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PARISH MASS AND PRAYER SCHEDULE

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLONMANY

- Monday—Thursday 9:30am Mass
- Friday: 7:30pm Mass —Confessions from 7pm
- Saturday 6:30pm V Mass—Confessions from 6pm
- Sunday: 11:30am Mass

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, URRIS

- Sunday: 10am Mass
- Friday: *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 3-6pm*

ORATORY OF THE ASSUMPTION, BALLYLIFFIN

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLONMANY

- Wednesday: *Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 2:30pm—3:30pm in the room behind the Altar*

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

6:30pm Vigil Mass in St Mary's Church on Sat 24th Jan will be offered for Bridget Harkin, Boharna, on the first anniversary of her death. May she rest in peace.

MONTH'S MIND MASSES

10am Mass in St Michael's Church on Sun 25th Jan will be offered for Damien McDonald on his month's mind.
11:30am Mass in St Mary's Church on Sun 25th Jan will be offered for Rosaleen McEleney, Main Street, Clonmany on her month's mind. May they rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEKEND

6:30pm Vigil Mass—Josephine Sweeney, Ballyliffin.
10am Mass—Margaret Mary & Paul Kerr, Letter.

ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard McColgan, Lagacurry; James Doherty, Ballyliffin; Vera Gilmartin, Cork & Letter; Anne Harkin, Altahalla; David Watson, Claggin & Mary Diver, Mindoran.

BAPTISM

We welcome into God's family through holy baptism
Naoise Daryl Sharkey, Ballybofey.

COLLECTIONS

Thank you all for your generosity to the Christmas Collection. Parish collection last weekend amounted to €2,215. Thank you all for your continued generosity.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday: St Fabian & St Sebastian
Wednesday: St Agnes
Thursday: St Vincent
Saturday: St Francis de Sales

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Annual Collection for Epilepsy Ireland will be taken up after all masses this weekend January 17 & 18.



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Catholic Schools Week 2026

18th – 24th January

'Catholic Schools – Normal Lives, Called to Holiness'

Holiness does not mean performing extraordinary things,

but doing ordinary things with love and faith."

Pope Francis on Blessed Carlo Acutis

The theme of this year's Catholic Schools' Week emphasises that holiness is a universal calling and not just reserved for a select few. It celebrates the extraordinary call to holiness in the midst of ordinary life. Each day of Catholic Schools' Week 2026 will focus on a particular aspect of everyday holiness.

Monday: Explore holiness through prayer, helping children understand prayer as a living relationship with God.

Tuesday will focus on love and friendship, inspired by Jesus' commandment to love one another.

Wednesday: Traditionally marked as Grandparents' Day, will celebrate family life and the role of grandparents in handing on faith across generations.

Thursday: Schools will reflect on holiness through service and courage, highlighting examples of self-giving love and standing up for what is right.

Friday's focus is on joy and mission, encouraging pupils to see themselves as joyful witnesses to the Gospel in the world.

Catholic Schools Week also draws on the words of Pope Leo XIV, who recently affirmed that *"the saints show us that holiness is not about escape from the world, but deep engagement with it in the Spirit of Christ."* Catholic schools exist to form individuals who know that their lives have a purpose and a calling.

This year's theme resonates with the central conviction that education is a path not only to knowledge and maturity but to sainthood.

"Each of us is called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do."

AS OUR ADVENT APPEAL DRAWS TO A CLOSE

Children in Crossfire sincerely thank parishioners for their generous support of our Advent Appeal. For anyone still wishing to donate, Advent Boxes may be returned next weekend.

ST COLUMBILLE VILLAGE

Clonmany Mental Health Association wish to thank the Wednesday night card players of Ballyliffin Hotel for their recent donation of €1,600 to our patient comfort fund. We thank all involved for their ongoing support of the complex and we wish you all a very happy new year.

SLIABH SNEACHT CENTRE NOTES

Drumfries Walking Group will meet on Friday 23rd Jan in Clonmany Car Park at 10am—everyone welcome.
Chair Yoga with Marie, 5 week block starting Monday 19th January 11:15am-12:15pm. Booking essential—contact 0872962646.

NOWDOC

6pm Friday—8am Monday—Call 0818400911.

CHIROPODIST

Patricia Barnett Podiatrist/Chiropodist will attend St Columbcille Center, Cleagh on Wednesday 28th January from 9-2pm. For an appointment call 0749363282 or 0863811590.

CLONMANY SHAMROCKS CLUB

Lotto Numbers on 08/01/2026—05,10,22,31. No jackpot winner €20 Prizes: Paddy Harkin, Annaugh; Shane Gill, Cleagh; Gary Doherty (Felix), Ardagh. Next draw 15/01/2026 Jackpot €15,000 Online link Club Profile Klubfunder: <https://hub.klubfunder.com/> Results: Sunday 11/01/2026: Donegal Signs Cup: Clonmany Shamrocks 5 Redcastle Utd 0
Div 2: Illies Res 1 Clonmany Res 4
Fixtures: Sunday 18/01/2026; Premier Div. Illies Celtic v Clonmany Shamrocks at 2pm.
Div 2: Glengad Res v Clonmany Res at 11am.
<https://hub.klubfunder.com/ClonmanyShamrocksFC/payit/ticketsale/200-club-draw/detail>



The Lamb of God: The central theme of today's readings is a challenge to live like the Lamb of God and to die like the Lamb of God and thus bear witness to Christ the "Lamb of God." We have to choose to accept John's testimony in today's Gospel as God's personal and corporate call to us to become witnesses to the Lamb of God. John the Baptist introduced Jesus to the Jews as the "Lamb of God" on the second day (Jn 1:29). He repeats it on the third day. "Lamb of God" is the most meaningful title given to Jesus in the Bible. It is used 29 times in the book of Revelation. It sums up the love, the sacrifice, and the triumph of Christ. John's introduction probably brought five pictures of the "lamb" to the minds of his Jewish listeners.

Christ as Lamb of God is a title familiar to us. In the Eucharist, at "the breaking of the bread" we proclaim in word or song what the Baptist said. Our traditional fraction anthem is the *Agnus Dei* – "Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us/grant us peace." In this prayer we give a triple expression to our deepest understanding of the identity and purpose of Jesus Christ as our Lamb and Lord. By His life of love and sacrifice, we believe and affirm that He is the One Who was to come, came, and continues to come, into a broken world to take our sins upon Himself.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST:

Housekeeper for priest in Bunrana: 15 hours per week, days and times to arranged with priest. For application pack please tel. 024871262302 or email: recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis St, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than 12 noon Fri 30 Jan. Derry Diocesan Trust, Equal Opportunities Employer.

CLONMANY NS

Enrolment forms for St. Francis NS for 2026/2027 are available from the school (hard copies) or on our website at clonmany.ns.ie Closing date is 6th February.

CLOONTAGH N.S.

Enrolment forms for children starting school in September 2026 are now available. You can email the school, office@cloontagh.com or ring 074 9376365 / 087 9546029 to request a form. Forms must be returned by Wednesday 18th February.

SCOIL PHÁDRAIG, RASHENNY

Enrolment Forms 2026/2027 are now available from school, ring 0863382899 / 0749376310 / or email office@rashennyns.ie. We are also doing a projection enrolment of children that will be enrolling in Scoil Phádraig, Rashenny, 2026-2031, please contact the school with your details.