

Lately Deceased: Mary Gallagher. “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 Clara Marie Fullerton-Loughrey who was baptised recently.

Mass Times

Carrickmore	
Sat 11th 6.30pm	James McElhatton, Michael & Evelyn Quinn & family, Maeve Montague
Sun 12th 11.30am	Duggan Family, Stephen Armstrong
Mon 13th 7.30pm	Terence Daly, Teresa Whitehead, Ellen, Bernard & Barry Harkin
Tue 14th 9.30am	Patrick & Roseanne Rafferty
Fri 17th 9.30am	Terence & Ellen Daly
Sat 18th 6.30pm	Paddy McElroy
Sun 19th 11.30am	Peter Dobbs

Loughmacrory		Creggan	
Sun 12th 10.00am	Bernie McAleer, Pat Toner	Sun 12 th 9.00am Johnny, Sara, Pat & Fr Brian Begley	
Wed 15th 7.30pm	John O’Brien, Tommy & Sadie McDermott	Sun 19 th 9.00am	
Thu 16th 10.00am Sun 19th 10.00am	Sean Haughey & family, Mary, Frank & Pat Fullen		

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 18th & 19th July

6.30pm Vigil: Peter Conway, 9am Cailin Joe McDonald, 10am Grace Donnelly, 11.30am Mary Martin
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, is taken up after Communion at all Masses on the first weekend of each month.

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. **Reek Sunday: Sun 26th July** – Masses hourly on the summit from 8am – 2pm.

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish run Catholic Talk Radio Station - Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting Music, Interviews & Testimonies. Download Free App “Radio Maria Ireland”, 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: 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.

Congratulations to Tommy & Maura Mullan who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary recently in St Mary’s Church, Loughmacrory.

Eoinery’s Barn Dance (6, Gleneeny Rd, Carrickmore) – **Sat 18th July @ 9pm.** Music by “Tis not easy” – Proceeds in aid of Termonmaguirc Cancer Patient Comfort Fund.

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.

Patrician Hall
Mon 13 July 6:45pm Paula’s Fitness, 7:45pm Stretch & Release.

Tue 14 July 6:10am Early bird fitness, 12:30pm Chair Exercises, 7:00pm Crochet.

Wed 15 July 6:10am Early bird fitness, 10.30am Crochet, 5.45pm Irish Dancing.

Thu 16 July 12.30pm Chair Exercises.

Fri 17 July 6:10am Early bird fitness.

Sat 18 July 9.30pm Social Dance with Liam McLaughlin.
Sun 19 July 9.00pm Summer Sunday Social Dance with Eamon McCann.

For more info contact Eilish 07769 266002

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 Summer: Father, creator of all, thank you for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank you for the beauty I see all around me & for the opportunity to be outside & enjoy Your creation. Thank you for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray, no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You, 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.

The Pope’s monthly Intentions - July: For respect & protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God. **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 to Venerable Matt Talbot, Patron of those struggling with Alcoholism: Lord, in your servant, Matt Talbot, You have given us a wonderful example of triumph over addiction, of devotion to duty, and of lifelong reverence of the Holy Sacrament. May his life of prayer and penance give us courage to take up our crosses and follow in the footsteps of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Father, if it be your will that your beloved servant should be glorified by your Church, make known by your heavenly favours the powers he enjoys in your sight. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Grandparents
God our Father, we ask your blessing on our grandparents. They are valued links between the past & present. They are treasured gifts & strong models. May they be anchors that provide stability & a sense of identity for us. May their wisdom guide us. May their lived example challenge us. May their witness to their faith strengthen us. May they always be surrounded by the love, respect & support of their families. Lord, bless & empower our grandparents. Kep them in your love. Give them your joy & peace each day, so that they may forever follow your Son Jesus. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage & by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in heaven, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end, AMEN.

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.

Outdoor Grotto to Our Lady at St Colmcille’s Church
Thanks to the parishioner who has kindly gifted our parish with a sizeable Statue of Our Lady. The Statue will be placed in a Grotto, opposite the main doors of St Colmcille’s Church and close to the area where a number of priests have been laid to rest. We thank those who are preparing the Grotto which will be blessed and dedicated at the end of Mass on Saturday 15 August, the Feast of Our Lady’s Assumption into heaven.