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#### PARISH MASS AND PRAYER SCHEDULE

##### ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLONMANY

- Monday—Friday 9:30am
- Saturday—Vigil Mass 6:30pm
- Sunday: 11:30am Mass

##### ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, URRIS

- Sunday: 10am Mass
- Friday: *Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 3-6pm (Starting with Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and closing with the Rosary at 5.40pm)*

##### ORATORY OF THE ASSUMPTION, BALLYLIFFIN

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

##### ORATORY, ST COLUMBILLE VILLAGE, CLEAGH

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

##### MONTH'S MIND MASS

11:30am Mass in St Mary's Church on Sunday 25th May will be offered for Sarah Doherty, Cleagh on her month's mind. May she rest in peace.

##### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEKEND

6:30pm Vigil Mass—Edmund Doherty, Main Street.  
10am Mass—Shirley Doherty, Dunaff.  
11:30am Mass—James Noone, Cloontagh & Carndonagh

##### ANNIVERSARIES

Matthew Kemmy, Ballyliffin—10th Anniversary.  
Paddy Joe McDaid, Minahaw; Dan Harkin, Altahalla;  
Mary Kearney, Leenankiel & Paul Doherty, Tirmaine.

##### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday: St Bernardine.  
Wednesday: St Christopher Magallanes & Companions.  
Thursday: St Rita of Cascia.

##### BAPTISM

We welcome into God's family through holy baptism  
Nigel McGonagle, Claragh, Isle of Doagh.

##### COLLECTIONS

Parish collection last weekend amounted to €1,923.  
General Purpose Collection amounted to €685. Thank you for your generosity to both collections.

##### CLONMANY ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Contact SVP confidential number 086/2388789  
Regional Office 074/9173933 or any member of SVP.

**NOWDOC** 6pm Friday—8am Monday Call 0818400911.



# Clonmany Parish Newsletter

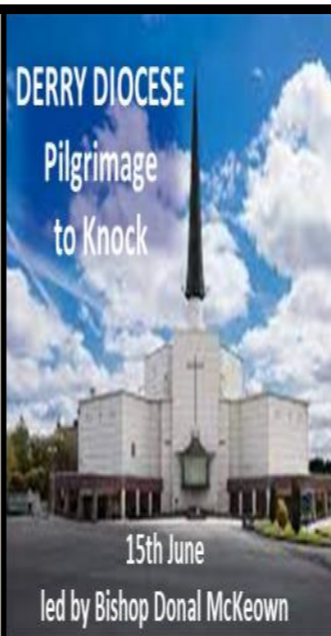
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##### PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA

The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people in Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to the Feast of the Visitation on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the novena prayers and to receive daily reminders



- Rosary at 2.00pm
- Anointing of the Sick at 2.30
- Mass and Eucharistic Procession at 3.00pm.
- Confessions available throughout the day.

Bus transport available from the Cathedral. Contact Karen at 02871262894, or [cathedral@derrydiocese.org](mailto:cathedral@derrydiocese.org)

Along with the pilgrimage, St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, is running a two-night pilgrimage to Knock from 15-17 June. Cost £280 per person sharing. Contact Anne Marie at 028 71262894, or [amhickey@derrydiocese.org](mailto:amhickey@derrydiocese.org)

##### ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Kathleen Doherty, Annaugh, Clonmany, F93T4A6 is holding her annual plant sale in aid of Meningitis Research Foundation on Saturday May 24th from 12 pm—5pm. Large selection of plants. For further information contact 0851026949.

##### CLONMANY SHAMROCKS CLUB

Lotto Numbers on 12/05/25 were 02,03,04,21. There was no winner of our Jackpot of €1750. Our next draw will be on 19/05/25 and the Jackpot will be €1775. €20 Prizes went to: Maureen Bradley ,Drumfries; Nora Harkin ,Glassmullan; Shay & Niall O'Donnell, Crossconnell. Results: Saturday 10/05/25: Donegal Signs Cup Final: Clonmany Shamrocks 2 Cockhill Celtic 1 AET. [Congratulations](#) to Marty, Paddy, Maggie & Mickey and all the players on completing this Cup Double. Thanks for a tremendous end to the season and wishing everyone well for the Summer.

##### SLIABH SNEACHT CENTRE

Drumfries Walking Group will meet on Fri 23rd May at Dunree beach car park . Sliabh Sneacht Centre Open day takes place on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May from (13:30-15:30) & (19:00-20:30). Come along have a cup of tea and view our Centre, tell us what type of course/program or activity you would like to see happening here at the Centre. Everyone welcome.

##### RASHENNY FC DEVELOPMENT DRAW

This year's draw takes place on Saturday 21st June. There is a total prize fund of €25,000. 1st €10,000, 2nd €5,000, 3rd €2,500, 4th €2,000, with other valuable cash prizes. Tickets are currently on sale and are available from committee members or alternatively purchased online (Facebook: Rashenny Football Club).

## When is *second* Holy Communion?

It's reasonable question: Has the way we celebrate focused more on Christian faith or secular culture?

### HOW TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE

An example of the difference between these two views (secular and Christian) was shown by the lady who went onto the Joe Duffy radio show. She was troubled because she had spent €1300 on a Communion dress for her daughter, but the dress didn't fit. And if that were not disaster enough, she then said, out of the most wonderfully secular understanding, "My daughter will never have her Communion again".



People might say 'But we know what the lady means'. Yes we do, but she is not saying it. We know she means that the pivotal cultural big day of "we have a communion" will not come again.

However, because she uses the word 'Communion' as if it is a product on a supermarket shelf (like washing powder), she utterly misinterprets what believers hold as sacred. The lady of course did not mean to be disrespectful, but for Catholics of Faith that is what it is. Because the sacred Eucharist (the sacrament of Holy Communion) is the very Presence of GOD. It is the Presence of GOD the Son, Jesus Christ.

The lady is always welcome, with her daughter, at any celebration of Mass — and there she can encounter the same Risen Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, and so 'have her Holy Communion' again ... and again ... and again ... and again. The overwhelming cultural response to this may see it as small-minded fault-finding, or perhaps even grossly unaware of the reality. However, as disciples of the Risen One, if we are serious at all about our message, surely we must ask:

Is a grotesquely expensive dress that doesn't fit really the reason for the cruelty and terrifying passion, the torture, and horrendous death of crucifixion that Jesus underwent? Is this really the reason he died ... for us?

