Monaghan & Rackwallace Parish Bulletin

Sunday 18th January 2026

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Priests of the Parish

Fr. Leo Creelman, Adm. Fr. Humphrey Ude, C.C. Fr. Peter Tambala, C.C.
Deacon Stephen Sherry.
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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Check out our Facebook page: Monaghan Rackwallace Parish

Anniversary Mass Intentions

Saturday 17th January
6.00p.m. Vigil Mass (Month's Mind) ● **Patrick Murray, Knockaturley**
● **Benedict Murphy, Cathedral View.**

Sunday 18th January
9.30a.m. (Ardaghey) ● Elizabeth & Frank Meighan, Lisleitrim; Francis McCabe, Corlat & dec'd of the Griffin, Meighan, Owens, McDermott & McCabe families.
8.30a.m. & 11.30a.m. (St. Joseph's) 12.30p.m. (Cathedral)

Monday 19th January
10.00a.m. (St. Joseph's) ● Collette Hedderman, Riverside ● Mary Fealy, Park Street.

Tuesday 20th January
10.00a.m. (St. Joseph's) ● Aileen & Francie Connolly, St. Patrick's Tce.

Wednesday 21st January
10.00a.m. (St. Joseph's) ● Private Intention.

Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Thursday 22nd January
10.00a.m. (St. Joseph's) ● John Markey, Rackwallace & dec'd. family members.

Friday 23rd January
10.00a.m. (St. Joseph's) ● Martin Thornton, Belgium Square ● Pamela Bradley, Knockroe.
● Breda Sherry, Alice McGuinness, Duncinaire, Jacqueline Watt, Dublin & Larry Sherry, Dr. McKenna Tce.

Saturday 24th January
10.00a.m. St. Joseph's (1st Anniversary) ● **Seamus McConnon, Park Road.**
● **Myles Eardley, Glenview Drive.**
● **Philip Callan, Lakeview Emyvale & formerly Tully.**
6.00p.m. Vigil Mass (Month's Mind) ● **Jimmy Treanor, Drumgarron, Glaslough.**

Sunday 25th January
8.30a.m. & 11.30a.m. (St. Joseph's) 12.30p.m. (Cathedral)

You are asked to pray for our parishioners - Maureen Murray, Tirkeenan; Mickey Lappin, Plantation Tce.
Also, Anna Connolly, Belfast & formerly Dr. McKenna Tce. who died recently.
May they Rest in Peace.

ACCORD Monaghan – Volunteers Needed: ACCORD, the Catholic Marriage Care Service, invites volunteers to train as Marriage Preparation Facilitators. We are looking for people with a positive outlook on marriage, a strong volunteer spirit, and a warm, welcoming manner. Full training is provided, with a Special Purpose Certificate from Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth awarded on completion of the course. For more information, please contact monaghan@accord.ie and one of the team will get back to you.

Parish Envelopes: If you have been using envelope number **636** in **2025** could we ask that you please contact the parish office so we can allocate monies to the appropriate person.

St. Patrick's Tyholland
Contact Parish Office 047 81220

Sunday 18th January
10.30a.m. ● Mary Neary, New Houses, Tyholland ● Pauline & Charlie Grant, Silverstream & their daughter Kate.
● Jerry Hughes, Leitrim ● Frank Reid, Tiravera.

Sunday 25th January
10.30a.m. ● **(Month's Mind) ● Mark McKenna, Terrycaffe, Glaslough.**
● Frank McKenna, Shelvins, Glaslough ● Anne Rice, Tamlet.

2026 Tyholland Parish Envelopes for 2026 are now at the back of the Church - Please take a moment after Mass to collect your envelopes, and perhaps deliver to your neighbour who may not be fit to be out at Mass at this time. If new to the parish and would like to contribute to its upkeep, contact the parish office for a standing order form or box of envelopes on 047 81220.
Scoil Phádraig, Garron, Tyholland Enrolment /Open Day Friday 30th Jan. Enrolment forms are available on request by emailing office@garronns.ie or www.garronns.ie for further information call 047 85378.
Enrolment for Scoil Bhríde/Leitrim NS, Tyholland: Monday 19th Jan to Monday 16th Feb. All enquiries welcome. For further info: Email:scoilbhridesilverstream@gmail.com School office: 047 84977. Instagram:scoilbhride

