Monaghan & Rackwallace Parish Bulletin

Sunday 31st August 2025

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Priests of the Parish

Fr. Leo Creelman, Adm. Fr. Humphrey Ude, C.C. Fr. Peter Tambala, C.C.

St. Joseph's - Daily Mass Monday to Saturday - 10a.m. Sunday Mass 8.30a.m. & 11.30a.m.

St. Macartan's - Vigil Mass Saturday at 6pm, Sunday Mass - 12.30p.m.

St. Michael's Ardaghey - every other Sunday 9.30a.m.

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Anniversary Mass Intentions

Saturday 30th August

6.00p.m. Vigil Mass (Month's Mind) Maureen Smyth, Drumbear & formerly The Moy.

Sunday 31st August

9.30a.m. (Ardaghey) ● Gerry Rooney, Greyglass; Brian & Nancy Rooney; Barney & Bridget Rooney & dec'd. family, Crosses.
● Shane & Lizzie Deighan, Ardaghey ● Patrick, Claire & Paidge McDonald, Ardaghey
● Dec'd. of the Hughes family, Lismacrerk. Henry, Bridget, Ann, Annaleen & James.

8.30a.m. & 11.30a.m. (St. Joseph's) - 12.30p.m. (Cathedral) For the people of the parish.

Monday 1st September

10.00a.m. (St. Joseph's) ● Dec'd. of the Cahill family, Newry.

Tuesday 2nd September

10.00a.m. (St. Joseph's) ● Joe & Peggy White & dec'd. members of the Cassidy family, Belgium Park.

Wednesday 3rd September

10.00a.m. (St. Joseph's) ● John Gilleese, Drumbear & dec'd. of the Gilleese family, Belgium Park & dec'd. of the McGuinness family, Kells.

Thursday 4th September

10.00a.m. (St. Joseph's) ● Frank Carney, Patrick & Mary Ann Holland, Kathleen Ballas & Mary Danaher.
● Joe & Alice O'Brien, Clones Road & dec'd. family members.

Friday 5th September

10.00a.m. (St. Joseph's) ● Molly & Frank Dobbin, Cathedral View & dec'd. of the Mulligan family, Park Street & dec'd. of the Rush family, Cathedral View & Dobbin family, Tyholland.
● Anthony Lynch, Belgium Square ● Ann Gray, Knockatallon & dec'd. of the Gray family.

Saturday 6th September

10.00a.m. St. Joseph's (1st Anniversary) ● **Sr. Marie Grignon Hayes, St. Louis Convent.**
● **Rita McCann, New Terrace.**

6.00p.m. Vigil Mass (Month's Mind) Seán Rocks, Dublin & Monaghan.

Sunday 7th September - 8.30a.m. & 11.30a.m. (St. Joseph's) - 12.30p.m. (Cathedral) For the people of the parish.

Monaghan & Rackwallace Cemetery Sunday 2025

Blessing of the Graves on Sunday 7th September at 3p.m.
There will be a collection taken up on the day and proceeds will go to the upkeep of the graveyards.

Please Note: Due to Health & Safety and expected large crowds,
NO VEHICLES can be admitted into the Cemetery grounds on Cemetery Sunday.
We also ask parishioners to bring a bottle of water with them and it will be blessed on the day.

You are asked to pray for our parishioner Alice Monaghan, Killyconnigan, who died recently.
Also, Bennie Moen, Clontibret & Michael Garvey, Annascaul, Co. Kerry. May they Rest in Peace.

St. Patrick's Tyholland

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Sunday 31st August - 10.30a.m. ● **(Month's Mind) Sean Kelly, Castleshane.**
● Thomas & Josephine Crudden, Killyneill & dec'd. Crudden & O'Brien families.

Sunday 7th September - 10.30a.m. ● Sean & Mary McCaffrey, New Houses, Tyholland.
● Christina McKenna, Shelvins, Tyholland.

