



We hope that we will be able to celebrate public Masses in the parish at Christmas time and we need to plan well in advance in order to accommodate parishioners safely in the Sacred Heart Church.

Christmas Mass times this year will be:

Christmas Eve – 5.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.00 pm and 11.00 pm (Polish Mass)
Christmas Day – 9.00 am, 11.00 am, 1.00 pm

For those who feel that it is safe to come to Mass, we will have a booking system to make sure that too many people do not arrive for the same Mass. Under the present restrictions, it is estimated that our church can safely accommodate 200 to 230 people. At last year's Christmas Vigil Mass at 6pm, we had at least 1100 people. (The church can seat just under 1000.)

Full details of the booking process will be given in next week's bulletin. For parishioners who may feel uncomfortable or who are unable to attend Mass in person, you can join in the Christmas liturgies via the parish webcam.

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**Feasts of the Week
Week Beginning Sunday 22nd
November 2020**

Monday 23 – St Columban, abbot and missionary

Tuesday 24 – Sts Andrew Dông-Lac, priest, and Companions, martyrs; St Colman, bishop

Wednesday 25 – St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr; St Clement I, pope and martyr

Friday 27 – St Fergal, bishop and missionary



Fr Terry Bennett

News of Fr Terry’s death came too late for last week’s newssheet. Today we offer our prayerful support to his family and the Columban Community at Dalgan – where he was deeply loved and valued. Fr Terry was a native of Omagh but the appeal of a missionary life inspired him to give his life of service to the people of the Philippines, where he ministered. In retirement he offered his support to us in our parish community often. As we offer our support to all who mourn for him, we pray for his eternal rest. May young people today be inspired to follow his vocation.

**Sacred Heart Church
7.30 pm Mass Intentions**

Tuesday Padre Pio Devotions

Wednesday Owen & Kathleen McElroy – 1st Anniversary

Thursday Cathal McSorley – 1st Anniversary

Friday Thomas J Coulter – Month’s Mind

Recent Weddings

We congratulate the following couples who were married here recently:

Kerri Campbell & Nevin Colton

Jacqueline Murphy & Sean Taggart

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



Parish Draw 2021

The Parish Draw will once again be held in 2021 and we appeal to our promoters to continue their great work. We are aware that this year there may be people who are unable to join the draw for various reasons. Although the parish office is currently not open to the public, if you wish to join the draw, you can send 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.



Recent Deaths

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

Fr Terry Bennett

Tony Phillips

May they rest in peace.



100th Birthday Celebrations

Sean Vaughan wrote us from West Yorkshire recently to inform us of his father John James Vaughan's 100th birthday last Friday (November 20th). John James was born in Fountain Lane and continues to enjoy good health, daily exercise and entertaining his family with stories from his early life in the shadow of Sacred Heart Church. Our parish faith community wishes John James every blessing for this wonderful celebration and continued blessings all the days of his life.

Mini Advent Retreat on Zoom

You are invited to take part in a 3-session mini-retreat during Advent that will explore the themes of Faith, Hope and Love. The retreat will be led by Fr Billy Swan, St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy and will take place from Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd December, beginning at 8 pm. To take part, all you need to do is send an email to thehookoffaith@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link. Come and join us to prepare for Christmas.



Proposed Sacramental Dates for 2021

Sacrament of Confirmation - Sacred Heart Church at 5.00 pm

Tuesday 23 rd March 2021	Saint Conor's Primary School
Wednesday 24 th March 2021	Holy Family Primary School
Thursday 25 th March 2021	All Saints Primary School, Tattysallagh and Sacred Heart Primary School, Tattyreagh

First Confessions and First Holy Communion in Sacred Heart Church

Saint Conor's Primary School

First Confession	Tuesday 20 th April at 6.00pm
First Holy Communion	Saturday 24 th April at 12.00 midday

All Saints Primary School Tattysallagh and Sacred Heart Primary School Tattyreagh

First Confession	Tuesday 1 st June at 6.00 pm
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All Saints Primary School, Tattysallagh

First Holy Communion	Saturday 5 th June at 12.00 midday
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Sacred Heart Primary School, Tattyreagh

First Holy Communion	Saturday 5 th June at 2.00 pm
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Holy Family Primary School

First Confession	Tuesday 8 th June at 6.00 pm
First Holy Communion	Saturday 12 th June at 12.00 midday

All our plans are bound by the Covid19 virus regulations and may be subject to change at any time

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.

St Mary's Drumragh

Closed due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Confession Times - Sacred Heart Church

Friday : 6.30 pm - 7.00 pm
Saturday: 10.30 am to 11.30am and after the Vigil Mass.

Adoration every Wednesday from 10.30 am to 7.15 pm in the Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome to come and pray. Please maintain social distancing.

Covid Related Notice (Subject to Change)

Funerals during the Covid Pandemic can be scheduled at 12 pm or 2 pm.
Funerals cannot be arranged for Sundays.



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.

Heavenly Father, as I walk through circumstances that cause confusion and pain, help me to put my trust in you. Lift me up as I fall and raise my head when I feel overwhelmed.



Bring peace to my mind and my heart as I struggle through discontent.

Help me to count my blessings and find rest in you.

Lord help me when I feel afraid. When I feel surrounded by trouble and pressure help me know I am surrounded by you.

What can the world throw at me when you are with me? You are my helper, Lord.

Replace my fear of these circumstances with faith in you, the living and active God.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.