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ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLONMANY

- Monday—7pm Vigil Mass
- Tuesday—11:30am Mass—St Patrick's Day
- Wednesday & 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 Sanctuary*

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, URRIS

- Tuesday—10am Mass—St Patrick's Day
- 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*

WELCOME

We welcome Marguerite Hamilton from the Columba community to our Parish this weekend. She will speak at Masses this weekend about the Life in the Spirit seminars which the Columba community will lead in the parish starting Wednesday 22 April this year.

LENT 2026

Have you thought about what you might do for Lent?

A Time in Lent for Prayer and Reflection – All 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, continuing this **Monday, March 16 at the later time of 8pm** (Vigil Mass at 7pm) 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:

Tues 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, Urris.

Weekday Masses in St. Mary's Church, Clonmany
Monday 7pm Vigil Mass, Tuesday 11:30am—St Patrick's Day, Wednesday & 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 [iwww.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie)



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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEKEND

6:30pm Mass—Philip Doherty, Rashenny—10th Anniversary
10:am Mass—Michael Doherty, Dunaff
11:30am Mass – Paddy Kerr, Crossconnell

ANNIVERSARIES

Owen McLaughlin, Cloontagh; John Doherty, Isle of Doagh
Joe & Margaret Doherty, Letter & Grace Morton, Letter

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday: St Patrick's, Principal Patron of Ireland
Wednesday: St Cyril of Jerusalem.
Thursday: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St Enda

COLLECTIONS

Parish collection last weekend amounted to €2,182. Annual collection for Clerical Students will be taken up on St Patrick's Day. Thank you for your continued generosity.

MARY MEALS

Church Gate Collection for Marys Meals which was taken up recently amounted to €2,085 & £290.80 from the three parishes—Clonmany, Carndonagh & Muff. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed.

BAPTISM

We welcome into God's family through holy baptism Daithi Tony Doherty, Cloontagh.

ST COLUMBILLE VILLAGE

Clonmany Mental Health Committee would like to acknowledge a very generous donation to our patient comfort fund of £200 from the family of the late Packie McEleney, Tiernasligo. May Packie rest in peace.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

There will be a Holy Hour for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road, Derry, on Mon 16 March at 8:00pm. All are welcome to join us for this time of prayer.

ACCORD FACILITATORS NEEDED

Accord is inviting volunteers to train as facilitators for its Marriage Preparation Programmes, supporting couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Facilitators work as part of a small local team and help lead up to four programmes each year. Free professional training is provided. To find out more or apply: Tel: 01 505 3112 Email: marriagepreparation@accord.ie Closing date for applications: 29 May Please consider sharing your experience of marriage to support couples preparing for this important sacrament.

GOOD AS NEW SHOP

Open in Carndonagh Shopping Centre—all proceeds are going to the RNLI. Also on Thursday 19th March A Designer Clothes Sale is being held from 6.00pm - 8.30pm. All welcome.

NOWDOC 6pm Friday—8am Monday—Call 0818400911

Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning

Bring family & friends along for a morning of treats, face painting & raffles.



March 17th, St. Patrick's Day
10:00AM – 14:00PM
St. Mary's Hall, Clonmany.

Helping Support **Connie-Ann's**
London Marathon Fundraising
for Foyle Hospice.



CLONMANY PARISH RESOURCES

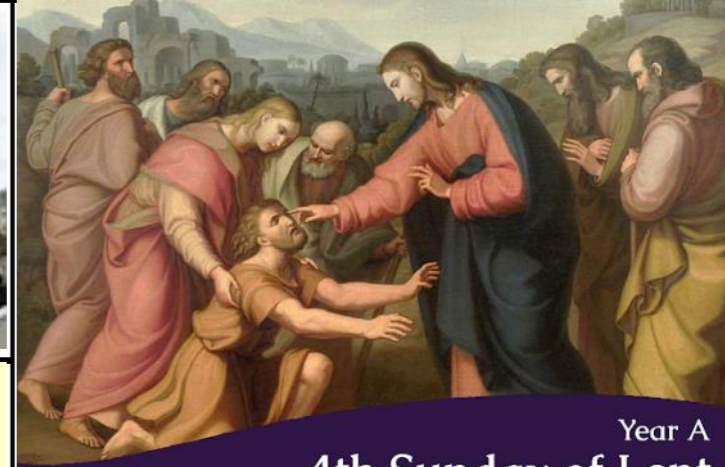
Vacancy for one Grounds Person / Caretaker: Duties to include: Lining & Pitch Maintenance, Cutting Grass & Strimming, Caretaking, Painting, litter management, upkeep of building and surrounding grounds at Rashenny Football Club. For eligibility Information, please email: CEREFNW@welfare.ie / Clonmany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

CLONMANY SHAMROCKS CLUB

Lotto Numbers 05/03/2026—14,17,22,34—no jackpot winner
€20 Prizes: Orla & James, c/o McFeeley's; Declan Grant, Magheramore; Willie Gill, "St. Damien's", Gortaran. Next draw 12/03/2026
Results: Fri 6 FAI Junior Cup: Glengad Utd 0 Clonmany Shamrocks 1
Sun 8 Fr. O'Gara Cup Clonmany Res 0 Cockhill Youth 7
Tues 10 Premier Div. Carn FC 2 Clonmany Shamrocks 2
Fixtures: Sunday 15/03/2026: Donegal Signs Cup Semi-final: Cockhill Celtic v Clonmany Shamrocks at 2pm
Div 2A: Movice Celtic v Clonmany Res at 11am.

WALKING GROUP

Drumfries Walking Group will meet on Friday 20th March at Ballyliffin car park at 10am—everyone welcome.



Year A
4th Sunday of Lent

THE LORD LOOKS AT THE HEART

The encounter between Jesus and the man born blind is one of those powerful Gospel stories which call us to faith. To understand it properly, we need to imagine what it might be like to have been blind from birth. How would you begin to form images of all the people, the places and the things that are so much a part of your life? In that sense, it is true to say that "the eyes are the window of the soul".

Jesus affirms the love of God for those who are on the margins. The man in today's Gospel may not have been able to see, but we are told at the very beginning of the story that "Jesus sees" him. That makes all the difference. The opening of the man's eyes is not just a moment of healing; it is a moment of grace. Jesus says: "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Jesus says. He calls the man to faith, just as he calls each of us. In biblical times, people often connected sickness and disability with sin, because they saw these things as punishments from God. That's why the people in our Gospel story today asked Jesus "who sinned; this man or his parents for him to have been born blind"? People who are victims of their economic or social circumstances, can very easily become victims also of the ignorance and the blind prejudice of others. The first reading reassures us, however, that: "The Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

Towards the end of the Gospel this week, Jesus turns the tables on the Pharisees. They point the finger at the man who had been blind from birth. But Jesus suggests that it is they who are blind, because they are unwilling to see what God is doing in the life of a man whom they consider to be a sinner. The story of the man born blind challenges our attitudes to people in need. Do we even see them? Do we see the person behind the statistics? By inviting us to reflect on the story of one family in Rwanda, and by telling us their names, (Verediana, Uwamahoro, Ineza and Vanessa), Trócaire seeks to open our eyes to the human reality; to the personal story behind the work of development. Let's not close our eyes. Let's look at things with the eyes of God.