



# Clonmany Parish Newsletter

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLONMANY

Saturday—6:30pm Vigil Mass (Rosary 6:10pm)  
Sunday-11:30am Mass

Monday - Thursday 9:30am Mass (Rosary 9:10am)

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 14th September from 10:30am

## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, URRIS

Sunday—10am Mass

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament—Friday 3-6pm  
(Rosary at 5.40pm)

## ORATORY OF THE ASSUMPTION, BALLYLIFFIN

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament—Tuesday 7.30—8.30pm

## ORATORY, ST COLUMBILLE VILLAGE, CLEAGH

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament—Wednesday 3pm-4pm

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

6:30pm Vigil Mass in St Mary's Church on Saturday 14th  
September will be offered for Michael Gibbons, Beltra,  
Isle of Dough, on the first anniversary of his death.  
May he rest in peace.

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday: St Ciaran. Tuesday: St Peter Claver.  
Thursday: The Holy Name of Mary, also St Ailbe.  
Friday: St John Chrysostom  
Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

## BAPTISM

We welcome into God's family through holy baptism  
Neil Joseph Grant, Magheramore.

## COLLECTION

Parish collection last weekend amounted to €2,010  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

## RETIRED PRIESTS

Annual collection for retired priests will be taken up next  
weekend Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th September.  
Please be as generous as you can.

## DOWNSYNDROME COLLECTION

Annual Church Gate Collection which was taken up last  
weekend in our parish amounted to €751.  
Thank you for your generosity.

## VOCATIONS

Fr Pat O'Hagan, Diocesan Vocations Director,  
will celebrate the 12:30pm Mass in St Mary's Oratory,  
Buncrana, this Sunday, 8th September, as part of a  
Day of Prayer for Vocations to the diocesan priesthood.  
Fr Patrick Lagan will lead a Holy Hour for Vocations from  
5-6pm. Both celebrations may be followed on the  
Buncrana parish webcam at: [www.buncranaparish.com](http://www.buncranaparish.com)

## YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

Meeting in the Hall on Monday 9th September at 7pm.

## NOWDOC

6pm Friday—8am Monday, please call NOWDOC 0818400 911

## PARISH DRAW RESULTS FOR AUGUST

1st €1000 Margaret McLaughlin, Chapel Glen.  
2nd €150 McGonigle Family, Rostown.  
3rd €150 Kathleen Doherty, Dunaff.  
4th €150 Danny Friel, Dunaff.  
5th €150 Ronan Harkin, Ballyliffin.  
6th €150 Rachel & Nicola Doherty, Rashenny.  
7th €80 Micheala McGonigle, Chapel Glen.  
8th €80 Bridie McCosker, Aughrim Heights.  
9th €80 Annie McGonigle, Gaddyduff.  
10th €80 Olivia Friel, Annaugh.

## PROMOTERS

Helen Toland  
Teresa Coyle  
Bernard Friel  
Bernard Friel  
Crea Harkin  
Charlie McGroarty  
Daniel Doherty  
Kathleen Doherty  
Helen Toland  
Bernard Friel

Profit for Aug was €410. Thank you to our promoters and everyone who  
supports our parish draw. Our New Year will start in September.  
We thank you all for your support in the past and hope you will continue.  
Total Monthly Prizes are €2,270. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize 1,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> €150  
each, 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> €80 each. Subscription—€10 monthly or €100  
yearly. If you are not already in the draw, now is a good time to join.  
Contact a promoter in your area or the parish office on 074 9376114  
or email clonmanyparish1@outlook.com

## SUNDAY TRAD SESSION IN THE MARKET HOUSE

Seamus Grant Festival will host a family traditional session on Sun 8th  
Sept from 2pm-4pm upstairs in the Market House. Suitable for all ages.  
Come along and enjoy the music, songs, dance and a cuppa. Adm is free.

## SVP IN INISHOWEN ACTIVELY RECRUITING NEW VOLUNTEERS

Please consider volunteering with SVP and become part of the largest  
charitable organisation in the country. Offering a little bit of help at the  
right time can give people hope for the future. Volunteers sharing their  
time and skills can change lives forever! SVP will host an information  
meeting in St Mary's Community Centre, Ardaravan, Buncrana, from  
6.30pm-8.30pm on 17th Sept for people interested in joining.  
Contact 087 775 7426 or email: [orla.beirne@svp.ie](mailto:orla.beirne@svp.ie)  
Families experiencing financial difficulties can contact the local  
SVP Confidential number 0862388789, Reg Office 074/9173933  
or any SVP member.

## SMA NOVENA 2024

In honour of St Thérèse Of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions:  
Monday 23 September - Tuesday 1 October. Daily Mass and Novena  
Prayers at 10.00am & 7.30pm, SMA Chapel, Dromantine.  
All are welcome. You can also participate via webcam ([www.sma.ie](http://www.sma.ie)).

## COFFEE MORNING

Summer's over, and with the kids back in school, it's the perfect time to  
focus on YOU! Are you feeling at a crossroads in your career or personal  
life? Come along to IDP's Pathway to Progress coffee morning and learn  
more about our free supports and training courses which will help you  
navigate your next steps. Whether you're looking to gain new skills,  
explore different paths, or simply need some guidance, we're here to  
help. The coffee morning will take place in our IDP office at Pound Street,  
Carndonagh, on Friday September 13th at 11am.

## SWILLY GARDENING CLUB

Meeting on Monday 16th September at 7.30 in the Buncrana Youth Club  
(Boy's Club) F93 HW6K. Guest Speakers are George Mc Dermott and  
Colm Grant. Raffle on the night with a chance to win some plants.  
Any queries please contact Anne on 0879560134.

