

Emergency Number
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NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM MASSES

17 th Oct	Saturday	7.30pm	Liam & Terence O'Donnell RIP
18 th Oct	Sunday	11am	Pro-Populo
20 th Oct	Tuesday	7pm	Mass
21 st Oct	Wednesday	9.30am	Mass
22 nd Oct	Thursday	No Mass	No Mass
24 th Oct	Saturday	7.30pm	Kathleen Curran (Kildrum) RIP
25 th Oct	Sunday	11am	Davey, Bella & Maureen Baxter RIP

KILLEA MASSES

18 th Oct	Sunday	9.30am	Kieran McMacken RIP
23 rd Oct	Friday	7pm	Fergal O'Donnell RIP (1 st Anniv)
25 th Oct	Sunday	9.30am	Ellen & John Heron RIP

Sacrament of Confession: All Saints Newtown every Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am.

Recently Deceased: Isobel Devenney, Manorcunningham RIP, mother of Belle Rodgers, Colehill; Gemma Whoriskey, Burt RIP, niece of Brian Whoriskey, Colehill. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful, departed rest in peace.

Our Annual N&K Parish Mass for those who died in the past year will take place on the Evening of All Souls Day - Monday November 2nd in All Saints, Newtown. If you have a loved one to be included in the list, then please send their name and a photo via Whatsapp to 087 9823261.

ST. BAITHIN'S MASSES

17 th Oct	Saturday	6pm	Tony & Patricia Doherty RIP
18 th Oct	Sunday	12.15pm	Mass
20 th Oct	Tuesday	9.30am	Mass
21 st Oct	Wednesday	No Mass	No Mass
22 nd Oct	Thursday	9.30am	Mass
23 rd Oct	Friday	9.30am	Mass
24 th Oct	Saturday	6pm	Pro-Populo
25 th Oct	Sunday	12.15pm	Mass

Sacrament of Confession: St. Baithin's each Saturday from 4.30 – 5.30pm.

Anniversaries: We pray for the soul of Patsy Colhoun RIP, Trensallagh. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful, departed rest in peace.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

18th October 2026 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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STEP BY STEP THROUGH THE MASS

The Liturgy of the Eucharist (Part 12)

When the priest says “Pray Brothers and Sisters” he is not saying “Let us pray” as he does elsewhere. Here the word “Pray” is a command. It is a call to attention of sorts. And that is why the people respond by standing up at this point – an act which biblically and liturgically denotes taking a posture of readiness to do some great and godly task. The task in hand is the uniting of our lives with the life and death of Jesus made present in this Mass. Could there be a more important and godly task than this? This great and godly task is not simply passively awaiting the priest, (who has sacred power the laity do not have), to bring about the change in the bread and wine which becomes the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. The lay faithful are encouraged, urged even, to unite themselves with the self-offering of Jesus on Calvary, to make the pursuit of spiritual union with him an active endeavour in this prayer; and exercise their baptismally rooted Common Priesthood – a real power to offer right worship, praise and sacrifice to God the Father through Christ Jesus – as they will hear at every Mass: “Through Him, With Him, and In Him” – Him being the Lord Jesus.

Baptism unites us to Christ Jesus – it makes us Christian; makes us sons and daughters of the Father, and Co-Heirs with Christ. In a sense, it makes our souls capable of uniting our sacrifice of praise and the offering of our lives (and the many ways we serve) to the life and sacrificial service of Jesus on the Cross.

The Second Vatican Council taught on this aspect of the Common Priesthood of all the baptised: “The baptized, by regeneration and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, are consecrated as a spiritual house and a holy priesthood, in order that through all those works which are those of the Christian they may offer spiritual sacrifices and proclaim the power of Him who has called them out of darkness into His marvellous light... The ministerial priest, by the sacred power he enjoys, teaches and rules the priestly people; acting in the person of Christ, he makes present the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and offers it to God in the name of all the people. But the faithful, in virtue of their royal priesthood, join in the offering of the Eucharist... Taking part in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, which is the fount and apex of the whole Christian life, they offer the Divine Victim to God, and offer themselves along with it.

Parish of Newtowncunningham & Killea

Email: office@newtownkilleaparish.ie
Website: www.newtownkilleaparish.ie

Sunday Collections: €1975. Thank you for your continued generosity to your Parish.

Eucharistic Adoration: takes place on Wednesday in Newtown from 11am – 8pm and in Killea from 2pm – 6pm on Friday. **Please Note that for warmth and comfort Adoration in Killea will take place within the Sacristy from this Friday.**

Parish of Taughboyne, St. Baithin's

Email: stbaithins@yahoo.com

Sunday Collections: €990; **Development Fund:** €65. Thank you for your continued generosity to your Parish.

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Baithin's this Thursday from 1pm – 6pm. New Adorers are welcome and encouraged to commit to any of these hours.

Please Note: There will be NO 6pm Holy Hour or Evening Mass on Thursday of this week. Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am.

Items for the Parish Newsletter must be submitted to the Parish office no later than 12 Noon on a Thursday to be considered for the Newsletter

The **Ogs Youth Group** continues every Friday Evening from 7pm – 9pm in the Columban Hall – it is open to all teens who are Secondary Level Students. **Og's Ignite runs each Friday in the Columban Hall from 5pm – 6.30pm.** OG's Ignite is a Youth Group for all the Confirmation Candidates from both Parishes and Confirmation candidates are encouraged to attend.

ANNUAL PARISH(ES) PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: Our 2027 Parish Pilgrimage will be flying out of Derry City Airport on Wednesday 14th April for 7 nights. If **you** are interested in taking a place on this pilgrimage, then please text your name and the number of places you will require to 087 9823261 in the coming days. Places are limited. 40 of the 50 seats have already been taken – so please express your interest soon.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sr. Mary Barron OLA, from the Parish of Raymochy (Drumoghill), on her appointment by Pope Leo XIV to a senior position in the Vatican. She has been appointed Adjunct Secretary of the Dicastery for Evangelization, serving as President of the Pontifical Mission Societies, beginning January 2027. As President of the Pontifical Mission Society, Sr. Mary will oversee the distribution of funds from the worldwide collections on Mission Sunday.

AN OPEN INVITATION is warmly extended to everyone to join **Bishop Niall Coll** for a Holy Mass in thanksgiving for **Cursillo** in St Mary's Church Stranorlar at 3pm on Sunday 25th October and afterwards to a gathering in their Parish Centre (Stranorlar).

There will be a **Mass in Christ the King Church, Gortahork**, for families who have lost someone or people in road accidents on Sunday 15th November at 11 a.m. Please send an email to tpcr1906@gmail.com should you wish to add their name to the prayer list before Friday 30th October.

Newtown Presbyterian Church are holding a Table Quiz on Friday 6th November at 8pm in their Church Hall. Admission is €5 perperson. There will be a mini-auction after the quiz, with proceeds to their Hall renovation fund.

All Saints Church of Ireland Parish Church, Newtown will host a Christmas Concert on Sunday 6th December at 5pm. Tea and mince pies will be served afterwards in their hall. Everyone welcome.

A Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend will take place in St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th April 2027. This residential Weekend starts at 7.30pm on Friday and finishes at 4.30pm on Sunday and is open to all married couples. **Online booking only at www.marriageencounter.ie**