

Seagoe Parish

MASS SCHEDULE

St Patrick's Aghacommon

Sunday	11:00am
Tuesday	10:30am
Thursday	10:30am
Friday	7:00pm
Confessions every Friday 6:30–6:50pm	

St Mary's Derrytrasna

Monday	10:30am
Wednesday	7:00pm
Saturdays (vigil Mass for Sunday)	6:00pm
Confessions every Saturday 5:30–5:50pm	

EPIPHANY MASSES

The celebration of the Adoration of the Magi, and through them, the manifestation of Christ the Lord to the peoples of the world, is a holyday of obligation.

Mass in the parish will be in St Mary's Derrytrasna next Monday, 6 January, at 10:30am. There will be no vigil Mass on Sunday, but an evening Mass will be available in St Anthony's on Monday 6 January at 6pm.

BAPTISMS

We rejoice with the families of

Oisín Thomas Hughes,
Knockramer Meadows

Eve Rose McGahan, London
at their recent birth to eternal life in the sacrament of baptism..



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This week: Rosary and adoration in St Mary's on Wednesday 8 January at 7:30pm, finishing with Benediction at 8:15pm.

St Angela of Foligno reminds us: "If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude." Adoration of the Eucharist outside Mass allows us the time and space to consider Christ's love on display before us, and so be transformed as St Angela describes.

Next week: Adoration in St Patrick's on Friday 17 January at 7:30pm, finishing with Benediction at 8:15pm.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 22 December: £1481.88

Sunday 29 December: £1975.33

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.

James (Jim) O'Hagan, formerly Skelton's Rampart
Sheena Lawler, Derrymacash & Dublin

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 4 January

Month's Mind Benedict Fox, Derryloiste Road

Declan Doyle, The Brambles

Paul Magee, Ballinderry Lower

Teresa Harte, Turmoyra

Nora & James Connolly, Aghalee

Sunday 5 January

Sean McCorry, Kilvergan Road

Friday 10 January

John McNally, Charlestown Road

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

JUBILEE YEAR 2025:

'PILGRIMS IN HOPE'

An important aspect of the 2025 coincides with a significant date for all Christians, namely, the 1700th anniversary of the celebration of the first great Ecumenical Council, that of Nicaea in AD 325. It is worth noting that, from apostolic times, bishops have gathered on various occasions in order to discuss doctrinal questions and disciplinary matters. In the first centuries of Christianity, synods frequently took place in both East and West, showing the importance of ensuring the unity of God's People and the faithful proclamation of the Gospel. All baptised people, with their respective charisms and ministries, are responsible together for ensuring that many and numerous signs of hope bear witness to God's presence in the world.

The Council of Nicaea sought to preserve the Church's unity, which was seriously threatened by the denial of the full divinity of Jesus Christ and hence his **consubstantiality** with the Father. Some three hundred bishops took part, convoked at the behest of the Emperor Constantine; their first meeting took place in the Imperial Palace on 20 May 325. After various debates, by the grace of the Spirit they unanimously approved the Creed that we still recite each Sunday at the celebration of the Eucharist. The Council Fathers chose to begin that Creed by using for the first time the expression "We believe," as a sign that all the Churches were in communion and that all Christians professed the same faith.

The Council of Nicaea was a milestone in the Church's history. The celebration of its anniversary invites Christians to join in a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Blessed Trinity and in particular to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, "**consubstantial with the Father,**" who revealed to us that mystery of love. At the same time, Nicaea represents a summons to all Churches and Ecclesial Communities to persevere on the path to visible unity and in to respond fully to the prayer of Jesus "*that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me*" (Jn 17:21).

ST RONAN'S PASTORAL AREA:

comprising the parishes of Seagoe, Moyraverty, Lurgan and Magheralin

Sunday Bulletin

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2025
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon 6 Jan Epiphany of the Lord

BAPTISM BOOKINGS

Baptisms in our parishes are held as follows:

St Anthony's each Sunday at 1:00pm (except the fifth Sunday when it occurs).

St Mary's on the 1st Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon.

St Patrick's on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 12:00 noon.

Places are limited and so you are advised to book your date in advance of any other bookings (meals/flights, etc.) to avoid disappointment.

