

Lately Deceased: Josie McElduff - “Eternal rest grant onto her O Lord, may she rest in peace.”
Congratulations to Cillian Gerard Kelly, Fodhla Fullerton, Fionn Michael Barker, Joseph Og Kelly & Cian Chandrakant Carl Curran who were baptised recently.
Congratulations also to Ryan Haughey & Aoibhinn Coyle who celebrated their marriage in St Colmcille’s Church on Friday 14th August.

Mass Times

Carrickmore		
Sat 22nd	6.30pm	Patsy, Mary & Edward McKernan, Mickey, Nan & Marion Coyle
Sun 23rd	11.30am	
Mon 24 th	7.30pm	
Tues 25 th	9.30am	
Fri 28th	7.30pm	
Sat 29th	6.30pm	Tony Fox
		John, Jane & Patrick Kelly,
		Michael Browne (1 st Av)
		David & Catherine McCallan, Margaret Kerr, Johnny, Teresa, John, Mickey & Fr Peter Hughes
Sun 30th	11.30am	Patrick Joseph Fox
Loughmacrory		
Sun 23rd	10.00am	Damian Gerard Logue, Patrick McCallan & dec members
Wed 26th	7.30pm	
Thurs 27 th	10.00am	Josie McElduff (MM)
Sun 30th	10.00am	Michael, John & Christina Kelly, Martin & Gerard Harte, Dan & Mary Gallagher, John Kelly
Creggan		
Sun 23 rd		Patrick Donaghy
Sun 30 th		Hugh, Mary & Hugh Jnr McCann



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 29th & 30th August
6.30pm Vigil: Saorla Loughran, 9am Shauna McDonald, 10am Anne Mullan, 11.30am Diane Coyle
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
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.
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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.
Congratulations to Mrs Marjorie McGurk & Mrs Bernadette McCullagh who were presented with the special St Patrick’s Medal, at the end of Mass in St Colmcille’s Church last Saturday evening, in recognition of their long years of service & commitment to St Colmcille’s Church Choir.
Outdoor Grotto to Our Lady at St Colmcille’s Church was blessed at the end of Mass last Saturday evening. We thank those who have prepared the Grotto, which will be a special place of prayer in years to come. People are encouraged to visit this sacred place & pray to our Blessed Mother for our needs, the needs of our homes and families, and for the needs of our parish.
St Joseph Men’s Camino – 12 Sept 2026. Join men from across Ireland for a 25km Pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Lunch & Dinner. After dinner speaker: Fr Mark Quinn. More details & booking at www.dominicans.ie/events
Anam Cara: first Bereavement Information Evening on Tues 15 Sept @ 7pm, dedicated to supporting surviving siblings this Autumn. Register at bit.ly/SeptBIE

Patrician Hall
Mon 24 6.30pm Strength & Conditioning, 7.30pm Stretch & Release, **Tue 25** 6.10am Metcon Fitness,12:30pm Chair Exercises, 7:00pm Crochet, **Wed 26** 6.10am Early Bird Bootcamp, 10.30am Junior Crochet, **Thurs 27** 12.30pm Chair Exercises, **Fri 28** 6.10am Early Bird Fitness. Dances on Sun 6 Sept (Mick Flavin) & Sat 19 Sept (Jack Larry)

Important Quotes
“Everything will work out in the end. You don’t need to know how. You just have to trust that it will.”

“You don’t have to see the whole staircase. Just take the next step with courage – the light gets brighter as you go.”

“You are responsible for your happiness. If you expect others to make you happy, you will always be disappointed.”

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: One day Retreats on August 23, 29, 31. Also September 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 have received Exam Results over these past days. May the Lord bless & guide all of them during these days, as they make decisions about their futures.

Feasts during the week
Mon 24: St Bartholomew, the apostle who preached the Gospel in India, patron of plasterers & leather workers.
Thurs 27: St Monica (332-387) She converted her pagan husband, Patricius, to the faith, and by her prayers & tears brought her son Augustine to Christianity & a moral life. Patron saint of mothers.
Prayer to St Monica: Blessed Monica, mother of St Augustine, we give thanks to our Father in heaven who looked with mercy upon your tears over your wayward son. His conversion & heroic sanctification were the fruit of your prayers. Dear St Monica, we now ask you to pray with us for all those sons & daughters that have wandered away from God & to add your prayers to those of all mothers who are worried over their children. Pray also for us that, following your example, we may, in the company of our children, one day enjoy the eternal vision of our Father in heaven, AMEN.
Fri 28: St Augustine (354-430) Bishop of Hippo, where he lived with a community until his death His theological influence has been most significant in the church, especially on the understanding of God’s grace. Patron of theologians.
Sat 29: The Passion of St John the Baptist.
New School Year: As schools return in the coming days, we hope all children had a wonderful & refreshing summer break, filled with joy & relaxation. As you step into this new school year, we pray for success, happiness & growth in all your endeavours. For those beginning their journey in primary or secondary school or at third level, 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.
Reflection for a new school year: What will this year bring? We do not know; it will likely bring us its usual times of work & play, experiences of learning, newness, success & challenges. All these things are part of school life. It’s a new beginning; the planting of a seed that will grow for a year; the seed of fruit that will blossom in times to come. It offers new hope; hope for good work, for successful results, for friendship, for fun, for learning. In this coming year, may there be learning, prayer & fun. May there be hard work, faith & friendship. May no one in school be lonely. May no one be left out in class. May no one suffer because of how others treat them. As we begin this new school year in hope, in prayer & friendship, may God begin it with us, be with us during it & successfully bring it to its conclusion, Amen.