## CLONMANY COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

CE conditions apply—Jobs Ireland Ref: #CES-

1 x Church Cleaner: Duties to include: Dusting, Floor washing, Cleaning,  
Polishing, Hoovering and General Cleaning duties at the Churches.

3 x General Worker: Duties to include: Maintenance of pathways, grass  
cutting, Hedge Cutting, strimming, Planting of Shrubs & Flowers, weeding,  
litter Management, and cleaning of Village, Painting & minor works etc.

This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary.

Accredited training provided to support your career. Start Date: ASAP  
For eligibility Information, please email: CEREFNW@welfare.ie or contact  
Clonmany Parish Resources CE Office on: Tel: 074 9376903/0868781701  
email: clonmanyprl@gmail.com

## URRIS GAA CLUB

Congratulations to our U16 boys who are Div 2 county champions after a  
thrilling game v Termon which went to extra time & penalties. Well done  
Results: Senior Men Championship Urris 2-12 Lifford 2-4  
Reserves Championship Urris 0-19 Naomh Ultan 1-07  
Senior Ladies Championship Urris 5-13 Kilcar 2-11  
Fixtures this weekend. Senior men away to Naomh Ultan, Sunday 3pm  
Reserves home to Naomh Brid, Saturday 2pm

Senior ladies home to Naomh Columba, Sunday 10.30am  
You support at the games makes all the difference so please come along  
Club Lotto 29th Aug: Numbers drawn 8,9,15,19 - no winners of the jackpot  
€20 winners: Marie Carlisle, Isle of Doagh; Brendan Doherty, Leenan;  
Neil Grant, Gortfad; Alannah Friel, Annaugh; Michael Moore, Co. Kildare  
Honk your Horn Bingo on Thursday in the chapel car park at 7: 30pm  
Keep up to date with underage fixtures and results on our social media.

## CLONMANY SHAMROCKS CLUB

Lotto Numbers on 02/09/24 were 06,09,10,18-no winner of our Jackpot €2,525  
Next draw on 09/09/24 and the Jackpot will be €2,550. €20 Prizes went to:  
O. Hands, Cloontagh; Jim & Catherine Kelly, Dunaff; Roisin Smith, Redcastle.  
Tickets available at: Centra, Clonmany P.O., Shop-4-Less, Mac's & Sinead's  
[https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Clonmany\\_Shamrocks\\_FC/lotto](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Clonmany_Shamrocks_FC/lotto)  
Results: Sunday 1st September: Clubman Shirts League Cup:  
Buncrana Hearts 2 Clonmany Shamrocks 2 Div 2 Glengad Res 1 Clonmany Res 5  
Fixtures: Sunday 8th September Div 2: Clonmany Res v Culdaff Res at 11am.

## SLIABH SNEACHT CENTRE NOTES

The Inishowen Walking Festival is taking place between 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Sept  
This event show cases a number of scenic walks throughout the peninsula.  
The Sliabh Sneacht Centre is hosting the Heart of Inishowen walk on Friday  
the 13<sup>th</sup> as part of this festival. The walk will leave the centre at 10am. The  
walk is 6km in total and is mostly uphill on a blue stoney path, all welcome.  
We are holding our Christmas Craft Fair this year on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov  
from 2-5pm. If you would like to book a table at this wonderful annual  
event please contact the centre on 0749361742—table are €15 each.  
Yoga with Cathy King on Monday from 7-8pm. To book tel. 0877112284  
We are now taking names for a Pulmonary Exercise Class (Seated Exercise  
Class). This class is suitable for all ages and abilities to improve fitness and  
mobility—starting on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> September at 10am, running for  
6 weeks at a cost of €30. Light refreshments will be provided afterwards.  
Please call the centre on 0749361742 to book.

## CLONMANY TUG-O-WAR CLUB

Annual General Meeting In the club house on Friday 13th Sept at 8pm.

## A SNIPPET FROM OUR WEBSITE ... ON CONFIRMATION

After his Resurrection, Jesus said (to us)  
"Receive the Holy Spirit."

These words are absolutely true ... or absolutely not true.  
The only thing they cannot be is *sort of* true.

♦ If it is not true, stop reading (NOW!) ... and leave this  
page. Because everything here is based on a lie, and you  
deserve better. It is all delusion, and those who choose to  
believe in it are sad and delusional, and living their life out  
of superstitious nonsense.



♦ If, however, the words of Jesus  
*are* true, and the giving of His  
Holy Spirit is true ... then we are  
dealing with something that is  
explosive beyond life itself. It re-  
minds us of the very reason to be  
a believer, given to us by Jesus  
himself — *I have come so that  
they may have life and have it to  
the full (John 10:10).*

What this shows us is that the one thing we can never really do  
is live a life of Christian faith as if it is *sort of* true. All that  
shows is that we are *indifferent*, or *apathetic* — or have never  
gone beyond a *childish* understanding of faith.

This is why, as a parish, when we prepare for Confirmation :

- ♦ We do not do box-ticking;
- ♦ We do not do Cultural rites of passage;
- ♦ We encourage candidates, and their families, to honestly  
stay, or to honestly leave. Faith is a choice, with privileges  
and responsibilities!

The choice is between religion or Faith:

- ♦ **RELIGION** is a thing to do ... and asks nothing of us. It's  
a box-ticking exercise. (*it's about a big day*)
- ♦ **FAITH** is a life to live ... and asks everything of us. It's  
a life-choosing surrender. (*it's about a big life*)

As a Community of FAITH in Clonmany,  
obviously we have no interest in religion.

Fr Kevin

**RADIO MARIA**  
intercessory prayer with  
Deacon Don Devaney  
(Chairman of the Divine  
Mercy Conference, Ireland)

**The Divine Mercy Hour,  
"God's Healing  
Power Hour"**

**Monday and Thursday,  
at 3 pm**

[www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie)

