



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday Cycle B

19th September 2021

**SEASON OF CREATION
CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF FOOD**
by the way you buy, prepare and eat food
Be part of the solution to
PLASTIC POLLUTION AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS

'Purchasing is always a moral – and not simply a PERSONAL economic – act' (Laudato Si', 206)

- Support local producers or grow your own
- Buy local, Irish and in season
- Avoid excessive packaging
- Check your cupboards/fridge before you shop.
- Plan your shopping – make a list – avoid impulse buying
- Bring your reusable bag to the shop
- Avoid food waste: www.stopfoodwaste.ie
- Learn to compost.
- Give thanks and welcome others to your table.



Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change.' (Laudato Si', 202)

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Feasts of the Week

Week Beginning Sunday 19th September

Monday 20 – Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, martyrs

Tuesday 21 – St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday 23 – St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest

Saturday 25 – St Finbarr, bishop

Sacred Heart Church

7.30 pm Mass Intentions

Monday Patsy McCaul – Month's Mind

Wednesday Sr Marie Wylie – Month's Mind

Thursday Jeannie Kinnear – 1st Anniversary

Recent Weddings

We congratulate the following couples who were married here recently:

Orla McCullagh & Ryan O'Donnell

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them all their lives



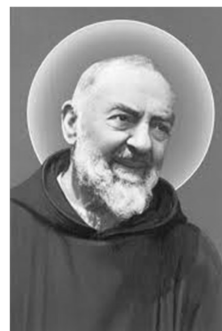
Recent Deaths

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

Sadie Mulligan

Ann Colton

May they rest in peace.



Saint Padre Pio Feast Day Devotions and Mass.

Join us in the Sacred Heart Church in Omagh on Thursday 23rd September at 7 pm for Rosary, Mass and

Novena prayers through the intercession of Saint Padre Pio on his Feast Day. We are delighted to have Fr Bryan Shortall, Capuchin Friar from Dublin joining us for the mass on this special day. We look forward to seeing you there or via the webcam.

“Pray Hope and Don't Worry”

Clerical Changes

Historically, when a curate has left Drumragh Parish, we would invite them back for an 'Evening of Thanks' in our parish hall. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, this will not be possible after the departures of Fr McDermott and Fr Saniuta. We will still have a collection for them, however. Anyone who wishes to contribute can do so by using the envelopes in the Church porches this weekend, or by using your own envelope and putting the name of the curate on the front. These can be returned to the church in the usual ways by Sunday 3rd October.

Wedding Bookings in Drumragh Parish

Due to the disruption to weddings over the past eighteen months, there has had to be a lot of changes made to our wedding diary. Consequently, there are a lot of weddings with no priest booked and other details which are missing. We would ask that anyone with a wedding booking for this parish contact us to confirm the details. We remind you that a wedding booking is not confirmed until there is a priest booked for the service.

As you are now aware, Fr Christopher McDermott is leaving the parish, but he will honour all weddings booked with him up until 30th April 2022. Anyone who has booked him for a wedding from 1st May 2022 will have to book another priest. Please contact the Parish Office if you need any assistance with this.

Clerical changes 2021

Bishop McKeown decided to make no changes to diocesan personnel last year 2020 because of the pandemic. This year different needs arose around the diocese and you will be aware how the clerical changes as they are known have affected our parish of Drumragh – both of our curates Fr. Christopher McDermott and Fr. Ignacy Saniuta have been reassigned to new locations.

Fr. Christopher McDermott – a native of Melmound parish, Strabane was ordained priest in his home parish in June 2016. His first assignment was to Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry where he served for a year before joining our parish team in Drumragh in 2017. In the cathedral parish he quickly established himself as Master of ceremonies at many important religious liturgies and events throughout our diocese. He came to us with the highest recommendation from those who knew him and over the four years he served our parish he has ministered to us with a quiet, confident and competent disposition that has been a source of reassurance to all around him. Fr. Chris's preaching, and his attention to detail in his devotional liturgies has inspired. His fidelity to all areas of pastoral care especially to the young people and the children in our schools gave great encouragement and support to all. He will now transfer to the parish of Limavady.



