

DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9.30 am to 1.00 pm (note temporary change of day)

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

Chair: Gary Lyons, **Committee:** Fr John Brown, Jan Hall, Elaine Hamilton, Maurus Flanagan, Deirdre Kennedy, Bernie Kerr, Barney Mackin, Donal McNally, Denis Murtagh, Bernie Smyth, Hugh Turley.

MASSES IN DONAGHMORE PARISH THIS COMING WEEK

Saturday 22nd March 2025 6.00pm Saint John's Church, Glenn
Sunday 23rd March 2025—10.00 am Saint Mary's Church, Barr
Monday 24th March 2025—9.00 am Saint Mary's Church Barr
Tuesday 25th March 2025— 9.00 am Saint Mary's Church, Barr
Wednesday 26th March 2025— No Mass
Thursday 27th March 2025— 9.00 am Saint John's Church, Glenn
Friday 28th March 2025- 9.00 am Saint John's Church, Glenn
Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament after Friday morning Mass

Saturday 29th March 2025—6.00 pm Vigil Mass St John's Glenn

KEY DATES FOR 2025

17th—20th April Holy Week
Ceremonies—Easter Triduum
20th April Easter Sunday
Friday 2nd May Confirmation in
St Mary's Barr at 6.30 pm
Saturday 24th May First Holy
Communion St John's Glenn at 11 am
9th June—Dromore Diocesan Trip to Lourdes
Sunday 15th June Graveyard Mass
St Mary's Barr at 10 am

Parish Envelopes for 2025/2026

Parish Envelopes for the new financial year will be distributed to all on the current list at the end of March.
Anyone who would like to register and contribute on a regular basis to the upkeep of the Church should contact any member of the Parish Committee, Fr John or the Parish Office.
Thank you for your continued support.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE—Lourdes Pilgrimage - 18- to 30-year-olds - an opportunity to experience Lourdes for yourself, the prayer, music, faith of others and the craic, plus work with the Pilgrims of Dromore Diocese, help with those who assistance, help with liturgies and spend time with the pilgrims. 8th to 13 June . To secure flights we require names and deposits asap - by Friday 21st, latest, Wednesday 26th March- £150 each. For more information email youthdirector@dromorediocese.org or phone 02830833898

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saint John's Church Glenn - Saturday evening
March—Michelle Lowery and Majella Sands
April—Donna Lyons and Michael Grant
Saint Mary's Church, Barr- Sunday morning
March—Susan Mackin and Michael McNally
April—Caoimhe Murtagh and Mona Lavery

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saint John's Church, Glenn - Saturday evening
March—Michael Kerr
April—Claire Rafferty
Saint Mary's Church, Barr- Sunday morning
March—Margaret Devlin
April—Grace Magill

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 22nd March 6 pm St John's Glenn
Mass is offered for the Intentions of parishioners

Sunday 23rd March 10 am St Mary's Barr
Jim Hanna, 46 Lurganare
Annie, Patrick and Malachy Bagnall
Jimmy and Patsy Murtagh, Lurganare and Deceased
Members of the Murtagh Family
Monica Gartland, Lurganare

Saturday 29th March 6 pm St John's Glenn
Seamus Magee, Newry

Sunday 30th March 10 am St Mary's Barr
M.M. Paul McNulty, Glenn Road

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in
peace. Amen*

Join us on the Irish Synodal Pathway! To prepare for the 2026 National Synodal Assembly for Ireland, the Diocese of Dromore invites you to attend one of two consultation evenings to reflect on the Universal Synod themes and set priorities for action. Newry Parish Centre – 2nd April 2025 at 7pm or Lurgan Parish centre – 9th April 2025 at 7pm You can either complete the required pre-reading independently or attend an online orientation event via Zoom on Wednesday, March 26, at 7 PM. Register @ www.dromorediocese.org/events

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>

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

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE EVENTS CALENDAR 2025 IN THE CATHEDRAL OF SS. PATRICK & COLMAN

The parishioners of all parishes of the Diocese are welcome to attend the various celebrations. As the Cathedral is the Church in the Dromore Diocese set aside by the Archbishop to gain a Plenary Indulgence, everyone is welcome to join in various celebrations.

5th April ~ Visiting speaker Martina Purdy and she will speak on the theme of Hope.

11th April ~ **Service of Reconciliation** – focusing on the Indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope and the theme of Reconciliation.

27th April ~ **Celebration of Carlo Acutis becoming a Saint.** Mass will be celebrated at 5.30pm in the Cathedral celebrating the fact that Carlo Acutis has become a Saint, a young man who lived his life in an extraordinary way. The new Saint will be someone to whom the youth can relate.

18th May ~ **Family Mass**, followed by the blessing of the Grotto in the Cathedral Garden and a Family Picnic. We express our gratitude to the family who donated this beautiful grotto and to the gardening committee who look after the garden so well.

22nd June ~ **Corpus Christi Procession at 3.00pm.** This year the procession will begin in St. Catherine's Church and make its way to the Cathedral for the Benediction.

29th June ~ **Mass Rock Commemoration at 3.00pm.** The Mass Rock is in a beautiful setting in Ballyholland. It is in a secluded setting, giving an appreciation of the hardship our forbearers endured to attend their weekly Mass, risking their lives.

6th July ~ **Mass for Our Communities Together** – bringing together all communities in the Diocese at 7.30pm. We appreciate the different communities that make up our parish / Diocese and discuss and acknowledge the richness and diversity.

15th August ~ **Procession on the Feast of the Assumption at 7.30pm.** Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral, followed by a procession to the Grotto in the Cathedral Garden.

14th September ~ **Retreat on the theme of Hope.**

7th October ~ **International Rosary** – “The Rosary of Hope” at 7.30pm – the decades of the Rosary will be recited in various languages.

20th November – **Special Mass for all bereaved people in the parish** – an additional Mass for all bereaved persons. We acknowledge how difficult bereavement can be for people.

8th December ~ **Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** Mass for all those who work/serve in the Diocese at 7.30pm, showing appreciation for all the good work that is taking place, in the parish and in the Diocese.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS:

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Diocesan Designated Person:
Stephen Sherry 07301 246 329
safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org

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

16th March 2025 Weekly £ 885.50
Loose Plate £ 109.83

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Glenn GAC Lotto Draw Sunday 16th March 2025

Winning Numbers
20, 25, 26, 31

No Jackpot Winner
1 Match 3 Winners £ 50
Joe Sands

Next Week's Jackpot £ 9,300
Next Draw **Sunday 23rd March 2025**