collection £790.22
Please make cheques payable to 'Seagoe Parish'.

We thank all our parishioners for their

† ANNIVERSARIES †

Saturday 13 December

Ita Hall, Derrytrasna Park

Sunday 14 December

Catherine Carville, Ballynamoney Road
James Austin, Derrymacash

Patrick & Eileen Moore, Derrymacash Road
Gerald Donnelly, Ballynamoney Road

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

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society wishes to announce that its new Journal **Seanchas Dhoim Mór 2025** will be available in most Parish Centres or from committee members from the weekend of November 29th/30th. The new Journal comprises 144 pages, 21 articles and over 100 colour illustrations covering many parishes of the diocese as well as articles of general interest.

Copies available from Parish Office, cost £20.00. See our Facebook page **Seanchas Dhoim Mor** for details.

SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS

A selection of religious-themed Christmas cards (packs of 10) will be available at times of Masses in St Mary's chapel over the next few weeks.

There is no charge for the cards—we simply ask that you select the packs you wish and leave a voluntary donation in the box provided.

All proceeds will go to help your local SVP provide support to individuals and families in need over the Christmas period. Thank you.

SVP ANNUAL APPEAL

The SVP Annual Appeal for Christmas will be held after Masses in St. Mary's Derrytrasna on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated as we seek to help those individuals and families in the Parish for whom Christmas can be a particularly difficult time.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

We invite any Seagoe parishioner wishing to be considered as an 'assisted pilgrim' (sick) on next year's Pilgrimage (15-20 May) to contact one of the following:- Brenda McKernan (078-1140-7587) Andrea Judge (079-3050-3713) Fionntan Murray (077-2979-9460).

PRAYER FOR PRISONERS

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

ST RONAN'S PASTORAL AREA:

comprising the parishes of Seagoe, Moyraverty,
Lurgan and Magheralin

Sunday Bulletin

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | GAUDETE SUNDAY
JUBILEE OF PRISONERS

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Fr Brian Fitzpatrick, P.P.V.F.	3834 1901
Fr Shajan Panachickal Michael, CC	
	3834 1901
Rev Patrick Gallagher, <i>permanent deacon</i>	3834 3013
Rev Gerry Heaney, <i>Deacon Emeritus</i> .	3834 3013
St Vincent de Paul Confidential Helplines	
Moyraverty 079 1949 6053	
Seagoe 078 2777 0304	

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person	
Stephen Sherry	073 0124 6329
safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org	
Southern Health & Social Care Trust	
	0800 783 745
N.I ChildLine	0800 1111

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office closed Monday 15 December.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9.30am - 2.00pm

Phone: 028 3834 3013.

Address: 10 Tullygally Road, Legahory,
Craigavon, BT65 5BL.

**E-mail: seagoe parish@dromorediocese.org
or moyraverty parish@dromorediocese.org**

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

COMMEMORATIONS OF THE WEEK

Sat 20 Dec St Fachanan, *6th-c bishop and founder of church or monastery at Kilfenora, at one time an independent diocese, but now part of the Diocese of Galway.*



EVORA HOSPICE MEMORY TREE

Evora Hospice invite you to remember your loved ones by dedicating a leaf on our beautiful, hand sculpted memory tree, which is situated in the corner of the Hospice gardens. This provides a beautiful and meaningful way to remember a loved one whilst also helping the Hospice to continue delivering specialist palliative care to patients and support to their families. Call Logan or Aisling on 028 3026 7711 for further information or visit Memory Tree Leaf – shop online with Evora Hospice.

CONFESSION FOR CHRISTMAS

The Season of Advent challenges us to "prepare the way of the Lord" and to "make straight his paths." The Sacrament of Penance is especially important as a way to bring order into our hearts and souls during these often bewildering times.

St. Paul teaches us, "This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim 1:15). No matter what sins you have committed, and no matter how many times or for how many months or even years you have committed them, God can forgive you, and He wants to do so more than you can possibly imagine. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is about God's love and mercy, and the freedom that comes with knowing that your sins are forgiven can be experienced when the priest says, "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Prepare well, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you, and use an examination of conscience (available online) to help you identify and remember what to confess.

