

DONAGHMORE PARISH BULLETIN

27TH APRIL 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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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>

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS EASTER WEEK : MONDAY, TUESDAY 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

Chair: Gary Lyons, **Committee:** Fr Kevin Conway, 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 26th April 2025 6.00pm Saint John's Church, Glenn
Sunday 27th April 2025—10.00 am Saint Mary's Church, Barr
Monday 28th April 2025—9.00 am Saint Mary's Church Barr
Tuesday 29th April 2025— 9.00 am Saint Mary's Church, Barr
Wednesday 30th April 2025— No Mass
Thursday 1st May 2025— 9.00 am Saint John's Church, Glenn
Friday 2nd May 2025- 9.00 am Saint John's Church, Glenn
Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament after Friday morning Mass

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on Friday 2nd May in Saint Mary's Church, Barr at 6 o'clock

Saturday 3rd May 6.00 pm Vigil Mass Saint John's Church , Glenn

KEY DATES FOR 2025

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

As a parish community we offer our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family of Seamus McConville, School Road, who died recently. We extend our sympathies to Seamus's wife Vera, son Mark, daughters Orla and Fiona , brother Michael and the extended McConville family. We keep them all in our prayers at this time.

We also remember Rosemary Haughian, daughter of Agnes and Terence Haughian, Glen Road who died recently and was buried in Barr during the week.

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

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saint John's Church Glenn - Saturday evening

April—Donna Lyons and Michael Grant

May—Maurus Flanagan and Donal McNally

Saint Mary's Church, Barr- Sunday morning

April—Caoimhe Murtagh and Mona Lavery

May—Veronica McConville and Eva Kerr

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saint John's Church, Glenn - Saturday evening

April—Claire Rafferty

May—Fiona Murphy

Saint Mary's Church, Barr- Sunday morning

April—Grace Magill

May—Margaret Cranney

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 26th April 6 pm St John's Glenn

M.M. Seamus McConville, School Road
Margaret, John, Ciaran, Patrick, Lee and
Bridie McSherry, Fourtowns and Bob Cairns
Malachy McSherry, Carnbane

Sunday 27th April 10 am St Mary's Barr

Jack McEvoy, Barr Crescent
Mary and John (Johnny) O'Hare, Glen View and
Deceased Family Members
Della Sands, Corgary Road and Jane Boyle,
Portmarnock

Saturday 3rd May 6 pm St John's Glenn

Tony and Josephine Gorman, Waterford
Thomas, Ellen and Gerard Kennedy, Kennedy Villas
and Deceased members of the Kennedy Family,
Fourtowns

Sunday 4th May 10 am St Mary's Barr

Bernadette Mallon, Glenn Road
Eamonn, David and Kathleen McKay, Beech Hill

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

A TRIBUTE TO POPE FRANCIS:

It's almost as if he waited.

Pope Francis passed away on Easter Monday. The timing felt too tender to be coincidence—like he held on just long enough to hear the Alleluia one last time. To witness the Church rejoice in the Resurrection before quietly letting go. As if he needed to see the stone rolled away before stepping into the promise he had spent his life proclaiming. He carried so much. The wounds of a divided Church. The ache of the poor and the forgotten. The weight of hope—for a world more merciful, more human, more like Christ. He walked with a limp, both in body and in spirit, but never without grace. He wasn't perfect. But he was present. And he kept showing up.

And he was different.

He chose the simple path when grandeur was expected. He rode the bus. Paid his own hotel bill. Lived in a guesthouse instead of the papal palace. His first act as Pope was to bow and ask for our prayers. From the beginning, he showed us that true authority kneels. That greatness can look like humility. He disrupted systems and comforted outcasts. He spoke boldly on justice, embraced the disabled, welcomed migrants, washed the feet of prisoners. He didn't just talk about mercy—he embodied it. He made the Church feel like a place where the last could be first, and the forgotten, finally seen. He taught us that holiness isn't perfection—it's presence. That the Gospel is clearest when it sounds like compassion. That faith, at its best, looks like love with skin on.

And now, just after Easter, he's gone.

But maybe that was his final homily. Not delivered from a pulpit, but through the quiet timing of his death—a soft Amen to a life spent preaching hope.

It brings to mind these words:

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." — 2 Timothy 4:7

And he did. He fought—not with anger, but with mercy. He ran—not to be praised, but to make space for others. And he kept the faith—not flawlessly, but fiercely. So yes, we grieve. But we also remember.

We remember how he made us believe again—in a Church that walks with the wounded, in a Gospel wide enough for the doubting, in a God whose love meets us right where we are.

He reminded me that faith isn't something we hold onto for ourselves.

It's something we hand off—with open hands and open hearts.

Pope Francis has finished his race. And what he leaves behind isn't just a memory— It's the echo of a life poured out.

The kind of life that makes you want to live differently.

More gently.

More boldly.

More like him.

More like Christ.

He waited for Easter—because he believed in the promise.

And now, that promise is his.

Light has found him.

And Love has brought him home.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS:

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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 Kevin.

DONAGHMORE PARISH

Envelopes and Standing Orders

20th April 2025 Weekly £ 959.50

Easter Collection £ 967.00

Loose Plate £ 198.00

Holy Places Good Friday £ 371.50

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Glenn GAC Lotto Draw Sunday

20th April 2025

Winning Numbers

5, 15, 18, 22

No Jackpot Winner

6 Match 3 Winners £ 10 each
Mary Bagnall (Barr), Joanne McStay,
Gerard Bagnall, Mary Bagnall (Fourmile)
Orlaith Bagnall, Roseann Fegan

Next Week's **Jackpot £ 9,800**
Next Draw **Sunday 27th April 2025**