Lately Deceased: Mary Gallagher, Jason Loughran

"Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace!"

Baptisms: Welcome into our parish community Shea Begley & Daire Carlo Conway who were baptised recently.

Mass Times

Carrickmore		
Sat 27th	6.30pm	John McCrory, Charlie & Mary Fox, Dan & Philomena Maynes, John & Mary B Daly & family
Sun 28th	11.30am	Frank & Bridget Gormley, Terry Toal, Rafferty family
Mon 29th	7.30pm	
Tue 30th	9.30am	Brigid, Patrick & Gerard McCartan, Patrick, Maryanne & Michael McElduff
Fri 3rd	7.30pm	Jason Loughran (MM)
Sat 4th	6.30pm	Peggy McGarrity
Sun 5th	11.30am	Nora & Gerry McCann
Loughmacrory		
Sun 28th	10.00am	Peter Donaghy, Mamie McCullagh, Vincent & Mary Kelly
Wed 1st	7.30pm	Peter Maguire (1st Av)
Thu 2nd	8.30am	
Sun 5th	10.00am	Gretta O'Kane, Cissie McElduff

Creggan

Sun 28th 9.00am Mary Doyle, Malachy McAleer, Pete & Eileen McGurk
Sun 5th 9.00am



Exposition on Mon in St. Colmcille's & on Wed in St Mary's from 6pm – 7.15pm

Safeguarding Representatives in our parish: Margaret McCann 07787 561561 & Mary Daly 02880761778

Readers for weekend Masses on 4th & 5th July
6.30pm Vigil: Brian Conway, 9am Annette McKenna, 10am Rioghnach McAleer, 11.30am Sharon Dobbs.
If you are unable to read, please ask someone from your rota to replace you.

Camino 2026 - The Portuguese Way (Vigo – Santiago) 27th July – 3rd August. Join Fr Peter & others. Further details & booking with Marian Pilgrimages. See www.marian.ie or Tel 028 95680005 or 0035318788159.

Parish Mass Cards/Bouquets available from Parish Office & Church Sacristies (Price £4 – proceeds to The Missions)

Helping support your parish: Anyone who wishes to set up a Direct Mandate/Standing Order can contact Parish Office. The monthly special collection to help support the Parish Development Fund, will be taken up after Communion at all Masses next weekend.

First Friday: Friday 3rd July is the first Friday of the month. The sick & housebound will be visited in the coming days (Carrickmore – Mon, Loughmacrory – Tues, Other areas – Wed) Confessions in St Colmcille's Church on Friday @ 7pm.

Parish Pastoral Council: A meeting will take place in The Parochial House, Loughmacrory on Wed 1st from 8 – 9pm.

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators, to support couples preparing for marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training & they will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes in different areas. Contact Aisling @ 01 5053112

National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock on Sun 26th July. **Pilgrimage to St Brigid's Shrine, Faughart, Co Louth** on Sun 5 July @ 3pm.

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish run Catholic Talk Radio Station - Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting Music, Interviews & Testimonies. Download Free App "Radio Maria Ireland" or see www.radiomaria.ie or call 003531 4373277. Join our growing faith family!

Diocesan Theology Programme (A two year part-time programme): Do you want to learn more about your faith & feel more confident in talking about your faith? If so, enrol now in our programme which starts in Sept. No entry requirements. Contact milanda@parishandfamily.ie

Padre Pio Mass: There will be no Mass in honour of the saint on the first Mondays of July & August. It's hoped to have another Mass scheduled in a few weeks time - more details later. **St Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimage** in Drogheda on Sun 5 July – Mass in St Peter's Church @ 4pm.

Irish Church Music Association annual Summer School in St Patrick's College, Maynooth from 30 June – 2 July - "We are wonderfully made" - see ICMA Website for more details.

Vintage & Classic Working Day in memory of Damian Begley at Barnasone Farm, 35 Glenaness Rd, Sixmilecross BT79 9JD on **Sun 5 July @ 1pm.**

Closure of Schools: As the schools in our parish close these days for holidays, we thank God for all of what has been achieved over the past year & we ask God to bless all of us & our families & friends during the Summer break.

Patrician:
Mon 29 Jun 6:45pm Paula's Fitness, 7:45pm Stretch & Release.
Tue 30 Jun 6:10am Early bird fitness, 12:30pm Chair Exercises, 7:00pm Crochet.
Wed 1 July 6:10am Early bird fitness, 10.30am & 1.30pm Junior Crochet, 5.45pm Irish Dancing.
Thu 2 July 10.30am & 1.30pm Junior Crochet, 12.30pm Chair Exercises.
Fri 3 July 6:10am Early bird fitness.
School of Rock Summer Camp 6th-9th July - £50, Next Social Dance: Sat 18 July – Liam McLaughlin
For more info contact Eilish 07769266002

Creggan Community Association Irish dancing classes every Tuesday, beginners @ 6pm & advanced @ 7:30pm. Jujitsu every Saturday @ 4pm. Age 5+ & new beginners welcome to all classes.

Loughmacrory 50+ Group Meeting on **Mon** @ 2pm with Garden Path & Sewing & Crochet on **Thurs** @ 7pm.

Prayer for Summer: Lord, may we all help make our homes, places of relaxation, joy, love, peace & safety. May we be generous & considerate, not thinking only of ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. Lord God, creator of all things, guide our steps & strengthen our hearts during these months of summer & vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind & body, through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

Prayer for going on holiday: Heavenly Father, please bless our holiday time. Help our family to have patience & understanding. Guide us to be mindful of this gift of time together. Help us to make compromises when necessary & handle any chaos that comes our way with your love & grace. Open our eyes to truly see the beauty of the memories we are creating, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Prayer at the end of the school year: "Lord, we give thanks for all the teaching & learning in our schools, our classrooms & our homes. For the talents & gifts that have been shared, the challenges that have been faced, for the burdens that have been lifted & the hurts that have been healed & for the respect & care that has been given. We give thanks for the friendships that have begun & grown, for the faith that has been lived, for the hope & love that has kept us going. We give thanks too for the community that we are & we ask you Lord to bless us & our families as we begin our time apart from each other. Pour out your love on us, so that we may return renewed & refreshed to continue our journey together in September, AMEN."

Feast of St Oliver Plunkett (Bishop & Martyr):
Wednesday 1 July: Born 1.11.1625, Died 1.7.1681, Canonised 12.10.1975
Prayer to St Oliver Plunkett
Glorious Martyr, Saint Oliver, who willingly gave your life for your faith, help us also to be strong in faith. May we be loyal like you to the See of Peter. By your intercession and example, may all hatred and bitterness be banished from the hearts of men and women. May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, as it did in your heart, even at the moment of death. Pray for us, for Ireland and the whole world. AMEN

Mon 29 June - Feast of Saints Peter & Paul: In St Peter's Square in Rome, there are two prominent statues and one shows St Peter holding a key and the other shows St Paul holding a sword. The symbolism of both says much about the two men whose feast we celebrate today. Both men are honoured as the stalwarts of the Christian faith and are admired for their fidelity and commitment. On this special feast, we pray for something of their spirit: a spirit of courage in the face of hardship; a spirit of fidelity in the face of suffering and a spirit of hope in the face of opposition.

Fri 3 July - Feast of St Thomas: Nothing is known for certain about the life of St Thomas, apart from the Gospel account. Tradition holds that he preached the Gospel in India. "Almighty God, as we honour Thomas the apostle, let us always experience the help of his prayers. May we have eternal life by believing in Jesus, whom Thomas acknowledged as Lord, Amen."