Fr. Ignacy Saniuta was born in Belarus to parents of Polish origin. He was ordained a priest in 2004. His language skills are impressive – fluent in Belarussian, Russian and Polish. He was released by his bishop to come to Limerick in 2016 to study English and so equipped himself with another language. His language skills were matched by his very fine personality, his personal faith and his desire to hone his pastoral skills among us – Bishop McKeown appointed him as curate in Drumragh and chaplain to the Polish people in the diocese at the same time. Like the other priests of the parish Fr. Ignacy threw himself into the weekly schedule celebrating Mass and Confessions; visiting the sick and housebound; helping the children in our primary schools prepare for the sacraments; his personal faith shared with humble conviction was a great witness to inquisitive young minds in Loreto Grammar School. He ministered to the sick and celebrated Requiem Mass with great sensitivity to the bereaved for which many local families will be most grateful. He will now transfer to Saint Eugene's Cathedral in Derry.

We welcome Fr. Peter O'Kane to our parish team this week. – Fr. Peter like Fr. Christopher is a native of Melmound Parish Strabane. He received his secondary education at the Christian Brothers Grammar School, Kevlin Road. Fr. Peter was ordained a priest in 2005 and served in parishes in Derry city. Prior to his appointment this week he had ministered with the Dominican Community in Ireland. We offer him a very warm welcome to the parish of Drumragh and look forward to getting to know him as he ministers among us in the time ahead.

Fr. Aidan Mullan a son of this parish of Drumragh was the tenth diocesan priest to die since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. His death last weekend is a very particular loss to his family but it is also deep loss to the priests of the diocese. He was held in high regard throughout his ministry in our diocese and beyond. We are all grateful for his dedication and we pray that his soul is now at peace with God.

Thank you in anticipation for your continued prayers for vocations. We have to go back a long time – perhaps to the penal days in Ireland when we had so few priests in our parish of Drumragh – the changing times spread the responsibility for sharing and nurturing our faith - a responsibility that has always been a feature of life here and a great credit to successive generations.

Please continue to pray and work together as time pushes us forward. This is the answer modelled for us in the scriptures and witnessed to by what we have learned from our past. - Fr. Hasson



QUB Catholic Chaplaincy

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University has reopened for the new academic year. We are a vibrant community of faith and friendship at the heart of campus where students feel welcome, listened to, valued and supported. For more on our liturgy schedule, events, facilities and amazing Café, visit qubcatholic.org. We can't wait to welcome you!

'Beyond the Bruising:'

An oasis hour for those seeking serenity as they live with fractured relationships. Available on zoom on Saturday 9th October at 11 am. For details contact thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

Thornhill Ministries Team is available for Training and Support to parishes and other groups.

"Let gifting be the energy that I bring to my family, my friends, my work, my home."

Rainbow Community Playgroup The Station Centre 18 James Street Omagh

Have you a child aged 2 years 10 months or a child in the final preschool aged 4 after 1st July 2021?

Rainbow currently have available places. Contact Donna on 0789 527 2271/ 028 8224 7468 for more information.



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Al-Anon Family

9068 2368

Alcoholics Anonymous

9035 1222

Aware

7126 0602

Care for Cancer

8224 6599

Drug Awareness

0800 776600

Gamblers Anonymous

7135 1329

The Samaritans

8224 4944

SVDP Thrift Shop

8225 2000

SVDP Helpline

07738837991

DROMANTINE RETREAT CENTRE

The following Retreat and Workshops will be offered by Fr Hugh Lagan SMA:

'Called by a New Name' Retreat – Refocus, recharge and reconnect in a post-pandemic world. Sunday 3rd October, 5pm – Friday 8th October, 9.30am. Cost £420/€490.

'Broken Open' Workshop – How difficult times can help us grow. Friday 19th November, 5pm – Sunday 21st November, 2pm. Cost £200 / €230.

Enquiries and reservations: Tel 028 (048 from ROI) 30821964. Email: admin@dromantineconference.com