

Mass Times (29 Aug – 6 Sept 2026)

Carrickmore		
Sat 29 th	6.30pm	David & Catherine McCallan, Margaret Kerr, Johnny, Teresa, John, Mickey & Fr Peter Hughes
Sun 30 th	11.30am	Patrick Joseph Fox
Mon 31 st	7.30pm	Joseph & Catherine McGarrity & Family
Tues 1 st	9.30am	Michael & Catherine Slane
Fri 4 th	7.30pm	Brigid Brady (1st Av), Rita, Johnny, Patrick & Annie Fox
Sat 5 th	6.30pm	Barney & Lizzie Coyle, Paddy & Annie Conlon, Packie McPhillips, Roseann Lyndsay & Alice Murphy
Sun 6 th	11.30am	Joan Kelly
Loughmacrory		
Sun 30 th	10.00am	Michael, John & Christina Kelly, Martin & Gerard Harte, Dan & Mary Gallagher, John Kelly, John Curran
Wed 2 nd	7.30pm	
Thurs 3 rd	10.00am	
Sat 5 th	10.00am	Hughie Gallagher (1st Av)
Sun 6 th	10.00am	Marie Kelly, James McElduff, Damian Curran, Francis & Mary McCrystall
Creggan		
Sun 30 th	9.00am	Hugh, Mary & Hugh Jnr McCann
Sun 6 th	9.00am	
Exposition		Monday in St. Colmcille's & on Wednesday in St Mary's, from 6pm – 7.15pm.
Safeguarding Reps.		Margaret McCann 07787 561561 & Mary Daly 02880761778
Lately Deceased ☩		Kathleen Rafferty, Pat Meenagh



First Friday: Friday 4th September is the first Friday of the month. The sick & housebound will be visited in the coming days. (Mon – Carrickmore, Tues – Loughmacrory, Wed – other areas).

Confessions in St Colmcille's Church on Friday 4th Sept @ 7pm.

Readers for masses on 5th & 6th September: 6.30pm Vigil Aidan McCaughey, 9am Erin Bradley, 10am Aimee Kelly, 11.30am Nuala Glackin. If you are unavailable, 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).

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 on Sat 5/Sun 6 Sept.

Congratulations to Clodagh McCallan & Ronan Molloy & Eimear Grimes & Adam McCormick who celebrated their marriages recently in St Colmcille's Church. Wishing them every grace & blessing for their future lives together.

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.

Padre Pio Mass: The next Mass will be celebrated in St Colmcille's Church on **Mon 7th Sept @ 7.30pm**.

Mass of Farewell to Bishop Michael Router: A special Mass to give thanks for Bishop Michael's service in our diocese & to pray for him as he prepares to take up his new appointment as Bishop of Derry on Sun 20th Sept, will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on **Wed 9th Sept @ 7pm**.

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.

TheWay.ie is a new digital platform which shares the "Good News" & the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

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.

Lough Derg: One day Retreats on September 5, 6, 9, 12, 15, 19, 20. "Come away to a quiet place and rest awhile." (Mk 6: 31).

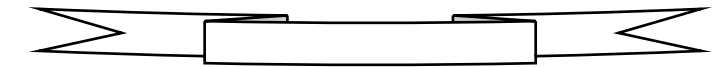
St Joseph Men's Camino – 12 Sept 2026. Join men from across Ireland for a 25km Pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Lunch & Dinner. After dinner speaker: Fr Mark Quinn. More details & booking at www.dominicans.ie/events

Anam Cara: first Bereavement Information Evening on Tues 15 Sept @ 7pm, dedicated to supporting surviving siblings this Autumn. Register at bit.ly/SeptBIE

"There is beauty in the brokenness of life. It is in the cracks that we discover the most profound lessons, the places where our hearts are most open to growth."



"In the quiet of your own thoughts, you will often find the loudest truths about who you are & what you are capable of. Listen closely."



✠**Prayer for the Environment** O God, your Son Jesus took images from plant & animal life to teach us about your kingdom in heaven & his mission of mercy in history. With the help of the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the cosmos at creation, may we appreciate the beauty & diversity of nature, act temperately to protect the environment & to prudently preserve the resources of the earth, promoting peace & justice among peoples all over the planet. May the intercession of Mary, mother of the Church & inspiration of St Francis, impel us to collaborate inter-religiously & work with all who wish for a cleaner & better world, for the common good & glory of God. Amen.

Parochial House / Parish Office: I'm very pleased to let parishioners know that the building of the new parochial house and parish office at Rockstown Road, Carrickmore is scheduled to begin in the coming days. I ask that parents who are dropping off or collecting children at St Colmcille's Primary school are mindful of the construction activities in the vicinity of the school and to take care during the construction period. Fr. Peter.

Patrician Hall: **Mon 31** 6.30pm Strength & Conditioning, 7.30pm Stretch & Release **Tue 1** 6.10am Metcon Fitness, 12:30pm Chair Exercises, 7:00pm Crochet **Wed 2** 6.10am Early Bird Bootcamp, 5.45pm Irish dancing **Thurs 3** 12.30pm Chair Exercises, 2.30pm South West Age Partnership event, over 60s welcome **Fri 4** 6.10am Early Bird Fitness, Blood donations in the afternoon. Dances on Sun 6 Sept (Mick Flavin) & Sat 19 Sept (Jack Larry)

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.

Classes with your local Comhaltas now open. Contact 07825557221 or 07786828357, or see Facebook page.

ATU St Angelas, Sligo - Part Time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School with online delivery. Autumn 26 intake. Open to teachers, and parents, sacramental preparation teams & parish catechists who have an interest in primary religious education. Closing date for applications is Fri. 14th Aug. Further info. from mary.kearns@atu.ie

Feasts during the week

Tues 1st Sep: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

On this day we are offered the opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation & his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live.

Sat 5th Sept: Feast of St Teresa of Calcutta She was born in Albania & at the age of 18, she joined the Sisters of Loreto, among whom she served as Mary Teresa in a girls school in India for 20 years. In 1946, she received permission to leave her congregation to found her own Missionaries of Charity. She went alone to the slums of Calcutta, giving food & medicine & tending to the dying. Her simplicity & energy attracted many followers. By the time of her death in 1997, 610 houses of her Order had been founded. She's revered for her extraordinary work with the poor in India & two apparent cures of sick people after her death in 1997 have been attributed to her intercession. On the day of her Canonisation, Pope Francis said: "St Teresa of Calcutta spent her whole life bowing down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God given dignity."

✠**Prayer to St Teresa of Calcutta:** St Teresa of Calcutta, you allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross to become a living flame within you, and so became the light of His love to all. Obtain from the Heart of Jesus what I need at this time. Teach me to allow Jesus to penetrate & possess my whole being so completely, that my life too may radiate His light & love to others. Amen.

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.