

Lately Deceased: Josie McElduff & Geraldine McElroy “Eternal rest grant onto all our dead O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace!”

Baptisms: Welcome into our parish community Conladh Enda Ruddy & Meabh Kathleen Tanney who were baptised recently.

Mass Times

Carrickmore		
Sat 1st	6.30pm	Kathleen Donaghy, James Donaghy
Sun 2nd	11.30am	Kathleen Kelly
Tues 4 th	7.30pm	Peggy McCluskey (MM)
Fri 7 th	9.30am	Frank, Fay & Susan Donnelly, Patrick Harte & family
Sat 8th	6.30pm	Terry McGarrity, Patsy McAleer, Michael John McPhillips
Sun 9th	11.30am	
Loughmacrory		Creggan
Sun 2nd	10.00am	Michael, Vincent, Pat, Sarah & James Ward
Wed 5th	7.30pm	Pat Conway (1 st Av), Packie Gallagher
Thurs 6 th	10.00am	Pat Mullin
Sun 9th	10.00am	Alice & Marie Kelly, Mary & Gerald Conway



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 8th & 9th August

6.30pm Vigil: Sharon Grogan, 9am Mary T Conway, 10am Sean McCartan, 11.30am Joanne Gluck

If you are unable to read, please ask someone from your rota to replace you.

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 this weekend.

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

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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: The next Mass will be on Wed 12 August in St Mary’s Church, Loughmacrory @ 7.30pm.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival at The Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare from **Thurs 13 – Sun 16 Aug.** Many young people (16-35) from across Ireland are expected at this donation only event & newcomers will be very welcome. This is a great opportunity to find out what your faith is all about, in a friendly & relaxed atmosphere. Free buses are available and online booking is necessary. See www.youth2000.ie

ATU St Angelas, Sligo - Part Time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School with online delivery. Applications being invited for programme beginning in Autumn 26. The programme is open to qualified primary school teachers & qualified post primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams & parish catechists who have an interest in primary religious education may also apply. Close date for applications is Fri 14th Aug. Further info from mary.kearns@atu.ie

Weddings: Congratulations to the many couples who are celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage during these weeks. Any couples planning to get married in 2027 & who haven’t contacted the Parish Office, should do so as soon as possible, to confirm date & to complete paperwork.

Outdoor Grotto to Our Lady at St Colmcille’s Church, will be blessed at the end of the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 15 August, the Feast of Our Lady’s Assumption into heaven. We thank those who have prepared the Grotto, which will be a special place of prayer in years to come.

We remember in prayer the Priests of our diocese who are taking up new appointments in the coming weeks & we wish them well for the future.

Patrician Hall

Mon 3 Aug 6.45pm Strength &

Conditioning Fitness,

7.45pm Stretch & Release.

Tue 4 Aug 6.10am Metcon

fitness, 12:30pm Chair Exercise Class.

Wed 5 Aug 6.10am Early Bird

Bootcamp Fitness, 5.45pm Irish Dancing.

Thurs 6 Aug 12.30pm Chair

Exercise - £10 for 4-week block.

Fri 7 Aug 6.10am Early Bird

Fitness Bootcamp.

Next Social Dances: Sat 15 Aug 9.30pm – Pat McKenna, Sun 16 Aug 9pm – Stevie Mac.

Contact Eilish 07769 266002

with any queries.

Important Quotes

“Stay on your P’s: Prayer,

Priorities, Peace, Positivity,

Patience.”

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.

Lough Derg: Three day

Pilgrimage continues to Sat

15 Aug. One day Retreats on

Aug 18, 22, 23, 29, 31. Also

Sept 5, 6, 9, 12, 15, 19, 20.

“Come away to a quiet place and rest awhile.” (Mk 6: 31)

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 to St Pio of Pietrelcina

O God, You gave St Pio of Pietrelcina, Capuchin priest, the great privilege of participating in a unique way in the passion of Your Son, grant me through his intercession the graces which I ardently desire; and above all, grant me the grace of living in conformity with the death of Jesus, to arrive at the glory of the resurrection, AMEN.

Praying for all Priests:

As we celebrate the Feast of St John Vianney on Tues 4th Aug, the patron of priests, we pray for all priests. “Lord, give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.”

The Pope’s monthly Intentions - August: For evangelisation in the city which is often marked by anonymity and loneliness, that we may find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Prayer for the Sick: Father of tenderness & compassion, you sent your Son to share our human nature, to redeem all people & to heal the sick. Look with love on all who are sick at this time. Support them with your power, give them hope in their suffering & keep them always in your love & care. We pray through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

Feasts during the week

Sat 1st St Alphonsus Ligouri, bishop & doctor of the Church. He lived from 1696 – 1787 and was founder of the Redemptorist Congregation. He taught much on moral theology and the spiritual life and is remembered as a popular preacher and influential writer of theology.

Tues 4th St John Vianney, priest (1786 – 1859). He had to contend with poverty, military service & his own intellectual shortcomings to become a priest. In 1817, he was sent to care for the people of Ars, a small, obscure French village. The marvellous gift of the unlearned priest for seeing into the depths of the soul, brought the world to Ars. From 1830 on, he spent long hours every day in the confessional. He’s the patron of priests.

Wed 5th The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major.

This basilica in Rome was built by Pope Sixtus III after the Council of Ephesus in the fourth century. It is the first church in the west, named in honour of the Mother of God. It’s where Pope Francis has been laid to rest.

Thurs 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord. The Cross requires the exodus of Jesus, his death, resurrection & glorification. The disciples have to realise that he must depart, just as they are now prepared for his going up to Jerusalem to die.

Sat 8th St Dominic (1170-1221). He was a Spanish Priest, who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans).

First Friday Visits for August – please note!

Monthly visits to the sick & housebound in August will be made on Tues 11 Aug in the Carrickmore area & on Wed 12 Aug in the Loughmacrory area. Any visits that haven’t made on either of these days will be made on Thurs 13 Aug.

Feast of the Assumption: Sat 15 Aug - Mass in St Colmcille’s @ 9am & in St Mary’s @ 10am. Mary’s “Yes” to God’s call provides a wonderful example for all of us to follow. The almighty has done great things for her & we join our praise to the generations who call her blessed.