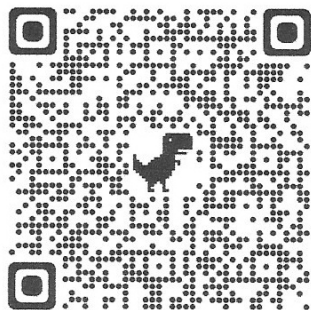


Saint Vincent De Paul Appeal

Scan QR code or you can donate online using the website below. Blue envelopes are in the back of the church if you wish to gift aid.



Online website svp.ie/stjohncoleraineannualappeal

2022: Sacrament of First Eucharist and Sacrament of Confirmation

The following dates have been set by the Parish and St John's Primary School for the P4 and P7 children's sacramental year.

Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 2pm P4 First Confession

Thursday 27th January 2022 at 2pm P7 Service of Light

Thursday 7th April 2022 at 4pm P7 Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday 21st June 11.30am P4 First Eucharist

Offertory Collection 1st/2nd January 2022:

Loose: Aghadowey £22.20

Dunboe £12.75

St John's £42.30

Total: £77.25

Weekly Envelopes:

Aghadowey: £181.00

Dunboe: £77.00

St. Johns £459.42

Total: 717.42

Priests: £249 : St John's Christmas Collection St John's £120

£197: Aghadowey,

£83.59: Dunblow

Donation: £800

Parish Of Dunboe, Macosquin and Aghadowey Sunday 9th January 2022 Feast of 'The Baptism of the Lord'

1st Week in Ordinary Time of the Year begins from Monday 10th January.
Sunday Cycle C Readings. Weekday Readings -Cycle 2.



Fr Neil Farren PP, Chapelfield, 59 Laurel Hill Road, Coleraine
028 7034 3130

Fr Gerald Hasson CSSP, CC, 33 Cullycapple Road, Aghadowey,
028 7086 9290

Parish Website: www.dmaparish.com

SVP Helpline: 07752017340

Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Bernadette Eastwood

Mass Times St Johns Church.

Monday – Friday 10am Mass.

Our Lady of the Assumption. Aghadowey.

Weekdays Monday – Saturday 11am

St Mary's Dunboe.

Wednesdays 7pm

Sabbath Day Mass for the Polish Community

St John's Church. First and Third Sunday of the Month at 1pm.

Anniversary's which occur around this time:

Cissie Mullan

William McIlwaine

Dan McDermot

Kathleen McGahy

Martin O'Boyle

Leo O'Mullan

Deepest Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Liam Farrell (brother of Paddy Farrell)** who has died recently. May he rest in peace.

Pastoral Council Meeting.

A Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place in St John's Church on Tuesday 11th January at 7pm. All new members welcome to attend. Those nominated include: Margaret Mullan – Aghadowey. Brendanr Coyle – Hillview. Angela Hislop – Carthall Cres. Deirdre O'Brien – Strand Rd. Martin O Kane- Altikerragh Rd. Seamus McCoy – Glenkeen Rd. Dianne Doherty – Glasgort Rd. Brian McCallion – Knocklayde Pk. Sr Anne McLaughlin, Loreto Sister. Anne Jack – Cranaghill Rd. Sr Anne McWilliams – Loreto Sister. Rosemary Devlin – Osborne Pk. Peter Devlin – Osborne Pk. Felicity Ferris- Greenmount. Hannah Eastwood – Rathene. Madonna Duffy – Buskin Way

Parish Synodality Group, in preparation for the Synod of Bishops, Rome in 2023.

Our thanks to those who put forward their names representing the Parish re partaking in the Parish Synodality Group. The next Meeting the Parish Contact Person and the two Parish Listeners will be by Zoom. (Zoom details will be emailed) with the Co Derry Deanery this Wednesday 12th January at 7pm Introduction. (for 2 hours) and also on Saturday 29th January – Facilitation Training (10am – 4.30pm)

We had a good attendance of those willing to be involved in the Synodality Group including Carmel O Kane, Aidan Martin, Collette Martin, Kathleen McBride, Rosemary Devlin, Sr Anne McWilliams, Anne Jack, Margaret Timoney, Cecelia McAllister, Sean O Conaill. Unable to attend Thursday 6th Meeting but interested in being involved were Paddy Farrell, Sean McGillan, Majella Gallen, David Alexander, Hannah Eastwood, Sr Rosemary Gallagher, Aoife Loughrey, Pauline Templestone and Martin O Kane. Our thanks for putting their names forward

Prayer for the Synod.

