

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

Congratulations to Emma McCullagh & Gerard McHugh who celebrated their marriage in St Mary’s Church, Loughmacrory on Friday 7th August & we wish them every blessing for the future.

Mass Times

Carrickmore		
Sat 15th	6.30pm	Peter & Madge Russell, Willie Molloy
Sun 16th	11.30am	John McElroy, Patrick & Bridget Hughes, Malachi & Betty McDonald
Mon 17 th	7.30pm	Johnny McGarrity, Eileen & Patrick & Alice Donaghy & Family
Tues 18 th	9.30am	John & Annie Haughey
Fri 21st	7.30pm	
Sat 22nd	6.30pm	Patsy, Mary & Edward McKernan, Mickey, Nan & Marion Coyle
Sun 23rd	11.30am	
Loughmacrory		
Sun 16th	10.00am	James & Roseanne O’Brien, Thomas & Mary McDonald
Wed 19th	7.30pm	
Thurs 20 th	10.00am	
Sun 23rd	10.00am	Damian Gerard Logue, Patrick McCallan & dec. members
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		Sun 23 rd Patrick Donaghy



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 22nd & 23rd August
6.30pm Vigil: Daniel Kerr, 9am Niamh McKernan, 10am Aidan Gordon, 11.30am Martina McCallan.
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.
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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
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.
TheWay.ie is a new digital platform which shares the “Good News” & the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

New School Year: As schools return in the next couple of weeks, we hope all children had a wonderful & refreshing summer break, filled with joy & relaxation. As you step into the new school year ahead, we pray for success, happiness & growth in all your endeavours. For those beginning their journey in primary or secondary school, we pray for courage, confidence & wisdom as you face new challenges & adventures. May this year be filled with learning, friendship & memorable moments. Wishing all staff & pupils a blessed & fruitful school year ahead. **Blessing of School Bags** will take place at all Masses in the parish on the weekend of **Sat 29/Sun 30 Aug.** We encourage families to join for Mass on that weekend & for young people beginning a new school year, to bring along their school bag, as we ask God’s blessing on all of them & their work in the new year to come.

Patrician Hall
Mon 17 6.30pm Strength & Conditioning, 7.30pm Stretch & Release, **Tue 18** 6.10am Metcon Fitness, 12:30pm Chair Exercises, 7:00pm Crochet, **Wed 19** 6.10am Early Bird Bootcamp, 10.30am Junior Crochet, 5.45pm Irish Dancing, **Thurs 20** 12.30pm Chair Exercises, **Fri 21** 6.10am Early Bird Fitness, **Social Dance** on 19th Sept

Important Quotes
“Don’t complicate life, we won’t be here forever. Your time is too valuable to waste on nonsense.”
“Growth doesn’t come from the perfect moments, but from the messy ones that teach you the most.”
“Sometimes life doesn’t give you what you want, not because you don’t deserve it, but because you deserve much more.”

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.

Exam Results
We remember in prayer the many young people in our parish who are receiving Exam Results during these days. May the Lord bless & guide all of them in the coming weeks, as they make decisions about their futures.

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

Mon 17th Feast of Our Lady of Knock

PRAYER: Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress & comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your Son, remembering His promise: “Ask & you shall receive, seek & you shall find”. Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven. Fill me with love & concern for my brothers & sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick or lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the holy Mass. Pray for me now & at the hour of my death, Amen. Our Lady of Knock, pray for us.

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock is taking place from 13 – 21 August. **“Sheltered in God’s Love”** Novena Ceremonies each day @ 3pm & 8pm in Knock Basilica. Further information at www.knockshrine.ie

Thurs 20th Feast of St Bernard --- He became a Cistercian monk & later became Abbot. His writings reveal a solid grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology & philosophy. Patron of Gibraltar & beekeepers **Fri 21st Feast of St Pius X ---***He was Pope from 1903. He encouraged pastoral liturgy & sacramental practice, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.* **Sat 22nd Feast of the Queenship of Mary ---**In the middle ages, Mary was venerated as queen of the angels & saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed the feast for the whole Church at the close of the Marian Year in 1954. It is placed on this date, to stress the connection of Mary’s Queenship with the Assumption.

Giving thanks for Summer: Lord, thank you for the gift of summer. Thank you for the warmth of the sun& 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 friends & family & for the more casual pace of the summer season.