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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
- Stations of the Cross after 7:30 Mass during Lent
- Saturday 6:30pm V Mass—Confessions from 6pm
- Sunday: 11:30am Mass
- Wednesday: *Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 2:30pm—3:30pm in the room behind the Altar*

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, URRIS**

- Sunday: 10am Mass
- Friday: *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 3-6pm*
- *Stations of the Cross at 3:30pm during Lent*

**ORATORY OF THE ASSUMPTION, BALLYLIFFIN**

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

**LENT 2026**

Have you thought about what you might do for Lent?

**A Time in Lent for Prayer and Reflection** – All Are Welcome

During Lent, the parish is offering a simple weekly gathering for anyone who would like space to pause, reflect, and share faith in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Each evening will include a short reflection, a brief video, time for prayer and conversation, and the chance to enjoy a cuppa together. The gatherings will run for five weeks of Lent, week beginning **Monday 23 February at 7.30pm**, in the **Parish Hall**. No need to register — just come along.

During Lent the **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed each Friday at 3.30pm in St Michael's Church, Urris; and after 7.30pm Mass in St. Mary's Church, Clonmany.

**Times of Adoration:**

Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm Oratory of the Assumption, Ballyliffin.

Wednesday 2.30pm-3.30pm St. Mary's Church, room behind the Sanctuary .

Friday 3-6pm St. Michael's Church, Urris.

**Weekday Masses** in St. Mary's Church, Clonmany

Monday to Thursday 9.30am

Friday 7.30pm

Why not take a **Pioneer pledge for Lent**? The short-term Pioneer pledge for Lent is a gesture of solidarity with people who are living "one day at a time" according to the 12 Step AA programme. More information is available at [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie)

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Fr Haan will visit the sick & housebound in his care on Tuesday 3rd March starting after 9:30am Mass.

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



# Clonmany Parish Newsletter

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**FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS**

6:30pm Vigil Mass in St Mary's Church on Saturday 7th March will be offered for Vinney Grant, Annaugh, on the first anniversary of his death. May he rest in peace.

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEKEND**

6:30pm Mass—Bernard Harkin, Gaddyduff

10:am Mass—Packie McEleney, Tiernasligo

**RECENT DEATHS**

Linda Doherty, Coventry—wife of Danny Doherty (Hagan), Urrismanagh—funeral arrangements later.

Brendan O'Shea, London—husband of Catherine O'Shea, formerly Donaghey, Dunaff.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Richard Doherty, Leenan; Bridget Doherty, Roxtown; Patrick McLaughlin, Straths; Daniel McLaughlin, Figart , Isle of Doagh & Denis Doherty (Jr), Gaddyduff.

**DDS MASS**

9:30am Mass in St Mary's Church on Wednesday 4th March will be offered for all deceased members of the Derry Diocesan Society. May they rest in peace.

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

Wednesday: St Casimir. Thursday: St Kieran

Saturday: St Perpetua & St Felicity.

**VOCATIONS**

At the Transfiguration Peter says to Jesus, "It is wonderful for us to be here." We pray for all those taking part in the Vocations Retreat in Drumalis, Larne, this coming weekend, 6-8 March, and for those who will participate in the Come & See events around the country over the next few months.

**MENS ROSARY**

In the Square, Clonmany, on Saturday 7th March at 1pm.

**COLLECTION**

Parish collection last weekend amounted to €2,085.

Thank you all for your generosity.

**BALLYLIFFIN TIDY TOWNS—COMMUNITY / AGM MEETING**

In the Lodge & Spa on Tuesday 3rd March at 8.30pm

Join us for our AGM to discuss our latest projects, finances, and future plans for Ballyliffin Village. We are always looking for fresh ideas and new volunteers. If you'd like to get involved, please come along but if you can't make it, please drop us a message on Facebook!

**SLIABH SNEACHT CENTRE**

Walkers will meet on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March in Clonmany car park at 10am.

**CLONMANY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Clonmany Community Preschool is now accepting enrolments for the current term and the new school year starting this September.

**'CHILDREN WAITING'**

Is an online Virtual Information Event which will be hosted by HSC NI Foster Care on 12 March 2026. It is aimed at finding homes for specific children. Please join the online event if you can help or want to hear more information. Tel 0800 0720 137 or email: [adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net](mailto:adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net)

**CLONMANY PARISH RESOURCES**

Vacancy for one Grounds Person / Caretaker: Duties to include: Lining & Pitch Maintenance, Cutting Grass & Strimming, Caretaking, Painting, litter management, upkeep of building and surrounding grounds at Rashenny Football Club. For eligibility Information, please email: [CEREFNW@welfare.ie](mailto:CEREFNW@welfare.ie) or contact Clonmany Parish Resources CE Office on: Tel: 074 9376903

email: [clonmanyprl@gmail.com](mailto:clonmanyprl@gmail.com)

**CLONMANY SHAMROCKS CLUB**

Lotto Numbers 19/02/2026—06,08,09,25. No jackpot winner. €20 Prizes went to: Danny & Annie Grant, Ballyliffin; D. Maher, Urris; Carol Doherty, Online. Next draw on 26/02/2026—Jackpot €15,000. Deadline for physical Lotto envelopes is Tuesday at 6pm. Lotto envelopes entered after this are entered into the following week's draw. Online entries can still be entered up to 7pm on the day of the draw. Online entries after this time are automatically entered the following week—<https://hub.klubfunder.com/> Tickets available for collection & return in local shops Results: Sun 22 Premier Div: Clonmany Shamrocks 2 Illies Celtic 1 Fixtures: Sun 1st Div 2A: Clonmany Reserves v Cockhill Colts 11am

**DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST**

Parish of Templemore – St. Eugene's Cathedral—Grounds & Maintenance Person 16 hours per week (Fixed Term Contract to 31 March 2027 with possible extension). To provide an effective grounds and maintenance service to the parish to ensure the grounds are maintained in a tidy, presentable and safe state at all times. To undertake maintenance work of the Cathedral grounds and premises as designated by the Administrator.

Parish of Coleraine—Grounds Person—30 hours per week on a Seasonal Basis (1<sup>st</sup> March – 30<sup>th</sup> November each year)

To provide an effective grounds service to the parish grounds and cemetery areas to ensure the grounds are maintained in a tidy, presentable and safe state at all times. To undertake maintenance work of the Church grounds and premises as designated by the Parish Priest.

For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis St., Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: [recruitment@derrydiocese.org](mailto:recruitment@derrydiocese.org).

Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to [recruitment@derrydiocese.org](mailto:recruitment@derrydiocese.org) no later than 12 noon Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. Fast from worries and trust in God. Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words and be silent, so you can listen.

## FASTING IDEAS FROM POPE FRANCIS

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Lent is like a long "retreat" during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One.

The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us both to work with the Holy Spirit as He goes about transforming us and renewing our lives during Lent, and to learn from His teaching and example, how to radiate the grace of the transfigured Lord to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives. The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain reminds us that the way of the cross leads to Resurrection and eternal life, and that the purpose of Lent is to help us better to enter into those mysteries.

We can share experiences like those of Peter, James, and John when we spend some extra time with Jesus in prayer during Lent. Perhaps we may want to fast for one day, taking only water, thus releasing spiritual energy, which in turn, can lift our thoughts to a higher plane. Such a fast may also help us to remember the starving millions in the world and make us more willing to help them.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are challenged to trust like Abram, to believe like Abraham, and to be born anew by the Spirit. We may not understand how these things are possible, but we trust in the God who loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, who watches over our going out and coming in, now and forevermore.