Catholic Schools Week 2026– "Normal Lives Called to Holiness"

Catholic Schools Week runs from 18th to 24th January with the theme, "***Normal Lives, Called to Holiness".*** Inspired by Pope Francis' reflection on **Blessed Carlo Acutis**, the 2026 theme invites pupils, teachers, families, and parishes to explore the call to holiness as something both universal and accessible. Holiness is not for a few, but for all; not reserved for professionals or mystics, but for every student, teacher, parent, (and grandparent!), aunt or uncle living each day in friendship with Jesus Christ.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 .

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 takes place from 18th - 25th January. The theme is "***One Body, One Spirit***" based on Ephesians 4:4. It reminds us that the call to unity, is a call to work for peace for all people everywhere.

Prayer for Unity

Lord Jesus Christ, Show us how to be patient with one another in humility and gentleness.
May the light You shine on our path lead us towards unity and help us heal
the wounds of division and indifference that often break communities apart. **Amen.**

Confessions in St. Joseph's Church each Saturday 11am-12pm sharp (*dependent on priest availability*).

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Joseph's Church after 10am Mass until 6pm every Wednesday and Friday.

St. Vincent de Paul collection this weekend is cancelled. It will take place again on February 15th/16th.

St. Louis Infant School will hold Junior Infant enrolment from 12th to 30th Jan. Enrolment forms available from the school office. Completed forms, along with a copy of your child's birth certificate, may be posted to St. Louis Infant School, or brought to our Open Day on Fri. 30 Jan. at 11am.

Gaelscoil Ultain enrolling for Sept. 2026. Open Days will be held during the week 26th - 30th January. You are welcome to visit the school For more information: email eolas@ultain.ie or contact school office on 047 39711

St. Michael's N.S. Rackwallace: Enrolment for Sept 2026 now open. For further info or for enrolment form contact 047 85282 / email secretary@stmichaelsns.com. Prospective new families are welcome to visit the school any day during school hours by appointment.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 Compensation Claim The Diocesan Lourdes Committee is working with the Consumer Council to pursue compensation for the delay experienced on the return journey of the 2024 pilgrimage. In order to do this, authorisation is required from each pilgrim to be returned by the **end of Jan. 2026.** More info at www.clogherdiocese.ie/lourdes2024

Monaghan Charismatic Prayer Group are organising a bus to the Divine Mercy Conference in RDS on Sat 28th Feb leaving Monaghan at 7am via Clontibret, Castleblayney, Carrickmacross. Bus fare and Tickets €50. Booking essential by contacting 087 9717447.

Armagh/Monaghan Beekeepers Assoc. are running a course for beginners in Middletown Parish Hall on Wed. 28th Jan. at 7.30p.m. and each Wednesday evening for 8 weeks For further details contact course secretary: education.ambka@gmail.com.

Our Cathedral, Our Legacy – An Important Update

Dear Parishioners,

I am deeply grateful to share that *Our Cathedral, Our Legacy* has now raised **€ 2.1 million.**

Thank you sincerely to everyone who has contributed so far. Your generosity is already making a tremendous impact. To date, over 250 parishioners from the Parish of Monaghan and Rackwallace have contributed a remarkable €1.4 million, with a further €700,000 coming from neighbouring parishes, our clergy, and the diocesan collection.
This is an extraordinary achievement.

As we enter this final stretch, I am hopeful that, with the continued generosity of our own parish community, we can reach our €2.5 million goal. This final €400,000 is essential to completing the work that will preserve our cathedral for future generations.

By now, every household should have received the information about Phase 4 and had the opportunity to speak with me, our volunteers, or parish staff.

Next weekend marks the conclusion of the active public phase of the campaign. During parish Masses, cards will be distributed to allow you to make the decision that is right for you and your family.

In the meantime, if you wish to participate, I encourage you to return your forms as soon as possible to the Priest's House, Parish Office, or Diocesan Office.

Every contribution—large or small—brings us closer to securing the legacy of our Cathedral.

Thank you so much for your prayerful consideration and continued support.

Fr. Leo Creelman