

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

Congratulations to Dana Corrigan & Ryan Woods and Jolene Rafferty & Edward Fitzgerald, who celebrated their marriages recently in our parish. We wish them every blessing for the future.

Mass Times

Carrickmore		(When we gather to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist, we do so in a spirit of faith & hope & we pray that we may continue to remain faithful to the Lord.)
Sat 18th	6.30pm	
Sun 19th	11.30am	
Tue 21st	9.30am	
Thur 23 rd	7.30pm	
Fri 24th	7.30pm	
Sat 25th	6.30pm	
Sun 26th	11.30am	
Loughmacrory		Creggan
Sun 19th	10.00am	Sun 19 th 9.00am
Wed 22nd	7.30pm	Sun 26 th 9.00am Anthony & Margaret Donaghy
Thu 23rd	10.00am	
Sun 26th	10.00am	





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 25th & 26th July

6.30pm Vigil: Kathleen McAleer, 9am Mary Cumiskey, 10am Ciara Coyle, 11.30am Cathy Keyes
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 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

Eoiney’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

Tue 21 July 12:30pm Chair Exercises, 7:00pm Crochet.

Wed 22 July 10.30am Junior Crochet, 5.45pm Irish Dancing.

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:

“If you can lie down at night, knowing in your heart that you made someone’s day just a little better, you know you had a good day.”
“Stop being ashamed of how many times you’ve fallen, and start being proud of how many times you’ve gotten up.”

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 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.

Feast of St Mary Magdalene: Wednesday 22 July

She stood by the Cross of Jesus; with two other women she discovered the empty tomb; she was granted an appearance of the Risen Lord early the same day, from which incident she has been described as “the apostle to the apostles”. In the resurrection stories, Mary in her grief is asked: “Why are you crying?” Then her name MARY was spoken. She was valued and acknowledged. She makes a profession of faith in four words: IT IS THE LORD. She is asked to GO AND TELL the frightened disciples that the Lord is alive.

Thurs 23rd - Feast of St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe. She was born in 1303 and she brought up eight children and after the death of her husband, she dedicated herself to an ascetical life. Later she founded the Bridgettine Order and lived in Rome. She wrote many books about her mystical experiences. She died in Rome in 1373 and was declared a patron of Europe in 2000. **Sat 25th – Feast of St James the Apostle**, son of Zebedee & brother of John, called the Greater. He was put to death about the year 44, being the first of the Apostles to die for Christ. His shrine is at Compostella in Spain.