



Mass & Confession Times

Sacred Heart Church - Sunday Mass Times

Vigil : Saturday 6.00 pm

Sunday : 9.00 am, 11 am & 1.00 pm

Mass in the Polish Language at 5pm.

All are welcome to join us via our webcam during this period of closure.

St Mary's Drumragh

Closed due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

**Adoration every Wednesday from 10.30 am to 7.15 pm in the Sacred Heart Church
(via webcam only)**

Covid 19 Notice

Bishop McKeown has written to us this week, following further guidance, specific to churches, from The Executive Office. He made the following points:

- Once the churches are open again, it is important to reduce the risk of transmission of infection in the indoor environment of churches. We are advised that social distancing remains the most important mitigation of risk. This is relatively easily controlled in the church building but can break down as people leave the church and even gather outside; this has to be carefully managed. Other important mitigations include ventilation (open doors and windows) and face coverings in church.
- If a person tests positive for COVID-19, and has been to church within the relevant timeframe, the Public Health Authority (PHA) will contact the parish only if it deems it necessary to advise on any steps that have to be taken.
- Anyone who is feeling unwell or already displaying symptoms of COVID-19 should **not** attend Mass or Services in church.
- Within the church building, it is important to minimise movement of the congregation as far as possible.
- The call of the Church Leaders for face coverings to be worn in church is to be encouraged (noting that some people are exempt).
- In relation to the anticipated higher demand for places at Mass over Christmas, overcrowding must be avoided. Additional Masses can be put on, with cleaning and ventilation of the church between each Mass. There should be clear communication with parishioners about numbers and associated planning. There is a concern, from the perspective of public health, of the increased inter-generational mixing at Christmas. The people most at risk are the over 60s and people with underlying health conditions.

Christmas, while a joyful time of Christian celebration, will be a challenging time for parishes. Please God, with the advent of widespread vaccination, we can look forward to improving circumstances as we move towards the Springtime of 2021.

Feasts of the Week

Week Beginning Sunday 6th December
Monday 7 – St Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church
Tuesday 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 9 – St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Thursday 10 – Blessed Mary of Loreto
Friday 11 – St Damasus I, pope

Sacred Heart Church
7.30 pm Mass Intentions

Monday Patrick Leo McKenna – 1st Anniversary
Wednesday Desmond McGale – 1st Anniversary
Thursday Bernadette O’Neill – 1st Anniversary
Friday Arty McGlynn – 1st Anniversary

Recent Deaths

We pray for the families of the following who died recently:

Ciaran Gallagher
Hugh McQuaid
Paul Houston

May they rest in peace.



COVID-19 Support Line for Older People



ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Christmas Gift to the Priests

This exceptional annual collection is normally gathered via envelopes or loose plate collection. This year, due to Covid 19, we cannot have a loose plate collection. Furthermore, there are many people now paying by standing order, which does not include this collection. If you wish to contribute, and you do not have an envelope, please put your donation in an envelope and mark it ‘Christmas Gift to the Priests’. We thank you for your support.

Parish Draw 2021

The Parish Draw will once again be held in 2021 and we wish to thank all the promoters who continue to do such great work. There will be a registration day for the draw on Saturday 9th January and it will take place in St Joseph’s Hall to enable adequate social distancing. We are aware that this year there may be people who find it difficult to participate in the draw for various reasons. Although our promoters are continuing to facilitate as many people as possible, there may be those who are isolating and unable to be in contact with anyone. If so, although the parish office is currently not open to the public, you can join by sending your name, address and telephone number, with a cheque for £60, to the Parish Office, 48 Brook Street, Omagh. We will send you a membership card with your details by return of post. Also, if you require membership of the draw as a Christmas gift, the same applies, and we will send you a gift card with the membership details. We thank you all for your generous support.



**PLEASE SUPPORT THE SVP COLLECTION
SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2020**



SVP St Columba's Conference will be conducting their annual Christmas collection on Sunday 13th December. The funds raised will be spent in this community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs throughout the winter and beyond. We rely almost entirely on the support of you, the generous parishioners of Drumragh Parish. Thank you in advance for your continued support. (Gift Aid envelopes will be available in the church from 7th to 13th December).

Donate locally on [svp.ie/donate](https://www.svp.ie/donate) and simply enter **Omagh** in the box "Specific location to help" on the donate page.

St Columba's SVP, Omagh

Tattysallagh Crib Festival

Unfortunately, the annual crib festival at Tattysallagh will not go ahead this year due to Covid 19 restrictions. However, because so many have expressed an interest in an online version, we will do a daily post on each day of Advent. Obviously, the Mellon Educate school building blitz to South Africa did not take place this year. Instead the charity has funded food parcel and sanitation pack deliveries to the impoverished people living in overcrowded shanty towns where the unhygienic conditions and lack of effective sanitation encourage Covid 19 transmission.



If you would like to make a donation to Mellon Educate, it would be greatly appreciated, and it will make a huge difference to the lives of South Africa's poverty-stricken families. You can donate at the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/babs-barrett>

Omagh St. Enda's Supporting SVP



Omagh St. Enda's GAA Club has been supporting St Vincent de Paul (SVP) throughout this pandemic. We are appealing again to our club members and the wider community in Omagh and surrounding areas to support us in helping SVP now too as their supplies are running low. Our Christmas Charity CD, in aid of SVP, has been launched and



is on sale in a lot of local businesses in town.

On **Sunday 6th December** we will be facilitating a **Toy Appeal** in Omagh St Enda's Main Hall from 11 am to 3 pm. All items donated must be new. We are looking for Stocking Fillers, toys, gift sets for small kids and it would also be great to get some toiletry gift sets for the older teenagers. As always, every small gift makes a big difference to someone's life.

On **Sunday 13th December** we are doing a **Food Appeal** in Omagh St Enda's Main Hall from 11 am to 3 pm. Goods which would be appreciated include tinned veg/beans/fish/meat, cereals, rice/pasta, biscuits, tea/coffee, toiletries including tissues, soaps, shower creams! Again, anything we receive will be greatly appreciated.

We are minimising contact and therefore we are asking people to drive up to side door and a club member will take donated goods. Club Volunteers will sort all the goods for distribution by SVP. As a club and community let's come together and support each other to help others. Once again, we thank you for the support of club and community at this time.



Christmas Novena Prayer

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary at midnight in Bethlehem in piercing cold. In that hour promise, oh my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.



St Joseph's Hall

Due to current Covid 19 restrictions, it has been decided that it is in the best interests of everyone to close the Hall until after the Christmas period. This decision will be reviewed in the New Year.

For all enquiries about booking and access to St Joseph's Hall, please call the Parish Office on 028 8224 2092 during office hours.



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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	9043 4848
AWARE	7126 0602
CARE FOR CANCER	8224 6599
CRUSE	8224 4414
DRUG AWARENESS	0800 776600
GAMBLERS	7135 1329
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