Whatever you do, please do go! The priest-confessor will be happy to give you any help you need; he is there to help you. Choose any of the opportunities here below:

Tues 16 Dec, 6–7pm	St Peter's, Lurgan
Wed 17 Dec, 7–8pm	St Anthony's
Fri 19 Dec, 6:30–6:50pm	St Mary's, Derrytrasna
Sat 20 Dec, 5:30–5:50pm	St Mary's, Derrytrasna
Sat 20 Dec, 6:30–7:20pm	St Anthony's
Mon 22 Dec, 11:00–11:30am	St Mary's, Derrytrasna
Mon 22 Dec, 5:00–5:50pm	St Anthony's
Mon 22 Dec, 7–8pm	St Paul's, Lurgan
Tue 23 Dec, 10–11am	St Anthony's
Tue 23 Dec, 6–7pm	St Patrick's, Aghacommon
Wed 24 Dec, 10–11am	St Anthony's
Wed 24 Dec, 11am–12noon	St Patrick's, Aghacommon

CHRISTMAS MASS ARRANGEMENTS

to facilitate booking of anniversaries, etc.

Wednesday 24 Dec, Christmas Eve
9:30am — St Anthony's
7:00pm — St Mary's, Derrytrasna
7:30pm — St Anthony's
11:00pm — St John the Evangelist's, Lylo

Thursday 25 Dec, Christmas Day

9:30am — St Anthony's
11:00am — St Patrick's, Aghacommon
12:00 noon — St Anthony's

Friday 26 Dec, St Stephen's Day

9:30am — St Anthony's
10:30am — St Patrick's, Aghacommon

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
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CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

Join us at St John the Evangelist's, Lylo for our Carol Service on Sunday, 21st December at 6:30pm. Together we will tell the story of the birth of Jesus through well-loved carols, scripture readings, and the warmth of community. A wonderful way to begin the Christmas season! All are warmly invited.

SVPD ANNUAL APPEAL 2025

The collection for the annual SVP Christmas Appeal will take place after all the Masses in our Parish on Sat 13th and Sun 14th December. With the cost of essentials constantly increasing the demand for our help is higher than ever. With your help we can continue to support those in our Parish that need it most this Christmas. Thank you so much for your support to our collections in the past, you have been tremendous and for that we are very grateful.

We want to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2026.



PIPS CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Each year since 2003, PIPS Hope & Support invites families and friends who have been bereaved by suicide to come together for our Interdenominational Christmas Service of Remembrance, Hope & Healing. This special evening offers an opportunity to celebrate the lives of loved ones, find comfort in reflections, poems, beautiful music and song, and share in a candlelight procession and Memory Tree ceremony.

- This year's service will take place in St Mary's Church of Ireland, Hill Street, Newry, on **Sunday 14 December at 4:00pm**. The Christmas Service provides a space for personal reflection and remembrance, in the company of others who understand. Candles will be kindled in memory of those we have lost, while personal messages will adorn the Memory Tree. You are very welcome to bring something personal with you on the day to place on the Memory Tree, and Memory Cards and Candles will be available in the church.

Following the service, the Memory Tree will be placed in Newry Cathedral throughout the Christmas period, where anyone may visit or add memorabilia. The tree will remain in place until 6 January 2026. It is hoped that this year's Christmas Service brings comfort, peace, and a sense of togetherness to all who need it.

† 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

Kelly-Marie Faulkner, Taghnevan, formerly
Ardowen
Imelda Pollock, Dean's Grange
Anthony Hughes, Hillcrest

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 13 December

Liz Maxwell, Manor Drive
Margaret Duggan, Drumbeg South
Eddie McStravick, Carrigart
Edward & Susan Fearnon, Derryinver
Felix & Esther Headley, Drumbeg South

Sunday 14 December

Month's Mind Madeline Quinn,
Rowan Manor

Mary McGarvey, Pinebank

John Sheridan, Ardowen

Monday 15 December

Annie Hamill, Dungannon

Wednesday 17 December

John Kelly, Portadown

Agnes Fitzsimons, Belfast

Margaret Hoyer, Manor Drive

Friday 19 December

Lappin Brothers, Warrington

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BAPTISM

We rejoice with the family of
Zkyler Tarroza, Kernan Hill Manor
at his recent birth to eternal
life in the sacrament of baptism.



10am – 1pm
Sunday 21st
December
in the club

In aid of
SVP
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 7 December £1331.83
Evora Hospice Collection £1295.79
Please make all cheques payable to
'Moyraverty Parish'.
We thank all our parishioners for their
continued support and generosity.