

Lately Deceased: 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 Caiden Conan Cairns & Ada Rae Mary Loughran who were baptised recently. **Fr Peter** will be away from Mon 27 July – Mon 3 Aug. We remember all from our Parish who are taking part in The Camino in the coming days.

Mass Times

Carrickmore Sat 25th 6.30pm Sun 26th 11.30am	Anthony Munroe	
Sat 1st 6.30pm Sun 2nd 11.30am	Kathleen Donaghy, James Donaghy Kathleen Kelly	
Loughmacrory Sun 26th 10.00am	Frankie Rafferty (1 st av), Pat McAleer, Peter Coyle, Tom Ward	Creggan Sun 26 th 9.00am Anthony & Margaret Donaghy
Sun 2nd 10.00am	Michael, Vincent, Pat, Sarah & James Ward	Sun 2 nd Annie Ellen McKernan



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 1st & 2nd August

6.30pm Vigil: Marian Canavan, 9am Aislinn Haughey, 10am Martin Toner, 11.30am Peter Hughes

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 next 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

National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock on Sun 26th July. **Reek Sunday: Sun 26 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” 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: 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 paper work.

Outdoor Grotto to Our Lady at St Colmcille’s Church, will be blessed and dedicated 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 are preparing the Grotto at present, which will be a special place of prayer in years to come.

Patrician Hall

Mon 27 6.30pm Paula’s Fitness
Tue 28 6.10am Paula’s Fitness, 12:30pm Chair Exercises,
Fri 31 6.10am Paula’s Fitness
Next Social Dance: Sat 15 Aug 9.30pm – Pat McKenna & Robert Brown, Sun 16 Aug 9pm – Stevie Mc
For more info contact Eilish 07769 266002

Important Quotes:

“We’re so focused on the future that we don’t realise that today is what we prayed for years ago. Enjoy your today.”

“A good life is when you smile often, dream big, laugh a lot & realise how blessed you are for what you have.”

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 to St Martha, Mary & Lazarus (Feast 29 July)

God our Father, whose Son blessed by his presence the home of Lazarus & Mary & Martha in Bethany: grant that like Martha, we may serve Christ faithfully n the person of our brothers & sisters; and that like Mary, we may feed on his Word and grow in his love and grace; and that, like Lazarus, we may be brought forth from death to new life in him, 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.

Best Wishes to Bishop Michael Router as he prepares to take up his new role as Bishop of the Diocese of Derry. May God continue to guide & strengthen him in his ministry in the years to come.

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 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.

Feasts during the week

Wed 29th Feast of Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus who welcomed Jesus as a family friend. Martha generously offered him hospitality. Mary listened attentively to his words & Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death.

Fri 31st Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, a priest who lived from 1491 – 1556. He was from the north of Spain and he founded the Society of Jesus. (Jesuits) By the time of his death, the society had spread widely and had over one thousand members. His great theme was the service of God and God’s greater glory. The experience of his conversion led to his writing of the Spiritual Exercises.

Sat 1st Feast of 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.