

Offertory Collection 23rd/24th April 2022:

Parish Collections

Weekly

St John's	Aghadowey	Dunboe
£ 1613.42	£197.50p	£192.96[

TOTAL - £2003.88p

Easter

St John's £83.60p. Aghadowey £8. Dunboe. £40.40p

Derry Diocesan Trust

External Job Advertisement for employees and Publication in Parish Bulletin and Websites.

**Financial and Administrative Secretary 12hours per week.
Parish of Dunboe, St John's and Aghadowey (Coleraine).
Closing Date: 11th May 2022.**

**For a Job Description and application form please
Write : Personnel, Derry Diocesan Office, St Eugene's
Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry. BT48 9AP.
Email: payroll@derrydiocese.org
Telephone: 02871262302.**

Trocaire.

This year, the Government is giving to Trocaire the equal amount of monies that is paid in through monies collected for Trocaire. If any one has yet to send back to the Parish, their Trocaire box, please do so by next weekend 7th/8th May at the latest.

Parish Gift Aid.

Did you know that if you Gift Aid to the Parish, the Government gives back to the Parish %25 of what you have paid in through your envelope box. Please, do Gift Aid to the Parish. Thanks for assist.

Parish Of Dunboe, Macosquin and Aghadowey
3rd Sunday of Easter
1st May 2022



(Photo Above; Statue of Our Lady, at St Mary's Church, Dunboe)

**Fr Neil Farren PP, Chapelfield, 59 Laurel Hill Road, Coleraine BT51 3AY
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Parish Website: www.dmaparish.com

SVP Helpline: 07752017340

Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Bernadette Eastwood

Parish Secretary: Position vacant.

3AY (Thursday- Friday 9.30am-2.30pm) Tel 028 7034 3130

For an emergency contact Fr Neil Farren on 07710860966

Deepest sympathy

John McGowan,
Brook Green, Coleraine.
May he rest in peace.



Anniversaries

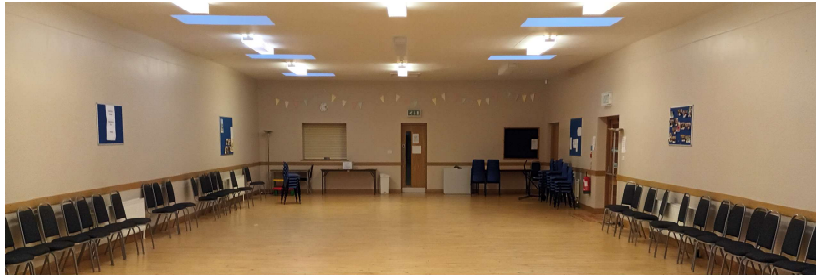
Kathleen McLaughlin, William Arthur
Jonathan Gibson, Jim Kerr, Micky
Fleming.

Our prayers for the parents of the
late Baby Annie Therese McGill on
7th Anniversary of her death.

100TH Birthday Anniversary Mass for the Deceased Molly Curry,
formerly of Killowen. This Mass will be celebrated in St John's
Church this Tuesday 3rd May at 10am Mass.

Aghadowey Hall Meeting

A Meeting will take place in the Hall this Wednesday 4th May at
7.30pm, to set up a Hall Committee to oversee the running of the
Hall in Aghadowey. It is hope that the majority of households in the
area will attend the Meeting in order to have the Hall a central
venue for Parish Community Activities as well local community
events. Our thanks to those who have previously assisted in the
running of the Hall.



Feast of St Joseph the Worker. This Feast traditionally celebrated on the
First day of May each year is not celebrated this year as it falls on a
Sunday. The Sunday Liturgy takes precedence over this Feast Day this
year.

Pope Francis' Prayer to St Joseph.

Hail Guardian of the Redeemer,

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son

In you Mary placed her trust;

With you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,

Show yourself a father

And guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,

And defend us from every evil. Amen.

Feast Day of Irish Saints for the week ahead.

4TH May Wednesday: Feast of St Conleth. C4th. Lived in Wicklow.

5th May, Thursday: Bl Edmund Rice, died 1844. Lived Co Kilkenny.

