

# SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2026

## Second Sunday of Easter

### Divine Mercy Sunday

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                                                           |
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| Monday<br>13 April    |                                                   | Mass, Castlederg: 7.30pm                                                | Rosary, 8.00pm at Our Lady's Grotto                                |
| Tuesday<br>14 April   | Mass, 10.00am                                     |                                                                         | Rosary, 10.00am                                                    |
| Wednesday<br>15 April | Liturgy of the Word, with Holy Communion, 10.00am | Liturgy of the Word, with Holy Communion, 10.00am                       | Mass, 10.00am                                                      |
| Thursday<br>16 April  | Mass, 10.00am, with Adoration until 12.00noon     |                                                                         |                                                                    |
| Friday<br>17 April    |                                                   | Mass, 10.00am, with Adoration until 12.00noon                           |                                                                    |
| Saturday<br>18 April  | Vigil Mass, 7.30pm                                | Vigil Mass, Castlederg: 6.15pm:<br><i>Month's Mind, Brendan Douglas</i> | Vigil Mass: 5.00pm:<br><i>First Anniversary, Fidelma McSwiggan</i> |
| Sunday<br>19 April    | Mass, 11.00am                                     | Mass: Dregish, 9.30am<br>Drumnabey, 12.30pm                             | Mass, 11.00am                                                      |

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

AGHYARAN: £1,114 & €15. Church Restoration Fund £1,292 & €60. DRUMQUIN: £920.

ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG: £2,925 & €170, made up of:

Castlederg £1,796 & €145, Drumnabey £514 & €18, Dregish £615 & €7.

Thank you, as always, to all who contribute by Standing Order.

Thank you for donations for Church flowers: Castlederg £100, Drumnabey £40.

Thank you to all who contributed to the recent Clerical Education & Ongoing Formation collection and the Holy Land collection. The totals for these will be published next week.

**ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG PARISH DRAW:** The next draw will take place on Sunday 26 April in St Eugene's Hall, Dregish. If you pay monthly and are joining in the draw in the coming year, why not consider paying by Standing Order, if you do not already do so? Ask your promoter for details.

**TROCAIRE COLLECTION:** If you have not yet returned your Trócaire Box it would be very much appreciated if you could return it next weekend to one of our churches.

**PASTORAL VISITATION OF THE HOUSEBOUND:** Fr Thomas will visit the housebound this week as follows: Dregish - Wednesday 15 April at 11.00am; Castlederg Rural Area - Friday 17 April at 11.00am.

**THANK YOU** to all who attended the Sycamore Faith Development programme in Castlederg during Lent. Thank you also for your feedback. To assist us in planning future faith development programmes and needs in our parishes, those who attended the Sycamore programme are asked, please, to come along to St Patrick's Hall, Castlederg, tomorrow evening, Monday 13 April, at 8.00pm (after 7.30pm Mass) for a short meeting. Anyone else interested in, or with ideas about promoting faith development programmes in our parishes is very welcome to come along.

**25 CARD DRIVE:** St Patrick's Hall, Castlederg, Friday 24 April, starting at 8.30pm sharp. £250 in prize money. Adm £10. Refreshments served. All proceeds will go to parish funds. Save the date. There will be a draw for unplayed tickets, offering everyone an opportunity to participate in this parish fundraising event.

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, AGHYARAN 'Garment of Suffering' project** was proposed by a parishioner as part of our Lenten journey this year. Thank you to all who took the opportunity to bring squares of cloth to represent our suffering and worries. It was moving to see so many people taking part. We are indebted to Sara Moss and Bernie Campbell, who sewed the pieces into the final garment that we can see on our Sacred Heart altar. Their skill, dedication and artistry brought everything together in the most beautiful way. The garment will remain on the altar throughout the period of Eastertide to remind all of us that we can bring our worries and concerns to the Lord – and to remind us that we are not alone, or without hope. Also, thanks to the parishioners who committed to Hours of Adoration and Stations of the Cross, together with family and individual Rosaries during this time.

**JOHNNY & MOLLY MOCK WEDDING Take 2:** Friday 24 April in the Mellon Country Hotel, at 8.00pm. Tickets £10. Music by Still Water. All proceeds go to Kevin Bell Trust.

**SOUTH WEST COLLEGE:** Do you know a young person aged between 14 and 24 who is currently not in full time education, training or employment? South West College is now accepting applications for the next Cohort of the Youthscape+ programme, available in Omagh, Enniskillen and Dungannon. The programme is designed to support young people through a 26-week tailored programme of fun and interactivities, trips and employability mentoring. Participants may receive a daily incentive payment, transport costs and lunch voucher subject to eligibility for the programme. Community group outreach options also available. For further information contact Programme Manager, donal.monaghan@swc.ac.uk or visit swc.ac.uk/youthscapeplus"

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:**

**You are asked to keep the children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayer.**

**The children from the three primary schools in our pastoral area – Aghyaran, Castlederg and Drumquin – will attend a Retreat Day in Lough Derg this Tuesday, 14 April, as part of their final preparation to receive the sacrament. The Confirmation dates are as follow:**

**St Patrick's, Castlederg, Saturday 18 April, at 11.00am**

**St Patrick's, Aghyaran, Saturday 25 April, at 1.00pm**

**St Patrick's, Drumquin, Saturday 16 May, at 11.00am**

***On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray:***

**St Faustina, Apostle of Divine Mercy, whom the Lord chose to be  
the messenger of His great mercy to the world,  
obtain for us from the Lord the grace to trust in His infinite mercy  
and to be merciful to others, as He is merciful to us.**

**Help us to understand that no sin is too great for God's mercy  
and that His mercy is greater than all our sins.**

**Teach us to trust in Jesus, who is mercy itself. Amen.**