'We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts. Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful. Do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. 18th- 25th January.

The Theme for the 2022 Week of Prayer is 'We saw the star in the East and we came to worship him'. (Mt2v2), taken from the account of the visit of the Maji to pay homage to the infant king (Mt2v1-12). It is a call to unity, of those from the North and the South, from the East and from the West, old and young, men and women. The Middle East Council of Churches this year were invited to offer the prayer services and reflections on the theme in the official Christian Unity Booklet this year.

Based in Beirut, Lebanon, they have responded from their experience of civil conflict and share many of the travails and difficulties of recent years, including the massive explosion of 4 August 2020 and the pandemic. They reach out to the world, yearning for a light that leads to the Saviour who can overcome darkness.

Parish Draw 2022. The Parish Draw for the Year 2022 will take place in the month of February, which will have two draws for both January and February months. Fully paid members over the 12 months of 2022 will be included in a Free Draw in December 2022. We do not take our membership for granted and urge all who were in the Draw in 2021 to remain in the Draw for 2022. The Promoters who promote the draw are important to us and hopefully they too will continue to promote the draw in 2022. More Promoters and members are very welcome especially since the Pandemic has seen a sharp decline in Parish Finances. **The Parish Draw will take place on Tuesday 15th February 2022.**

Day by Day Booklet.

These monthly weekday Mass booklets, which contain the Weekday Mass readings for a month period are available to order at the Parish Office, leaving name and telephone number. Booklets per month £1. Next order will be for the month of February. Payment made upon reception of booklet.

New Archbishop of Tuam Diocese.

Most Reverend Francis Duffy will be installed as Archbishop of Tuam in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Tuam, on Sunday next, 9 January 2022, during the celebration of Mass at 2.30pm. He succeeds Archbishop Michael Neary who was appointed Archbishop of Tuam on 17 January 1995.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE” with Jeff Cavins is an eight-week programme being offered by the Living Church Office (Down & Connor Diocese). It is offered as a good opportunity for those interested in deepening their knowledge of their faith, understanding the bible and its timeline, and learning how to approach reading it. Three separate times are being offered:
Wednesday Morning, 11.00am, starting Wednesday 12 January
Wednesday Evening, 7.00pm, starting Wednesday 12 January
Monday Evening, 7.00pm, starting Monday 17 January
To register for any one of these, please complete an online form <https://forms.office.com/r/g3FWFK5x8w> or if you have any queries please e-mail a.steen@downandconnor.org . Course participants will receive a resource pack and connect online for a time of teaching, discussion and prayerful reflection.



Archbishop Eamon Martin Message for the New Year 2022.

The beginning of a New Year is always a good time for both looking back and for expressing hopes and dreams for the future. The Word of God today invites us to seek a blessing for the New Year. The psalmist asks: ‘O God, be gracious and bless us’. The Old Testament reading invokes the ancient priestly blessing:

“May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace (Numbers 6:23)." In his message for today and the new year, the 55th World Day of Peace, Pope Francis observes that, sadly, in many places around the world, the “noise of war and conflict is intensifying, diseases of pandemic proportions are spreading, the effects of climate change and environmental degradation are worsening, (and) the tragedy of hunger and thirst is increasing.” Pope Francis urges us to show solidarity with those in our human family who are suffering and to “work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, then within society and with the environment, and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations.” He suggests that one of the ways to build peace is by promoting dialogue between the generations, “between the keepers of memory – the elderly – and those who move history forward – the young”. The Holy Father explains: “Young people need the wisdom and experience of the elderly, while those who are older need the support, affection, creativity and dynamism of the young.” A fitting New Year’s resolution for all of us in Church and in society, might be to invest more of our time and resources, listening, dialogue and prayer in our young people who are already making it clear that they see themselves not simply as our future, but also as essential and creative contributors to our present