There are no Saturday baptisms in either parish at this time.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES

Fully Escorted Trip/Direct return flights from Dublin. 26 April -3 May 2025. £675.00. (Price will increase to £725.00 after 31 January 2025). 7 nights Pilgrimage with Mona Mitchell & Kathy McColgan. Fr Aidan O'Kane CP as spiritual Director. Gain from 40 years of experience and support both in Ireland & Medjugorje. Air-conditioned accommodation near to St James' Church. Professional assistance from start to finish. For more info or to book: Contact 028 9568 0005. www.marian.ie or Mona 07880714113/ Kathy 07734345181.

EPIPHANY: CHRIST IS MANIFEST



The Epiphany Gospel (Matthew 2:1–12), in describing the Magi finding the child Jesus, includes the story of their encounter with the evil King Herod. This encounter demonstrates three reactions to Jesus' birth:

- Hatred:** A group of people headed by Herod planned to destroy Jesus.
- Indifference:** Another group, composed of priests and scribes, ignored Jesus.
- Adoration:** The members of a third group—shepherds and the Magi—adored Jesus and offered themselves to Him.

Let us make sure that we belong to the third group, offering Jesus our worship, charting a better way for our lives away from what is evil, and becoming like the star, leading others to Jesus.

What is our gift to the Child Jesus? In truth, there is only one thing we can give that he really wants. Christina Rossetti captures it beautifully in her Christmas carol *In the Bleak Midwinter*. The final lyrics go as follows:
"What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I could give a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I could do my part.
What can I give Him? Give Him my heart!"

POPE'S INTENTION

It's a new month and a new year, and each month the Holy Father asks us to joining him in a prayer intention for the needs of the Church and world. So please remember in your prayers:

The right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

THANK YOU

As the days of the Christmas season draw near to an end, a word from Rev Gerry and your priests to say a huge thank you to all our parishioners for your kind wishes, prayers and Masses, gifts and cards we have received over the festive season. Your support and thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated by us all.

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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EPIPHANY MASSES

We celebrate the arrival of the Magi to Bethlehem having followed the star to find Christ the Lord on 6 January. It is a holyday of obligation to attend Mass.

Masses in the parish will be in St Anthony's next Monday, 6 January, at 9:30am and 6:00pm. There will be no vigil Mass on Sunday.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER



Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Franciscus

FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES

Parents of children in Primary 4 who are due to receive First Holy Communion in 2025 but who are not yet baptised should contact the parish office as soon as possible to arrange your child's baptism.

First Communion cannot go ahead otherwise, since Baptism is essential prior to any other sacraments being administered.

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

Mary McCarron, Clonmeen, formerly
Ballynamoney

Thomas (Tom) McConville,
Knocknamuckly

ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 4 January

Kevin Campbell, Old Fort Lodge

Kathleen Traynor, Drumbeg

Sunday 5 January

Month's Mind Christina (Chris) Hanna,

Hawthorne Drive, Bleary

Month's Mind Patrick Thompson,

Moyraverty Court

Gerry Hanna, Garrymore

Matthew Paul O'Hagan, Garrymore

Don Mackin, Ardowen

Joseph O'Dowd, Ballynagarrick

Barry & Declan O'Dowd, Ballydougan

Monday 6 January

Peter Loughran

Tuesday 7 January

Margaret O'Hara, Ardowen

Michael Mallon, Kernan Gardens

Wednesday 8 January

Davy Magill, Drumgask Road

Martin McCormick, Craigavon

Thursday 9 January

Ellen Murphy, Knocknamuckly Road

Eileen Moore, Thornleigh

Friday 10 January

Sean Quinn, Drumbeg South

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BETTER TOGETHER GROUP:

Next meeting Sunday 5 January 3pm-5 30pm
The Hub Brownlow Road Craigavon Everyone welcome.

CASHLESS DONATION POINT

We have a new card reader installed in St Anthony's Church porch for anyone who is caught without cash but wishes to make a contribution by card/phone for the collection basket, for candles or shrines.

Simply CHOOSE/enter the amount you wish to donate,
TAP your contactless card/phone.....and you're DONE.

There is also a one-off option to Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer.
Thank you sincerely for your support to the parish.

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 29 December £1701.49

Please make all cheques payable to 'Moyraverty Parish'

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