

MASS SCHEDULE

ST MARY'S CHURCH, KILLYCLOGHER

Sunday Mass: 9am, 11am.

Daily Mass: Monday-Saturday at 10am

Confessions: Saturday after 10am Mass

Rosary: Monday-Saturday at 9.20am

Adoration: Friday after 10am Mass until 3.30pm. Concluding with Divine Mercy Chaplet

ST MARY'S CHURCH, KNOCKMOYLE

Daily Mass: Monday at 7.30pm

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, STRATHROY

Sunday Mass: Vigil 6.30pm & Sunday at 10am & 12noon

Daily Mass: Tues, Wed & Thurs at 7.30pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45-6.15pm

Adoration: Wednesday after 7.30pm Mass until 9.30pm. Concluding with Night Prayer.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH, MOUNTFIELD

Daily Mass: Friday at 7.30pm

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(to be used in the case of an **emergency only**)

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Monday-Friday: 9am-1pm.

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ANNIVERSARY MASS

Wed 18 Nov: Eileen Keane, Pinefield Meadows / 10am / KC

Wed 18 Nov: Philomena Teresa McDonagh, Meelmore Dr / 7.30pm / CTK

Fri 20 Nov: Noel Knox, Castleview Park / 10am / KC

Fri 20 Nov: Francis Donaghy, Greencastle Road / 7.30pm / MF

Sat 21 Nov: *M.Mind:* Rita Gormley, Gleannan Close / 10am / KC

Sat 21 Nov: James Gormley, Woodbank Road / 6.30pm / CTK

Sun 22 Nov: Brigid & Frank McCrink, Newry / 9am / KC

Sun 22 Nov: *M.Mind:* Owen Roe O'Neill, Meelmore Drive / 10am / CTK

Sun 22 Nov: P.J. Duffy, Kevlin Road / 11am / KC

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND BLESSING OF GRAVES

Parishioners from each of our four Churches have led and recorded a Service of Prayer for the Dead and Blessing of the Graves. This video is now available to watch on the parish website, with a link to the video on the parish Facebook page. We thank everyone who participated in the video and to Austin McGrath who produced the video for our parish.

CHANGES TO EVENING MASS SCHEDULE Due to the Annual Mass of Remembrance there will be no evening Mass in Christ the King on Tuesday and Thursday. This week, the 7.30pm Evening Mass will be on Monday in Knockmoyle, Wednesday in Christ the King and Friday in Mountfield.

FR. STEPHEN KEARNEY R.I.P

“Yes I would go on, and I would try to be a good priest, encouraging the young, listening to their parents, trying to give hope to the older people I could not see myself as a Holy Priest, but I would not refuse this call from the people of God.”

These are the words Fr Stephen wrote for an article “A Look into the Life of Priesthood” in the Cappagh Parish news in May 2019. And yes, he did go on, to not just be a good priest, but a great priest!

Fr Stephen celebrated his 50th Anniversary to the priesthood last year, having been ordained in St Patrick’s Church, Killenagh on 15th June 1969 by Bishop Neil Farren. He served in the Waterside, Sessiaghoneill, Faughanvale and Newtownstewart before he came to join us in Cappagh.

And what a blessing he has been to our parish! A great character - always caring and full of fun with many a great yarn to tell. These stories (often accompanied by a magnificent hat) could be told when you met him on the street, or if he called for a cuppa or from the Altar during Sunday Mass. The children were delighted to see him; and though his stories were entertaining and often made you laugh; they were full of love and faith and reflected his gentle and kind heart.

It was with great sadness that we announced Fr Stephen’s death on Thursday. God has called him home and we now rejoice in the knowledge that he is at peace in God’s mercy.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the Kearney family on their great loss.

During his life Fr Stephen enriched the lives of those around him and his memory will continue to shine bright in our hearts.



STEPHEN’S GOLDEN JUBILEE - A REFLECTION BY HIS SISTER MARY

The two young men lay prostrate on the cold mosaic tiles of the Sanctuary in St Patrick’s Church, Killensagh. Clad in pure, white cotton albs, heads embracing the floor, the bemused congregation absorb the moment.

Mammy in her cream wool suit and daddy in his shirt and tie, both of them steeped in pride but nervous at the magnitude of the event. Bishop Farren, regaled in his glistening robes and mitre, observes the worming file of ageing priests, as they lay their hands on the heads of the new disciples.

And the excitement when we returned to Clougherney, as the parish turned out to welcome their new priest. The banner across the road at Ellen Brogan’s and the cars lined from Johnny Blee’s land to Jamie Eamon’s.

I had the privilege of handing out the little cards that announced, “Fr Stephen Kearney, ordained 15th June 1969.” Was I not proud? And then returning to school after the First Mass with my absence note in my hand. The expression on Mother Superior’s face, as she read, “absent because she was attending her brother’s First Mass.” I stood ten feet tall, Stephen had made me a celebrity in Omagh Convent!

Fifty years later, baptisms, weddings, funerals, tragedies, celebrations, pain, comfort and hope. Stephen had shared it all, carried us on our way and tirelessly kept going.

Watching on as his brothers and sisters laid down their roots and followed their vocation. Not one to hold back, he always says what he thinks.

He got his hands dirty and sometimes his clothes as well. Cheering on Tyrone, investigating the rattle in the engine or sowing carrot seed in the soil.

He supports those who depend on his compassion and kindness to get through their journey.

A man of God, a son of Paddy and Bernadette, a brother, an uncle, a priest forever.