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PARISH MASS AND PRAYER SCHEDULE

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLONMANY**

- Tuesday—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**

- Monday—Funeral Mass of Linda Doherty at 11am
- 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 info [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie)

**DONATION**

We acknowledge with thanks a donation of €100 towards the cutting of trees at Clonmany Church Cemetary.

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



# Clonmany Parish Newsletter

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**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEKEND**

6:30pm Mass—Vinney Grant, Annaugh—1st Anniversary  
10:am Mass—Bridget Kelly, Letter  
11:30am Mass – Margaret & Joe O'Haire, Annaugh

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Mary & Katie McConnellogue, Annaugh; Mary Devlin, Altahal & James McGonigle, Riverside Park.

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

Monday: St Frances of Rome. Wednesday: St Aengus.

**COLLECTION**

Parish collection last weekend amounted to €2,212. Thank you all for your generosity.

**SYMPATHY**

We offer sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Linda Doherty, Urrismanagh & Coventry, who died recently. May she rest in peace.

**PARISH FIRST SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

The children in Clonmany Parish will make their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 11 March at 7pm in St. Mary's Church, Clonmany. We keep the children and their families in our prayers as they prepare for this sacrament and first Holy Communion this year.

Loving God, help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn to say sorry knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**'AN LASAIR CHRÍOST' CONFERENCE (FLAME OF CHRIST)**

Young Adults' Conference will take place on Sunday 22 March at St Columb's College, Buncrana Road, Derry, beginning with Mass at 11.30am in St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn. Fr Conor McGrath will be the keynote speaker at the conference, with Bishop McKeown celebrating the Mass. It will be a great opportunity to meet other young people in a faith setting. All are welcome and no tickets required.

**'SHEPHERDING TALENT' ONLINE PROGRAMME - ASPIRE TO SERVE, INSPIRE TO LEAD:**

In partnership with St Mary's University Twickenham, the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre is offering this programme. 'Shepherding Talent' is a pioneering programme from the university, in which teaching professionals with leadership potential are challenged to explore their vocation to lead. Aimed at all teaching professionals in Catholic schools, this programme is delivered in the context of Catholic School education. It will be delivered over five weeks, with each session taking two hours. The total cost is £250. First session takes place on Wed 29 April 4.30—6.30pm. For further information and registration please email: [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org).

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR FAMILY**

Saturday 14th March is our day of Prayer for Marriage and Family Life. Theme: All Mothers. Sunday 15th March is Mother's Day, or as it is traditionally called, Mothering Sunday. It is always on the fourth Sunday of Lent. A mother who watches over her child with tenderness and compassion helps her/him to grow in confidence and to experience that the world is a good and welcoming place.

**PARISH DRAW RESULTS FOR FEBRUARY**

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| 1st €1,000 Rose O'Donnell, Burnfoot                             | <b>PROMOTERS</b>   |
| 2nd €150 Julie Diver, Mindoran                                  | Helen Toland       |
| 3rd €150 Kathleen Noone, Tornabratley                           | Bridie McDaid      |
| 4th €150 Jennifer & Clare Doherty, Coolcross / Chalie McGroarty | Maureen & Madeline |
| 5th €150 Maurice T Ivers, Dunaff                                | Nora Ivers         |
| 6th €150 Anne & Róisín McGonigle, Cloontagh /Danny McGonigle    | Noreen McLaughlin  |
| 7th €100 Winnie Coyle, Cloontagh                                | Crea Harkin        |
| 8th €100 Fr McCaughey, Strabane                                 | Daniel Doherty     |
| 9th €100 Noreen Doherty, Urrismanagh                            | Daniel Doherty     |
| 10th €100 Rayna & Danny Óg, Urrismanagh                         |                    |

Thank you to our promoters and everyone who supports the parish draw. Profit for February was €860. Anyone who would like to join our draw please contact a promote in your area or the parish office on 0749376114 or email: [clonmanyparish1@outlook.com](mailto:clonmanyparish1@outlook.com)

**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) / Clonmany Parish Resources CE Office on: Tel: 074 9376903 email: [clonmanyprl@gmail.com](mailto:clonmanyprl@gmail.com)

**CLONMANY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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

**CLONMANY SHAMROCKS CLUB**

Lotto Numbers 26/02/2026—05,06,17,19. €20: Edward McLaughlin, Dunaff; Seamus Donaghey, Buncrana; Lauren Cregan ,I.O.D. Next draw on Thursday 05/03/2026—the Jackpot will be €15,000. Fixtures: 6th FAI Jr Cup: Glengad Utd v Clonmany Shamrocks 7.30 Sunday 8th Fr. O'Gara Cup Clonmany Res v Cockhill Youth 11am. 10th Pre Div.Carn FC v Clonmany S'rocks 7.30(played in Glengad) Results: 01/03/2026 Div 2A : Clonmany Reserves 4 Cockhill Colts 5 February 200 Club Winners: 1st Prize: €1000 = No.134, Joe Joyce 2nd Prize: €500 = No.34 Joanne Quinn , Leenan. 5 Prizes of €100 No. 168 , Sean-Michael Boucher Hayes. No. 79 , Mark Doherty. No. 152 Matthew McLaughlin I.O.D. No. 61Michelle Kearney-Smith No. 110 Damien Doherty, Burnfoot. Congratulations to all the winners and good luck to everyone in the March Draw on 26th March.

**WALKING GROUP** will meet Fri 13 Mar, Neds Point car park at 10.

## VISITS TO THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT

CATHOLIC DEVOTIONAL



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

EUCCHARIST MEDITATIONS

PRAYERS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**THE THIRSTING SOUL**

Our need to drink regularly is obvious; without water we would quickly die. Not so easily recognized is the soul's thirst for meaning, for vision and purpose in life. We can be fully preoccupied with the surface of things, and quite neglect our spirit's obscure longing for eternal life. Like the Israelites, we worry constantly about physical needs, but are often unmindful of God who supplies them. Today, Jesus offers us the refreshing water of eternal life, a power of faith and union-with-God which is our deepest need, and can satisfy the thirst of our soul. How the desert blossoms, when water is brought to it.

A sacramental washing: Already in baptism, the sacramental washing with water by the Christian Church was a first contact with the grace of Christ. I was given a good start, planted well in the garden of God, with room to put down roots, and draw vital nourishment from the living spring of the Saviour.

"To dwell in the house of the Lord": Our deep desire remains, something not confined to Christians but shared by the mystic tradition in other religions: namely, the yearning to come into the presence of God, and be welcomed by God. All of us are called by him to drink of that "fountain of water, springing up to everlasting life." In times of widespread religious scepticism, the hope of heaven as eternal life after death is often cast in doubt as wishful thinking. But we cling to this hope, relying on the word of Jesus. For Paul and the early Christians, the hope of eternal life breathed joy into all their efforts and sacrifices. Fidelity until death seemed well worthwhile, "for the weight of glory that will be revealed in us." Our part to play is turning aside from sin, and trying to live by the gospel. God can be absolutely relied on to fulfil his promise, and will in time satisfy the deep thirst of our spirit.