

DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30 am to 1.00 pm

Please make contact with staff by telephone on 028 30821549 or by email. Anniversary Masses can be booked by telephone or email. If you have queries regarding Baptisms, Marriages or other future event, please telephone or email the office.

All items to be included in the Parish Bulletin should be forwarded to the Parish Office by 12noon on Wednesday.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Committee: Fr John Brown, Deirdre Kennedy, Bernie Kerr, Gary Lyons, Donal McNally, Denis Murtagh, Bernie Smyth, Hugh Turley.

MASSES IN DONAGHMORE PARISH THIS COMING WEEK

Saturday 30th November 2024 6.00pm Saint John's Church, Glenn
Sunday 1st December 2024—10.00 am Saint Mary's Church, Barr
Monday 2nd December 2024—9.00 am Saint Mary's Church, Barr
Tuesday 3rd December 2024— 9.00 am Saint Mary's Church, Barr
Wednesday 4th December 2024—NO MASS
Thursday 5th December 2024— 9.00 am Saint John's Church, Glenn
Friday 6th December 2024 - 9.00 am Saint John's Church, Glenn
Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament after Friday morning Mass

Saturday 7th December 2024—6.00 pm Vigil Saint John's Glenn Church

WHO IS ST. NICHOLAS?

St. Nicholas was a bishop in what is present-day Turkey whose feast day is 6th December. St. Nicholas always had a love for the poor and would work for their benefit. The story goes that there was a poor man in town with no money for a dowry for his daughters. No dowry meant no marriage, which would have left his daughters to be sold into a life of service. Late one night, St. Nicholas dropped a bag of money down the chimney of the family home, thus allowing the daughters a dowry.

Most famously, he is the real-life historical figure from whom we get Santa Claus. His generosity inspired the "chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf" - *Santa* meaning *Saint* and *Claus* is short for *Nicholas*.

ST FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may seek, not so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saint John's Church Glenn - Saturday evening
November—Donal McNally and Brea Friel
December— Michael Grant and Mary Mulholland
Saint Mary's Church, Barr- Sunday morning
November—Pat McMahon
December—Susan Mackin
MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Saint John's Church, Glenn - Saturday evening
November—Paula Murtagh
December—Michael Kerr
Saint Mary's Church, Barr- Sunday morning
November—Joan Byrne
December—Clodagh Strain-McDonnell

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 30th November 6 pm St John's Glenn

Deceased members of Glenn GAC

Sunday 1st December 10 am St Mary's Barr

Louise McSherry, School Road

Saturday 7th December 6 pm St John's Glenn

Eddie O'Hare, Derrycraw Road
Paddy O'Hare and May Wade, Ballylough

Sunday 8th December 10 am St Mary's Barr

Pat O'Connor, Lurganare
Tom and Maureen Mackin and Deceased members of the Mackin Family and Lily Convery

May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen

Donaghmore Parish and Glenn GAC
welcome over 65's to the annual
Young at Heart Dinner
on **Sunday 15th December**
Glenn Club at 3.30 pm



DONAGHMORE PARISH - CHURCH SERVICES TV
PARISHIONERS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A WEB CAMERA IN SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, GLENN AND SAINT MARY'S CHURCH BARR. All Masses in the churches will be live streamed.
To access **GLENN**: search <https://www.churchservices.tv/glenn>
To Access **BARR**: search <https://www.churchservices.tv/barr>

Trócaire School Volunteers:

Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable?

Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our 2025 Lent Appeal in the Dromore Diocese. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will be available to help during school hours over Lent, then we would love to hear from you. Full training and ongoing support will be provided. For more information, please call Naomi Purnell on 028 9080 8033 or email naomi.purnell@trocaire.org.

SOUTHERN AREA HOSPICE SERVICES - are delighted to launch our 2025 Camino trek and are looking for participants to join them on the Portuguese Way in May 2025.

Participants will take on the challenge of walking 117km, which begins in Tui in northern Portugal and ends in the beautiful city that is Santiago de Compostela in Spain, to help raise funds for Hospice services. The trip will take place from **May 23 – 30, 2025**. The package includes flights, accommodation, breakfast, dinner and an English-speaking guide. Louise Lynch from Armagh, who completed the Portuguese Way for Hospice, said: *"The Camino trip with the Southern Area Hospice was one of the best experiences of my life. I always wanted to do the Camino and having the additional drive to fundraise for Hospice gave the trip an extra element and it pushed me on every step each day. Not only did I gain perspective and positivity from completing the challenge on a personal level, but I was constantly uplifted by the amazing group I travelled with. It was truly a once in a lifetime experience that I will cherish forever."* With a fundraising target of over £3.6million, Southern Area Hospice Services rely heavily on the local community to help them reach their target so they can continue to provide the highest standard of specialist palliative care.

To register your interest please contact Brian on (028) 3026 7711 or email hylandb@southernareahospiceservices.org for an information pack.

GIVING TREE FOR ST VINCENT de PAUL

Following the success, in previous years, of our 'Giving Trees' for the St Vincent de Paul, there will be a Giving Tree in both churches. Simply take a label, buy a gift and wrap it, attach the label on the gift and place under a Giving Tree. Gifts can be left during weekday or weekend Masses or in the parish office during opening hours.

Your support is very much appreciated. **Clodagh and Deirdre**

Support the Benedictine Community

Buy your Christmas gifts at the shop of Holy Cross Abbey, 119 Kilbroney Road, Rostrevor, Co. Down BT34 3BN
Candles and Soaps made by the monks, Books, and a range of different gifts.
Shop opens 9-11am & 2.30-5pm www.benedictinemonks.co.uk

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS:

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Diocesan Designated Person:
Stephen Sherry 07301 246 329
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Local Contact Person:

Cathy Devine 07714 214 702
Southern Health & Social Care Trust:
0800 783 7745 N.I. Childline: 0800 1111

ACCORD NI:

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMME

ACCORD cares about your relationship and your future together. The marriage preparation course we offer is designed with you in mind. Your Marriage Preparation Course offers both of you the opportunity to reflect on how you communicate, to explore your understanding of commitment, how to manage conflict, how to be responsible parents and live the sacrament of marriage.
You can book your Marriage Preparation Course by calling ACCORD Newry on 028 3026 3577 or visit their website at www.accordni.com

BARR PARISH CENTRE The Parish Centre in Barr is available for use by groups or members of the community. The Centre has excellent kitchen facilities, with disabled access and toilet. Anyone wishing to use the Centre should contact the Parish Office or Fr John.

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Envelopes and Standing Orders

24th November 2024 Weekly £ 1,003.00
Loose Plate £ 145.88

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Glenn GAC Lotto Draw Sunday 24th November 2024

Winning Numbers
13, 14, 15, 29

No Jackpot Winner
1 Match 3 Winners £ 50

Stephen O'Hare

Next Week's Jackpot **£ 7,700**
Next Draw **Sunday 1st December 2024**