

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.

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

Saturday 21st May First Communion

Offertory Collection 5th/6th February 2022:

(Weekly and Loose)

St John's: £968.23	Aghadowey: £158	Dunboe: £138.47
Buildings: £20.00	Priest's: £176	Priest's: £124
Priests: £343.40	Total: £334	Total: £262.47
Total: £1331.63		

Total: £1928.10



(Down Memory Lane, Chapelfield December 1988)

Parish Of Dunboe, Macosquin and Aghadowey

Sunday 13th February 2022

Today: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C.1.



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Mass Times St Johns Church. (1834) Rededicated 1991

Monday – Friday 10am Mass.

Sunday: 6pm Vigil (Sat): 10am (Sun)

Our Lady of the Assumption. Aghadowey (1898)

Weekdays Monday – Saturday 11am

Sunday 10am

St Mary's Dunboe.(1855) Rededicated 1985

Sunday 6pm Vigil (Sat)

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:

Patsy Gillen

Frank Donnelly

Philomena Jeffery

Harry Creelman

Mary Francis Gillen

Sammy McFeeley

Gretta Otterson

Lisa Christopher

Loreto Sisters presently residing in the Parish Community area.

Weekday/Sunday Rotas available in the Sacristy, for Readers and Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Parish Draw 2022. The Parish Draw for the Year 2022 will take place **this Tuesday 15th 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 Collections. Thanks to all for supporting Parish funds at this time.

Voluntary Sacristan/Caretaker required at St John's Church or at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Aghadowey.

If you are interested in taking on this position at either Church, please do not hesitate to let Fr Neil Farren or Fr Gerard Hasson know in the next couple of weeks. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Interior Painting of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Cullycapple Rd, Aghadowey:

Any Painter who is interested in tendering for the internal painting of St. Mary's Church, Aghadowey, should make known their interest by putting your name, address, and contact Tel number in the post box at the Parochial House, Chapelfield, 59 Laurel Hill Rd, Coleraine BT51 3AY by February 28th 2022. All applications to be submitted in writing by close of the above date.

Thursday 17th Feb: St Fintan. Born in Leinster. He received his religious formation in Terryglass, Co Tipperary under the Abbot Colum, and was deeply influenced by his penitential practices and the severity of his Rule. Fintan made his own foundations in Clonenagh, Co Laois. He died in 603.



Archbishop Martin invites all to join nine-Wednesday novena of prayer to Saint Patrick

Over the course of the next nine Wednesday nights, leading up until March 16, the vigil of Saint Patrick's day, Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh will lead a novena for renewal of faith and prayer to Saint Patrick. We invite people to join us just by tuning in, or even if you're not able to tune in to the actual Mass, service and prayers, in your own hearts every Wednesday night from now until 16 March, please join your hearts with our hearts in prayer.

Parish Synodality Group. The Next Meeting of the Synodality Group will be held in St John's Church this Tuesday 15th Feb. at 7pm

Website: derrydiocese.org/synod.

Email: synod@derrydiocese.org.

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.

Dunboe, Macosquin, Aghadowey Pastoral Council

President: Fr Neil Farren. Chairperson – Brian McCallion, Vice Chair – Marie Bradley. Secretary – Martin O Kane, Vice Secretary Angela Hislop. Treasurer. Hannah Lamberton.

Members: Madonna Duffy, Margaret Mullan, Sr Anne McWilliams, Anne Jack, Peter and Rosemary Devlin, Diane Doherty, Pam McGillan, At the second Meeting of the newly formed Pastoral Council, which all in the Parish had the opportunity of being on. It was proposed that the Sunday Mass times would be changed as from the First Sunday of Lent 5th/6TH March 2022. This to facilitate Mass to be said by one priest in the event of a priest being ill or on holiday. New Mass schedule will be as follows. Vigil at St Johns 6pm. Vigil at Dunboe.7.30pm. Sunday Mass Aghadowey 9.45am and St Johns 11.15pm. Also proposed was Family Groups bringing up the Offertory Gifts at Mass. Family names to be sought to begin on the First Sunday of Lent at all Masses. It was proposed that a Hall Committee be formed for the Aghadowey Hall. A meeting to this end will be called. A childrens youth Group to be renewed again. Volunteers to assist this would be vetted first before setting this up. Proposed was the formation of Womens Groups in Dunboe, St Johns and Aghadowey. A booklet be prepared stating names of Groups in the Parish. A Bridgebuilders Group to be formed. Some of the above have been impacted by the pandemic and now is the time to regain these groups. A Parish Survey was proposed. To this end Tony Brennan of the Derry Diocesan Office will be at the next Pastoral Council Meeting on Monday 7th March at 7pm. A Pre Pentecost Triduum of Prayer was also to be arranged. A prayer would be composed to be recited before Morning Mass and after Holy Communion at each Mass in the Parish.

'The Parish Priest'.

'If the Parish Priest preaches for over ten minutes, he is long winded.

If his sermon is short, he didn't prepare for it.

If the Parish funds are low, he is a bad business man.

If he mentions money, he is money mad.

If he owns a good car he is worldly.

If he doesn't he is a disgrace to the Parish.

If he speaks freely to his parishioners, he is a flirt.

If he doesn't, he is a snob.

If he is jovial, he is light headed.

If he is serious, he is proud and unapproachable.

If he raffles and drives, he is bleeding the people.

If he doesn't, there isn't enough social life in the Parish.

If he takes his time in Confession to help sinners, he is too long.

If he doesn't, he is not a good confessor.

If he starts Mass on time, his watch is fast.

If he starts Mass late, he is holding up the Congregation.

If he redecorates the Church, he is spending too much money.

If he doesn't he is letting it run down.

If he is young, he is not experienced.

If he is old, he should retire.

If he dies. 'You'd think he would have taken better care of his health'.

