

Parish Of Drumragh

The Nativity of Our Lord

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25th December

Sacred Heart Church

St Mary's Church, Drumragh



Dear Parishioners and friends,

The spiritual writer and Dutch priest Henri Nouwen once wrote of seeing a film on the human misery and devastation brought by the atomic bomb on Hiroshima in August 1945. Among all the scenes of terror and despair emerged one image of a man quietly writing a word in calligraphy. All his attention was directed to writing that one word. That image made this gruesome film a hopeful film.

Isn't that what God is doing this Christmas?

Writing the Divine Word of Hope in the midst of our dark world where the Covid19 pandemic has dominated our lives since March 2020.

The small Child of Bethlehem asks for our full attention and we focus our hope on him. Our hope is strengthened by our solidarity with one another. You have been inspiring examples of support and care over the past twenty months.

In gratitude for all you have been and done, we your priests hold you in our prayer this Christmas season. We ask God to bless you with good health, peace, joy, hope and love.

Christmas Blessings on everyone.

Father Eugene Hasson. Fr. Peter O'Kane.



I have expressed Christmas Greetings to our neighbouring Christian Churches and they have returned those greetings to us. Pre-Covid they were able to visit us and express their greetings to us at our Mass on Christmas Eve. We have been unable to do that last year or this year. Nevertheless we have shared with them in spirit.

Rev. Eleanor Hayden (Omagh Methodist)

Rev. Graham Hare (St. Columba's C.O.I)

Rev. Robert Heron (Trinity Presbyterian)

Rev. Jane Nelson (First Omagh Presbyterian)



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The Parish Office will be closed until
Tuesday 4th Jan.

Feasts of the Week

Mon 27th-St. John, Apostle
Tues 28th- The Holy Innocents
Wed 29th-St.Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
Fri 31st- St Sylvester, Pope
Sat 1st- Mary, the Mother of God

Baptisms

We welcome into our
Parish community

Radha Fiorenza Ellis-Gowland
Freddie Theo Taggart
Lucy Beth Kate Baine



Sacred Heart Church
7.30 pm Mass Intentions
For Week Commencing
3RD JANUARY

Monday - Hubert Bradley, MM
Tuesday -Sally Campbell, MM
Friday -Patrick Bradley, MM

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

As our Parish moves forward
toward a new year,
we remember those who
have passed on
and those who have suffered loss.
We thank all those who are serving the
community.
And we pray to be full of hope for a
bright future for all.



Weekday Mass Change

Please note that Weekday Masses from
Monday December 27th until Saturday
1st January will be at 11 am. The normal
weekday schedule resumes on
Monday 3rd January.

“Live the Life of Your Dreams:

*Be brave enough to live the life of your dreams
according to your vision and purpose instead of
the expectations and opinions of others.”*

Please note email address for
St. Joseph’s Hall—Please send book-
ing forms etc. to this address
sjh@drumraghparish.com
New Contact No 07926941321

ST. JOSEPH’S HALL Committee are
appealing for new committee /
volunteer members. See contact de-
tails above.

St Joseph’s Hall committee would
like to notify everyone the planned
photo opportunity with the Sam
Maguire cup has been called off.
Due to current restrictions and
health advice we have been left
with no alternative other than to
cancel this event.

Parish Office Closure

Please note that the Parish Office will be
closed for Christmas holidays until Tues-
day 4th January. The next newsletter will
be on 8th and 9th January. Anyone wishing
to submit an article for this newsletter can
do so by post to the Parish Office or by
email to info@drumraghparish.com by
Wednesday 5th January. Parishioners are
asked, that during the closure of the office,
please use the Emergency Mobile number
ONLY in the event of an emergency.

Northern Ireland Foster Care

With an increase in children and young
people needing foster homes across
Northern Ireland, we really need you
now. Every child deserves to have a hap-
py, loving and safe home where they'll
feel cared for, valued and supported. It's
always the right time for fostering.
Call us on 0800 0720 137
adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net
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#FosterForYourCommunity
#CouldYouFoster



Sacred Heart Church

Mass Times

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday 26th

9am, 11am & 1pm

Mon. Dec. 27th to Sat. 1st January

11 am only

Vigil 6pm on Saturday

Sunday 2nd January

9am, 11am & 1pm

Feast of the Epiphany

Thursday 6th January

10 am & 7.30pm

Vigil Wednesday 5th at 7.30pm

St Mary's Drumragh

Open Sundays from 1pm—4pm for private prayer

TIMES FOR CONFESSIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER

AWARE, as part of the Covid Wellbeing NI campaign, has set out some simple self-care advice for tackling loneliness over the holidays. Read our blog here: www.aware-ni.org/news/coping-with-feelings-of-loneliness-and-isolation-during-the-holidays

If you are feeling overwhelmed during the holidays, please seek help immediately. If you can, confide in someone close to you or call a 24/7 freephone helpline such as Samaritans (116 123) or LifeLine (0808 808 8000) for advice.

Ministers of the Word January 2022

6pm Vigil Saturday Roddy Hackett

9am Sunday Conor Breslin

11am Bernadette Doherty

1pm Conchur Darcy

Weekdays

10am Mass John Magennis and John Rafferty

Evenings 7.30pm

Monday Paddy McMahan

Tuesday Fiona Garrity

Wednesday John McSorley

Thursday Brian /Liz Durkin

Friday Siobhan Sweeney

Eucharist Ministers

Weekends for January 2022

6pm Donna Sheilds, Edwina McNamee, Patricia Hemphill

9am Kevin O’Gara, Monica O’Gara Marie Conway

11am Betty Baxter, Chrissy Kelly, Eugene Teague

1pm Siobhan McGrath & Conrad Darcy

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With Gift Aid, for every pound given, Drumragh Parish gets an extra 25p from HM Revenue & Customs which means donations go further – at no extra cost to the giver!

Thank You to our Parishioners who have already signed up using the Gift Aid cards from your envelope box. If you have not used your card from your box of envelopes and if you pay Tax, please consider completing the card and returning it to the Parish Office or dropping it in the collection box in the Church. If you make your donations by Standing Order, and are not already signed up to Gift Aid, forms are available in the Porches or can be downloaded from the Parish website www.drumraghparish.com

LAUDATO SI' QUOTES FOR ADVENT

We need to take up an ancient lesson, found in different religious traditions and also in the Bible. It is the conviction that "less is more".

A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment.

The Parish Draw will once again be held in 2022 and we thank our promoters for their great work. Although the parish office is not open during the holiday, 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. We thank you for all for your generous support.

Notice for Parish Draw Promoters

Promoters can register in the

Pastoral Centre on

Saturday 8th January 2022 from 2pm – 4.30 (Please note registration will **not** be in St. Joseph's Hall)

Parish Envelopes Returns

To make it easier for Parishioners, Counters and admin. If you are returning envelopes for past weeks/months please put your total contribution in one envelope.

All envelopes are counted and recorded against the date that they are received.

A CHRISTMAS

Prayer
FOR YOU



**May knowing JESUS bring you
PEACE to bless each day,
HOPE for each tomorrow,
And JOY in every season**

St Joseph's Hall

Mon 4pm Groogan O' Doherty School of Dancing



7pm Adult Irish Dance Class

Wed 5.45pm - Baxter School of Dancing

Thurs 8pm Bowls

Sat 1.45pm Groogan O'Doherty School of Dancing

For all enquiries about booking and access to St Joseph's Hall, please call new no 07926941321

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07775810297

Al-Anon Family

9068 236

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

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.

