SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2026

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF THE WEST TYRONE PASTORAL AREA:

Aghyaran • Ardstraw West & Castlederg • Drumquin

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SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

DAY	AGHYARAN	ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG	DRUMQUIN
Monday 9 Nov		**Mass, Castlederg: 7.30pm.**	**Mass, 10.00am** **Rosary, at Grotto: 8.00pm**
Tuesday 10 Nov	**Mass, 10.00am**		**Rosary, 10.00am**
Wednesday 11 Nov	**Liturgy of Word with Holy Communion: 10.00am**	**Castlederg: Liturgy of the Word, with Holy Communion: 10.00am**	**Mass, 10.00am**
Thursday 12 Nov	**Mass, 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon**		
Friday 13 Nov	**Mass, 7.30pm**	**Mass, Castlederg: 10.00am, followed by Adoration until 12.00noon**	
Saturday 14 Nov	**Vigil Mass, 7.30pm**	**Vigil Mass, Castlederg, 6.15pm**	**Vigil Mass: 5.00pm**
Sunday 15 Nov	**Mass, 11.00am**	**Mass: Dregish, 9.30am** **Drumnabey,12.30pm** *Mass in Castlederg on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday*	**Mass, 11.00am**

ARDSTRAW WEST AND CASTLEDERG Parish Draw: Returns for November's draw should be made to the Parochial House on Thursday 19 November between 6.00 and 7.30pm. The next draw will take place on Sunday 29 November.

PASTORAL VISITATION OF THE HOUSEBOUND will take place this week as follows: **Wednesday 11 November** - Drumquin Town Area - Dooish Road, McCrea Park, Castlederg Road, Main Street, Creighmore Road and Loughrey Terrace, commencing at 11.00am - Fr Thomas. **Friday 13 November** - Castlederg Rural Area and Oakleigh Grove, Main Street and Derg Fold, commencing at 11.00am - Fr Thomas.

AN EVENING OF APPRECIATION FOR FR PAUL: Friday 20 November, in St Patrick's Hall, Castlederg, at 7.30pm. Everyone is warmly invited to attend this special occasion as we come together to show our gratitude and appreciation for Fr Paul. To help mark the occasion, donation envelopes are being distributed in all our churches this weekend. We kindly ask that all envelopes be returned for collection at our Masses next weekend, 14/15 November. Thank you very much for your generosity and support. We look forward to welcoming everyone.

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We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Maureen Logue, Young Crescent, whose Funeral Mass took place in Castlederg on Monday, and Danny McHugh, formerly Corgary Road, whose Funeral Mass took place in Aghyaran on Saturday. We offer our sympathy and our prayerful support to their families and to all who mourn their deaths. May they rest in peace.

Our prayers are asked for the happy repose of the souls of the recently deceased who have been enrolled in the Derry Diocesan Society:

AGHYARAN: Danny Gallen, Ballymongan Road; Danny O'Donnell, Meenamullan Road.

ARDSTRAW WEST / C'DERG: Brendan Lennon, Crewe; Michael Harper, Castlefin Rd; Evelyn Baxter, Castlefin Park.

DRUMQUIN: Gerry O'Kane, Dooish Road; Frankie Breen, Dernalear Road.

THANK YOU for your generosity in last week's collection:

AGHYARAN: £846 & €56; Church Restoration Fund: £704 & £28. **DRUMQUIN:** £1,087.

ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG: £1,913 & €25, made up of:
Castlederg £975 & €23, **Drumnabey** £339 & €2, **Dregish** £599.

Thank you to all who contribute by Standing Order.

PARISH BAZAAR DATES for your diary:

Dregish: Sunday 29 November, 7.00 – 9.00pm: Collectors will call at houses. Prizes/donations can also be brought to the hall after Mass on 8, 15 and 22 November.

Drumquin: Saturday 5 December.

Aghyaran: Sunday 6 December, commencing at 8.00pm

Castlederg: Tuesday 8 December: envelopes will be dropped into homes this coming week.

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2027, led by Bishop Michael Router. Please note: there are two options available, as follows:
Option 1: 8 - 13 July, 5 nights, £980, from City of Derry Airport, with priority given to Assisted Pilgrims and family members, Care Team, Youth, Youth Leaders and Priests.
Option 2: 7 - 14 July, 7 nights, £1,095, from Belfast International Airport.
Single Supplement and Travel Insurance will be extra.
Expressions of Interest can be emailed to derrypilgrim@outlook.com. Bookings will begin in mid-January, with more details later. Pilgrimage Gift Vouchers of any value are available from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry, for anyone wishing to purchase them; you may be interested in purchasing one as a Christmas Gift for someone intending to participate in the pilgrimage. Please contact 028 7136 2475 for further information.

LEGION OF MARY meeting will take place in the Parochial House, Drumquin, this Thursday, 12 November, at 7.30pm.

BOOK LAUNCH: St Eugene's Hall, Dregish, on Fri 13 November, at 7.30pm; refreshments served. The Dregish History Group has produced two books: ***'Gathering Hidden Gems on the History of Dregish and the People Together,'*** a selection of interesting local history articles by members of the History Group**.** The second is a history of the ***Clergy of Ardstraw West*** by Brian Devenney, edited by Fr McCawille. Thanks to NLH Fund and Rapid for their support.

OMAGH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Day of Prayer, Praise and Healing, celebrating 50 years: next Sunday, 15 November in the Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh: Registration 9.30am, concluding in the afternoon with Mass. Theme: *People of God's Delight* (Ps 194.4). Speaker: Fr John Keane. Cost £40, including coffee and lunch. Book immediately, please, for catering purposes: Evelyn 07876 411435 or Kathleen 07596 609041.

TROCAIRE – WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help deliver school talks during our annual Lent Appeal during **February and March 2027.** We are particularly interested in hearing from people with public speaking experience, especially retired teachers or those who have worked with young people. Volunteers will visit local schools during school hours to share stories of hope, justice and solidarity from communities around the world. The role involves approximately **1-2 short talks per week** during the four-month campaign period. Full training, presentation materials and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Fionnuala McGuinness on 028 9080 8033 or fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week of December if you are interested!

SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE: LISIEUX, RUE DU BAC, NEVERS, PARIS, ROCAMADOUR and LOURDES
11 – 18 June 2027: 7 Nights, flying from Dublin to Paris/Lourdes to Dublin. Includes visits to the home of the Miraculous Medal, and see the incorrupt bodies of St Catherine Laboure and St Bernadette. In Paris, visit Sacre-Coeur. Cost £1,200 pp sharing. £250.00 deposit. Comprehensive Travel insurance is an extra £35.00. Single room supplement £345. Spiritual Director: Fr Joe McGuigan. Tel: Jean Reynolds 07729 402311 / email: jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk

MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT: St Joseph's Church, Ederney, Wed 9 Dec. Tickets in local shops or on Eventbrite.

SAFEFOOD'S FOOD ENVIRONMENT EXHIBITION will be in Omagh Library from 10 -17 November. You are invited to come and see people's vision for a healthier food environment.