(Question 3 cont).

Marriage. – Church is backward and needs to adapt. – Have flower beds in graveyards to allow people to pick flowers for them.

Other Comments: Often issues don't feel relevant, so people feel unseen and lose enthusiasm. Church needs to be more involved in social and worldwide issues.

(The time available only allowed for 3 questions as above responded to, so question 3 was designed to direct attention specifically to youth needs.

Our sincere thanks to all the 16 and 17 year olds in this region for taking part and for their honesty in answering important questions in this age.

Congratulations and every best wishes to St Johns Primary School on reaching the Doherty Cup Final and hopefully win the final.

Doherty Cup Final

St John's Primary School vs Carnalbridge P.S.

Wednesday 18th May.

Kick Off at 6pm.

Venue: Coleraine Show Grounds.

All Parishioners and St John's Primary School Supporters

Welcome to come and cheer the St John's Team to win.

May the Month of Mary

May is the month when Catholics traditionally focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world.

May Devotions

This month of devotions in the church calendar is characterised by special hymns and the use of flowers, which bring nature into the church. There are several Marian feast days in May, including Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The celebration of May as a holy month for Mary has been ratified by several popes through the ages. Pope Benedict XV ordered a prayer for peace in 1915 during World War I and Pope Pius XII called for May devotions in 1939, at the start of World War II.

ROSARY: In St John's Church on the Wednesdays of May At 7pm, Led by Sr Moira, Loreto Sister. **All welcome.**

St John's Church: No Mass, this Bank Holiday Monday. Mass times Tuesday – Friday 10am.

Aghadowey: Daily 11am.

Dunboe. Mass. 7pm Wednesday.

Group discussion by a representative gathering of 16 and 17 year olds on some of the Synodality Questions put to them.

Question 1. *What enables/hinders you from speaking up courageously, candidly and responsibly in your particular parish and society?*

(In brackets below indicate the number of occurrences).

Covid19 (6) - Awkwardness, too many watching – potentially feeling judged by older/more conservative members(5) - lack of opportunity or encouragement(5). – I don't know how to communicate to the parish or where to go(2). - Lack of confidence in ones own knowledge. –

Lack of strong opinions. – Lack the authority to speak up. – Church not open to new ideas. - Priest too controlling, you feel you cant speak up. - Church is not accepting of different people. – I'm not religious, don't believe in God(2). – Lack of faith in a higher power that needs to be praised(2). – Priesthood, doesn't seem viable career option. –

Finding the Time. – Lack of people our age to speak. – Language barriers.

Question 2. *To what issues does the Church need to pay particular attention?*

Racism(2) – Sexism(2) – Abortion, become pro choice(4) – Homophobia/opposition to gay marriage(8). – Outdated bible teachings eg no sex before marriage. - Other modern ethical issues. –

Priest shortage. – Discrimination against women(5) – Past controversies overlooked or ignored. – Need to engage more with the crowd. – More activities and clubs to educate children. – Engage congregation during Mass. – More variety/excitement in Mass(2) -

(Question 2 cont).

Mass is boring/too long/too repetitive/too aimed at elderly(4). – More modernised version of bible needed for younger generations(2). Access for disabled eg interpreter for the deaf. - Needs to be more involved with the community/more approachable. – Needs to be open to new ideas. – Should ask people what they want to be talked about. – Uncared for grave, needs flowers. – More intensive background checks on those who work for the church. – Church is too wealthy, and hypocritical.

Question 3. *What needs to happen in the church to make it more relevant to the needs and concerns of your generation?*

Speaking up on equality(2). Changing old way/teachings(2). – addressing problems relevant to this generation(2). – Needs to address climate change. – relate bible to modern issues. – more jobs at Mass for younger people(2). – More on line church presence, live streams. – Church needs Tik Tok account. – More opportunities for faith growth/volunteering. – Shorter, more convenient masses for eg students.(3). – Simpler explanations of scripture passages. – More inclusive and accepting of everyone. – younger priests. – priests to be able to marry(6). – Listen to young people, especially mental health. – better seating. – Faith is ever changing – we need to embrace this change. – Change teachings re homosexuality and sex before