

**PARISH MASS AND PRAYER SCHEDULE**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLONMANY**

Monday—Friday 9:30am  
Saturday: 6:30pm Vigil Mass (Rosary 6:10pm)  
Sunday: 11:30am Mass

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, URRIS**

Sunday: 10am Mass  
Friday: *Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament*,  
3-6pm (Rosary at 5.40pm)

**ORATORY OF THE ASSUMPTION, BALLYLIFFIN**

Tuesday : *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*  
7:30—8:30pm

**ORATORY, ST COLUMBCILLE VILLAGE, CLEAGH**

Wednesday : *Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament*  
3pm-4pm

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES THIS WEEKEND**

Denis Doherty, Cregnagor—6:30pm Vigil Mass  
Mary Margaret & Paul Kerr, Letter—10am Mass  
Month's Mind Mass for Eddie McDaid—11:30am Mass

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Vera Gilmatrtin, Bernard McColgan, Isle of Doagh  
Rita Doherty, Ballintrieve & Tess Grant, The Cross.

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome into God's family through holy baptism  
Éabha Kate Friel, Dunaff; Robyn Ellen Masterson,  
Annaugh; Skye Melinda Harkin, Dublin and Dylan Kevin  
Hamilton, Ballyliffin.

**CLONMANY ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Families experiencing financial difficulties please contact  
the local SVP confidential number 086/2388789,  
Reg Office 074/9173933 or any member of SVP.  
Be assured of our strictest confidence at all times.

**SYMPATHY**

We offer sincere sympathy to the family and friends of  
Colm Doherty, Main Street, Clonmany, who died during  
the week. May he rest in peace.

**VOCATIONS**

As we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus which marked the  
beginning of His public life and ministry we pray that  
each of us will respond positively to the universal call to  
holiness, thinking especially of those the Lord is inviting  
to serve His people as priests of the diocese of Derry.

**COLLECTION**

Parish collection last weekend amounted to €1,980.  
Thank you for your generosity.

**NOWDOC**

6pm Friday—8am Monday call NOWDOC 0818400911



# Clonmany Parish Newsletter

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## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST



IF YOU ARE ... (in our Parish)

- An Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
- Considering becoming a Minister of the Eucharist
- Or would just like to learn more about the Mass

Come to St. Mary's Hall on 20th and 27th January.  
7:30 — 8:45 (including a break for tea)

**REQUIREMENTS:**

A joy in our Faith. A hunger to know more. A love of  
our parish ... and a desire to bring life to it.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025** Sunday 19 Jan—Saturday 25 Jan.

The theme for this year is 'Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ'.  
During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited  
to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools, reflecting  
on their contribution to the common good of society.  
To launch Catholic Schools Week in our diocese, the Eucharist will be  
celebrated by Bishop McKeown in Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry  
on Thursday 16 January at 10am and everyone is welcome to attend.

**RASHENNY NATIONAL SCHOOL**

A ladies night of painting, prosecco, spot prizes & raffle in Ballyliffin  
Hotel on Friday 31st January at 8:30pm—ticket €20. A fun filled  
night! Tickets available from the school or contact 083 096 4323.  
Enrolment Forms 2025/2026 are now available in the school, you can  
ring 086 338 2899 / 074 9376310 / email office@rashennyns.ie Completed  
forms must be returned by Wednesday 19th February.

**CLOONTAGH N.S.** - Enrolment forms for children starting school in  
September 2025 are now available. You can email  
office@cloontagh.com or ring 074 9376365/ 087 9546029 to request  
a form. Forms must be returned by Wednesday 19th Feb.

**CLONMANY SHAMROCKS CLUB**

Lotto Numbers—06/01/25 were 09,19,23,27. No Jackpot winner  
Next draw—13/01/25 and the Jackpot will be €1,325. €20 Prizes  
went to: Mary McDaid, Gaddyduff; Briney's Bar, Clonmany; Alan  
Moore, Burnfoot.  
Results: 04/01/25; Prem Div: Culdaff FC 2 Clonmany Shamrocks 3  
Fixtures: 12/01/25; Div 2: Cockhill Res v Clonmany Res at 11am.

**SACRED SPACE**

**Online Prayer**

- easy
- gentle
- relevant

on our webpage  
[clonmanyparish.ie](http://clonmanyparish.ie)

**PARISH PRAYER DAY FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE**

Proposed Theme: Couples getting married in the parish in 2025  
**Pope Francis:** We need to help young people to discover the  
beauty and dignity of marriage. I encourage Christian communi-  
ties to recognise the great benefits that they themselves receive  
from supporting engaged couples as they grow in love.

**SLIABH SNEACHT CENTRE**

Drumfries walking group will meet on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at the  
Shore Front carpark at 10am—new members always welcome.  
Tea Dance—Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Jan to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Danc-  
ing to Shunie Crampsey 9-11:30pm—door open at 8:30 Adm €10

**CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE**

Thank you once again to everyone who has supported Children  
in Crossfire's Advent Appeal. The response has been amazing so  
far, if you would still like to help, the final weekend to return  
your contributions is next weekend 18/19th. Donations will help  
provide vital education, nutrition and healthcare to young chil-  
dren living in poverty in inner city Dar es Salaam.

**This is happening now! Every evening for 15 minutes.**  
**On Facebook or YouTube (google Derry Diocese)**

Join Diocese of Derry **LIVE** on Facebook & YouTube

**33 DAYS OF Family Prayer**

LED BY BISHOP MCKEOWN AND PRIESTS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE OF DERRY

Starting **THURSDAY, 9 JANUARY 2025**  
EVERY EVENING AT 7:00PM

Will you join Bishop Donal in prayer online each evening?

**There are still books available from the Parish Office FREE**

**BAPTISM ... 'WHERE IT ALL BEGINS'**

Shortly after being chosen as Pope in 1978, John Paul II  
visited his homeland in Poland, and the small home town  
of Wadowice, where he had been baptised. On that day:

- Like all of us, at baptism, *Karol Wojtyła* received the PRICELESS GIFT. Like all of us, he had to choose what to do with the PRICELESS GIFT. Like all of us, the PRICELESS GIFT for baby Karol was the offer of Eternal Life (in holy words, the Gift of sanctifying grace). Like all of us, this was the offer to live as a follower of Jesus Christ.

By the time he had been chosen as Pope, Karol Wojtyła  
had lived an extraordinary life of love, and of faith, of joy  
and of wonderful witness to Jesus Christ.



Now, as Pope John Paul II, he returned to this small, rural  
church, kneeling humbly before an old stone baptismal  
font. At this font, on 20th June 1920, he received the  
PRICELESS GIFT of Baptism. And all those years later, in  
1979, it was at this font where Pope John Paul (now Saint  
John Paul) then spoke these words:

*"At this baptismal font I was accepted into the grace of  
God's sonship and faith of my Redeemer"*

The caption underneath the font where Pope John Paul  
knelt told us everything:

**'This is where it all began'**