

**Parish of Dunboe, Macosquin and
Aghadowey**

Sunday 14th December 2025
Year A Psalter Week III



3rd Sunday of Advent

Rev Neil Farren PP. Chapelfield, 59 Laurel Hill
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Parish Secretary: Clare White at Chapelfield

Office hours This week:

Monday 15th CLOSED

Tuesday 16th December – 9.15am – 1.30pm

Thursday 18th December 9.15am – 1.30pm

Parish Email: cpdma@btinternet.com

Parish Website: www.dmaparish.com

SVP Helpline: Tel: 07752017340

Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Bernadette Eastwood

Emergency Calls: Contact

Father Neil Farren - 07710860966

Age Concern Tele 02870357966

Good morning, Causeway For elderly and vulnerable
people. Tele 02870558005

Lifeline Crisis Response Helpline 0808 808 8000

North Coast Community Transport Tele 02870321234

Samaritans Tele 116123

St Vincent de Paul Tele 07752017340

Wave Trauma Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing

Tele 0282766990 **Women's Aid** Tele 02870356

**Onus – Men & Women affected by domestic or
sexual abuse in NI – 0808 802 1414 (Freephone 24hr)**

Anniversaries

Desi Coyle, Katya Watson (2nd Anniversary Mass Sunday
14th 11am), Alex Tosh, Mamie Fleming, Colm Mullan,
Martin McIlroy, Bridget Comerford, Johnnie Hollinger,
Philip Moore, Michael Howard, Mary Neill, Sally
McColgan

Sick Visitation

Tuesday – Aghadowey

Thursday Dunboe area.

Mass requests

We would ask that all Mass intention requests, be made
directly with the Parish Office either by Phone or Email as
soon as possible, to ensure requests can be honoured

Parish Collections for 6th & 7th December 2025

	St John's	Aghadowey	Dunboe
Weekly	£607.00	£284.00	£131.00
Loose	£348.18	£44.00	£21.00
Total:	£1435.18		

Masses this week

Church	St Johns	Dunboe	Aghadowey
Monday	10am		
Tuesday	10am		12pm
Wednesday	7pm		
Thursday	10am	12pm	
Friday	10am		
Saturday	6pm	7.30pm	
Sunday	11am		9.45am

Dunboe Reader/ Offertory Rota

Saturday 20th December – Ann / Offertory – Peter & Geraldine

Saturday 27th December – Marie / Offertory – Seamus & Linda

Saturday 3rd January – Catherine / Offertory – Alice & Family

Dunboe Cleaning Rota

December – Brenda O'Kane

St Johns Eucharistic Minister

20th December Saturday Vigil – Colette Martin

21st December Sunday Mass – Rosemary Devlin

St Johns Minister of the Word December

Vigil: David Alexander

Sunday Mass: Hannah Scott

Aghadowey Offertory

Sunday 14th December – Kathleen & Eva McBride

Sunday 21st December – Bill & Eilish

Sunday 27th December – Christopher & Kathleen Owens

Christmas Masses

Mon 22nd Dec – 10am St Johns

Tues 23rd Dec – 10am St John's & 12pm Aghadowey

Christmas Eve Vigil– St John's 6pm, Dunboe 7.30pm

Christmas Day – Aghadowey 9.45am, St John's 11am

St Stephens Day – No Mass.

Weekend Masses as Normal.

We Pray

For our seminarians and all those who will be the future
priests of our diocese, that they will be prophetic
proclaimers of the Good News of God's liberating love
revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

SVP Christmas Cards

**St Vincent de Paul will be selling Christmas cards at the
back of the Church after the weekend Masses £3 per pack**



Christmas Carol Service and Raffle

Our annual Christmas Carol service will take place **TODAY! Sunday
14th December at 2pm** in Our Lady of the Assumption Church
Aghadowey.

followed by the Christmas Raffle, double Christmas Draw, Cake
sale and light refreshments in the hall afterwards.

All are welcome to attend!

Raffle tickets for sale in the Sacristy after Mass



Loreto College Coleraine
Warmly invites you to their

Christmas Carol Service 2025

Tuesday 16th December 7pm

Tea, Coffee & Mince pies

will be served afterwards in Café Lorette.

Free Admission

Tickets available from Ticket Source

Thought for the day

Advent calls us to stop and think. But for nearly everyone,
the season of Advent is also the busiest time of the Year.
There is so much to be done in preparation for Christmas;
cards, presents, the planning of meals, hospitality in
general. Leaving aside whether we actually need to do all
this and whether it could not all be simplified, the actuality
of most lives during Advent is emphatically not one of
contemplation. We can benefit from moments each day,
that we set aside just to keep ourselves grounded in faith. It
is Jesus and his birth that we celebrate, not just
togetherness. Can we still enter the spirit of Advent, this
Holy season?

Bambinelli Sunday

The beautiful Advent Tradition of Bambinelli Sunday was
instituted by Saint Pope John Paul II. The tradition follows
that on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)
children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their
homes to be blessed. Then, the figures will be taken back
home to be placed under the Christmas tree. Families can
make their own 'Bambinelli' if they wish encouraging young
children to make the connection between the Nativity set
and preparation for Christmas. A suggestion is, following
the blessing, take your 'Bambinelli' home, wrap it and open
it as a family on Christmas morning where the youngest
member of the family would place it in the crib.

**Today we invite any Parishioners
with a Baby Jesus figure to come
forward to have it blessed.**



Safeguarding Notice

If you have any concerns with regard to the
Safeguarding of children within the
Church please contact Marie O'Kane, the Diocesan
Designated Liaison Person
(DLP) on +447596500793 or email:
dlp@derrydiocese.org
Northern Ireland emergency services
PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) 101
Social Services:
Gateway Services, Western HSC Trust, 028 7131 4090
(and ask for the Duty
Social Worker)
Gateway Services, Northern HSC Trust 028 9442 4459
Regional Emergency Social Work Services 0800 1979 995
Republic of Ireland emergency services
Garda Síochána Buncrana: 00353 749 320 540
Letterkenny: 00353 749 167 100
TUSLA (ROI) Child and Family Agency
Telephone Number: 00353 749 102 233

Trocaire, gifts of Change

Trocaire 'Gifts of Change' are gifts that transform lives,
bringing real hope and opportunities to families and
communities living in poverty. There are 24 Gifts to choose
from starting at £5 for the 'Gift of Soap' for families in war-
torn South Sudan. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-
country which go to families in need of our support. You can
buy a Gift and help change lives this Christmas by going
online at www.trocaire.org/gifts, calling 0800 912 1200 or
visiting our office at 60 Berry Street, Belfast, BT1 1FJ.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026:

Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July (4 nights) ex City of Derry
Airport. Cost £895 inclusive of local taxes but exclusive of
single supplements and insurance. The Pilgrimage office
will open for bookings on Saturday 17 January 2026 at
11am. However, Gift Vouchers to any value are now
available (Monday to Thursday) from the Diocesan
Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6UJ.

TheWay.ie:

The Way.ie is a new digital platform set up by the Irish
Bishops Conference dedicated to sharing the 'Good News'
and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is
intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith
and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers.
Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, X and YouTube.

SVP Annual Appeal



The Annual St Vincent de Paul appeal will be taken up at all
Masses this weekend.
Thank you for your generosity!