

Cappagh PARISH NEWS

3rd & 10th
August 2025

St Mary's Killyclogher, St Mary's Knockmoyle, Corpus Christi Mountfield, Christ The King Strathroy

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE



St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher

Sunday Mass: 9am & 11am
Daily Mass: Mon-Sat: 10am
Rosary: Mon-Sat: 9.15am
Confessions: Saturday: after 10am Mass
Legion of Mary: Monday: after 10am Mass
Blessing of Graves: Sunday 7th September / 3pm

St. Marys Church, Knockmoyle

Sunday Mass: July: 20th
Aug: 3rd, 17th & 31st
Sep: 14th & 28st
Blessing of Graves: Sunday 14th September / 10am

Christ the King Church, Strathroy

Sunday Mass: 12noon.
Vigil: 6.30pm
Polish Mass: 1st & 3rd Sunday's at 10am
Confessions: Saturday: 5.45-6.20pm

Corpus Christi, Mountfield

Sunday Mass: July: 27th
Aug: 10th & 24th
Sep: 7th & 21st
Blessing of Graves: Sunday 7th September / 10am

A fond farewell

On behalf of us all in Cappagh parish, I take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to Fr Declan McGeehan as he prepares to leave Cappagh and take up his new appointment as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Steelstown and Administrator of Culmore in Derry City.



Fr Declan's journey with us began seven years ago, when he was appointed to Cappagh as a deacon in 2018. Ordained to the priesthood in 2019, he has since served faithfully and generously as curate, ministering to the people of this parish with dedication, humility, and joy. Over these seven years, he has become not only a much-valued priest but also a friend to many and a steady presence in the life of the community.

Throughout his time here, Fr Declan has shown himself to be deeply committed, hardworking, and pastorally sensitive. His priesthood is clearly rooted in a life of prayer and strong personal faith. Everything he does flows from that foundation - his celebration of the sacraments, his preaching, his pastoral care, and his availability to all. Whether he was celebrating Mass, leading parish liturgies, accompanying families through grief, visiting the sick and elderly, ministering to the youth and our schools, or preparing couples for marriage, Fr Declan brought a thoughtful and prayerful approach to every situation.

He is also a priest of exceptional intelligence, energy, and practicality. He has the ability to see what needs done - and then to get on with doing it, often without fuss or fanfare. He is resourceful, full of initiative, and he has made an invaluable contribution to the life of this parish.

Fr Declan's natural gifts with people have also left a deep impression. Sociable, outgoing, and engaging, he has a great gift for connecting with people of all ages. His genuine interest in others, his warm sense of humour, and his presence in the community made him very approachable and deeply appreciated. Whether it was a quick word after Mass or a visit at a time of need, Fr Declan had that rare gift of being fully present to the person in front of him.

As he now moves to Steelstown and Culmore to begin his new ministry, we know that the people there are receiving not only a capable pastor but a priest of great integrity and heart. While we in Cappagh will miss him, we are proud of him and confident that he will bring the same wisdom, energy, and compassion to his new role as he brought here.

Fr Declan, thank you for your years of service to the people of Cappagh parish. You have given of yourself generously, and your legacy will live on in the hearts and lives of those you have served. Please be assured of our prayers, our support, and our lasting friendship as you begin this new chapter. May the Lord continue to guide and bless you in all that lies ahead.

Fr Kevin

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	4 Aug	KC	10am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Bernard Woods & remembering his parents and family
Wednesday	6 Aug	KC	10am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Charley McNamee, Glenside
Friday	8 Aug	KC	10am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Leonard McCullagh, Killyclogher Road
Saturday	9 Aug	CTK	6.30pm	<i>Anniversary</i>	Agnes Birney, Arvalee Road
Sunday	10 Aug	KC	9am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Paul McGoldrick, St. Mary's Court
Sunday	10 Aug	MF	10am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Seamus O'Brien, Backglen Road
Sunday	10 Aug	KC	11am	<i>1st Anniversary</i>	Mickey McAleer, Campsie Crescent
Monday	11 Aug	KC	10am	<i>Anniversary</i>	John Fleming, Brookvalley
Tuesday	12 Aug	KC	10am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Brian Kelly, Knockmoe Heights
Wednesday	13 Aug	KC	10am	<i>Months Mind</i>	Pat Livingstone, Old Mountfield Road
Thursday	14 Aug	KC	10am	<i>Months Mind</i>	Noel Taggart, Ballinamullan Road
Friday	15 Aug	KC	10am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Martina Devlin, Castlevew Court
Sunday	17 Aug	KM	10am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Patricia (Petsie) Baxter, Deersleap Road

RECENT BAPTISMS: *We welcome:* Niamh Teresa Walsh, Patrick Tiernan Flanagan and Eria-Ros McGinty
RECENT DEATHS: *We pray for:* Phoenix McDevitt of Woodside Mews. *May he rest in peace.*



*We pray for all deceased members of the Derry Diocesan Society,
 especially for the following who have been recently enrolled:*

Roma Mellon
 Kathleen Strain

Jean Stanfield
 Bridie Connolly
 Nan Meenan

Ronnie Stanfield
 Teresa Kelly
 Carmel Rafferty

Edward McCrory
 Jim Taggart



THE POPES MONTHLY INTENTION / AUGUST: *for mutual coexistence*

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.



VOCATION DAY - **COME AND SEE**

A gathering for anyone considering a vocation to diocesan priesthood will take place in Waterside Parish Hall on Sunday 24th August 2025. Anyone interested in attending is welcome to the 12:30pm Mass in St. Columb's Church, 32 Chapel Rd, Derry BT47 2BB, followed by refreshments in the hall. Bishop McKeown hopes to be there along with some priests as well as our seminarians and a number of men who have been actively discerning their vocation over the last few years. There will be some short presentations and opportunities for questions and discussions. If you require further information, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Pat O'Hagan, on 02879386259 or email pgoh2111@gmail.com

LEGION OF MARY: WELCOME THE PILGRIM STATUTE OF OUR LADY INTO YOUR HOME & PRAY THE ROSARY

Contact Rosaleen on 07917421119 to make arrangements with the Legion of Mary, Cappagh Group.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed from 4th - 7th August. Re-opens Monday 11th August at 9am.

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / 10TH-17TH SEPTEMBER 2025 / £1,135PPS

Two spaces have become available. If interested, contact Marie 07799112224 / Clare 07778025587



OMAGH UNIFORM EXCHANGE : ST. JOSEPHS'S HALL, OMAGH / AUGUST OPENING HOURS

Tues 5th / Fri 8th August: 5-9pm. Tues 12th / Fri 15th / Tues 19th / Fri 22nd August: 10am-3pm

FREE school uniforms for all ages. Open to all families, regardless of background or circumstance.

WATCH MASS LIVE ON THE PARISH WEBCAM: www.cappaghparish.com

Webcam live streams only. The recording of services broadcast on the webcam ***must be requested in advance*** by contacting the parish office on 028 8224 3375 or speaking with the priest (outside of office opening hours)

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