SACRED HEART CRUSADE OF LOVE AND HOPE. This Jubilee Year marks the 350th anniversary of Our Lord's revelation to St Margaret Mary Alacoque, requesting the establishment of the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sacred Heart Crusade commenced with the papal blessing of four pilgrim Sacred Heart Statues on 8th January 2025 in Rome. These pilgrim statues will travel to each of the four provinces in Ireland, to visit every diocese in the country, including Clogher diocese from 22nd Aug to 28th Sept. On June 22nd Archbishop Eamonn Martin consecrated Ireland to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The blessed pilgrim statue is currently in St Joseph's Church in Monaghan. The Sacred Heart Novena will be recited at all Masses in St Joseph's until the pilgrim statue leaves the parish, after 10am Mass on Wednesday 3rd September.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS: The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has produced a Pastoral Message in the form of a short reflection document for general discussion on the importance of Sunday for Catholics in Ireland today. Entitled "Why Sunday Matters," it is launched this weekend. It can be accessed via our parish Facebook page or at www.catholicbishops.ie.
For those with no online access there are a small number of copies available in the parish office.

Confessions in St. Joseph's Church each Saturday 11am-12pm sharp (*dependent on priest availability*).
Sunday Devotions every Sunday evening in St Joseph's Church at 7pm.
Eucharistic Adoration in St. Joseph's Church after 10am Mass until 6pm every Wednesday and Friday.
Vocations Society of St. Joseph Meeting on Wed. 3rd Sept. in the Pastoral Centre at 7p.m.
St. Joseph's Choir will resume on Sunday 7th September at 11.30a.m. Mass. New members welcome.
Lough Derg - One Day Retreats 3, 6, 7, 9,13, 20, 21 Sept. for details ring 071 9861518
St Macartan's Bowling club is resuming its Autumn season in the parish centre on Thurs 4th Sept at 8.15pm.
Ardaghey ICA meeting on Monday1st Sept at 8p.m. at 9p.m. Áine Watters will give a presentation on herb growing.
Music sessions in Ardaghey Community Centre on today, Sunday 31st Aug. from 6-8p.m. Bring an instrument or just yourself. Donations box at door. Everyone welcome.
Tea/Coffee morning resumes on Fri 5th Sept. after 10a.m. Mass in Pastoral Centre. Donations to local charities.
Monaghan Tuesday Social Club at Teach na NDaoine will reopen on Tuesday 2nd Sept. at 2p.m. New members welcome.
Blood Donation Clinic in Hillgrove Hotel on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th Wednesday 10th Sept. from 4-8p.m. Check eligibility & book your appointment at giveblood.ie or call 1800 222 111.
Meals on Wheels - St. Vincent de Paul Conference are seeking Volunteers with transport to provide a valuable and essential service to the local community. For further information call 0852450245 / 0860606125.
Night Vigil at Melleray Grotto on Saturday 27th September. Booking essential call 089 2019609.

Cathedral Restoration Update - We're delighted to announce the completion of Phase 4a of our restoration project. Overall, work so far included vital repairs to the tower, spire, pinnacles, and south transept, restoration of the rose windows, and refurbishment of the side entrance, all carried out with exceptional craftsmanship and care. These improvements have greatly enhanced the cathedral's beauty and structural integrity, but further work remains. Continued fundraising is essential to complete future phases and preserve this sacred space for generations to come. In the coming weeks, clergy will meet with more parishioners to share updates and invite deeper involvement. When invited, we warmly encourage you to attend.
Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to St. Macartan's Cathedral.

Monaghan and Rackwallace Parish Draw - August Results

€1000: Pat Murphy, Tonniscoffey, Dunraymond.

4 x €200: Michael McGowan, Dromod, Leitrim; John McKenna, c/o Promoter; Breid McKenna, Killyslavin; James Kavanagh, Ardbanagher, Glaslough

8 x €150: Michael Thompson, Fairview Crescent; Francie & Ann Reilly, Killyconnigan; Anthony Bannon, Mullaghmore East; Sean & Nuala Kilroy, Knockronaghan; Pauline & Johnny McSkeane, Derrynoose; Margaret Hamill, Coolshannagh Rd; Darragh Brady, Scotshouse; Mary McPhillips, Hill Street.

Promoter's Prizes 4 x €100: Bríd Donnelly; Paul Connolly; Aoife Finnegan; Packie Mc Adam.

Promoters: Housecard x3; Josephine Kane; Breid McKenna; Paula Mc Connon; Paul Connolly x2; Sheila Mayock; Complimentary Ticket; Malachy Trainor; Mary Reilly; Malachy O'Brien