

SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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		Mass, Castlederg: 7.30pm	Mass, 10.00am
Tuesday	Mass, 10.00am		Rosary, 10.00am
Wednesday	Liturgy of the Word, with Communion, 10.00am	Liturgy of the Word, with Communion, Castlederg: 10.00am	Mass, 7.30pm
Thursday	Mass, 19 June: 10.00am, followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 12.00noon		Vigil Mass of the Feast of the Sacred Heart, 7.30pm, for the Pioneers of our Pastoral Area
Friday		*Mass, Castlederg: 10.00am, followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 12.00noon	
Saturday	Vigil Mass, 7.30pm (21 June – 6.00pm)	Vigil Mass, Castlederg, 6.00pm: 28 June: Month's Mind Paddy Gallen	Vigil Mass, 6.30pm Followed by blessing of graves
Sunday	Mass, 11.00am: 1, 15 and 29 June	Mass, Dregish, 9.30am Mass, Castlederg, 11.00am: 8, 22 and 29 June Mass, Drumnabey, 12.30pm	No Sunday morning Mass on 29 June

*Friday of this week, 27 June, is Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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

AGHYARAN: £1,005 & €115. Church Restoration Fund £832 & €75 **DRUMQUIN:** £870.

ARDSTRAW WEST & CASTLEDERG: £2,819 & €120, made up of:

Castlederg £1,700 & €90, **Drumnabey** £608 & €20, **Dregish** £511 & €10.

Thank you for £50 donation for Drumnabey Church.

Thank you to those who contribute by Standing Order.



We pray for the happy repose of the soul of James McGrath, 73, Ballymongan Road, Killeter, whose Funeral Mass took place in Aghyaran on Friday. May he rest in peace. We offer our sympathy and our prayerful support to James' family and to all who mourn his death.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES CEREMONIES:

AGHYARAN: Saturday 21 June at 6.00pm – Mass followed by Blessing of the Graves (no 7.30pm Mass).

DRUMQUIN: Saturday 28 June at 6.30pm – Mass followed by Blessing of the Graves (with no Sunday morning Mass).

WE PRAY for Stephen Baxter, who will be ordained as a Deacon for the Diocese of Derry, in St Columb's Church, Waterside, this Friday, 27 June. We wish Stephen every blessing in his ministry and in his final preparations for priesthood.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we pray for our diocesan seminarians and for the men who are currently discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

We pray for all the priests of our diocese, that they will faithfully nourish the People of God in their preaching of the Word and in the Eucharist.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for all.

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION: Special Mass for all pioneers from the parishes of the Pastoral Area (Aghyaran, Castlederg and Drumquin) this **Thursday, 26 June, 7.30pm**, St Patrick's, Drumquin. It will be the Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart, since devotion to the Sacred Heart is an integral part of the Pioneer Spirituality. All pioneers, families and friends are welcome to come along. If you are interested in becoming a pioneer, call with Fr Thomas in the sacristy or the Parochial House

LOURDES 2025: Bishop McKeown will offer Mass for those participating in the Pilgrimage to Lourdes in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Steelstown Road, Derry, tomorrow, Monday 23 June, at 7.00pm. After Mass, pilgrim packs, including tickets, will be distributed. Those who cannot attend should arrange for someone to collect their tickets.

THANK YOU: The family of Eileen Harvey sincerely thanks everyone who supported the recent Quiz in memory of Eileen. A total of **£3,090** and **€820** was raised and has been presented to Cancer Research and Castlederg Patient Comfort Fund. The charity representatives are also very thankful for your generosity.

MID-SUMMER'S TILLEY LAMP DANCE: Garvagh Hall, this Friday, 27th June. Music by Stevie Mac. Adm £5/€6. Refreshments served. Dancing 9.30pm – 12.00..

In his homily for the Feast of Corpus Christi last year, Pope Francis, reflecting on the importance of the Eucharist in bringing peace to our hearts and our war-torn world, focussed on three key themes:

"thanksgiving, remembrance, and presence."

The Eucharist, he said, "teaches us to be **thankful** for God's many gifts in our lives, by properly using our talents and skills."

Remembrance – Pope Francis spoke of the importance of **remembering** Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. "In giving us His Body and Blood, Jesus taught us to give ourselves as an offering to people in need and those around us."

Reflecting on the **Real Presence** of Christ in the Eucharist, the Pope said that, "His Real Presence invites us to be close to our brothers and sisters wherever love calls us.....Our world desperately needs the Bread of the Eucharist, so that streets filled with rubble and the destruction of war may return to peaceful places filled with the smell of freshly baked bread."

We pray today for the P4 children of our three parishes who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time a few weeks ago, that the Eucharist will always be central to their lives.

**O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.**

Today, Archbishop Eamon Martin will lead the celebrations for the consecration of Ireland to the Sacred Heart of Jesus — the first national consecration in over 150 years. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, recalling the promises of the Sacred Heart made known 350 years ago to St Margaret Mary Alacoque, we pray, through the intercession of St Margaret Mary Alacoque and St Claude de la Colombiere, that many graces will flow from the consecration.

*St Margaret Mary, pray for us.
St Claude de la Colombiere, pray for us.
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.*