

**Parish of Dunboe, Macosquin and  
Aghadowey**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025**  
Year A Psalter Week IV



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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**Parish Secretary: Clare White at Chapelfield**

**Office hours This week:**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – 9.30am – 1.30pm**  
**The Parish office will be closed from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
December until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Parish Email: [cpdma@btinternet.com](mailto:cpdma@btinternet.com)**  
**Parish Website: [www.dmaparish.com](http://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**

Bella King, Desmond (Dessie) Tosh, Jim McLaughlin  
(Ardina), Mary Neill, Sally McColgan, Harry Moore  
(Anniversary Mass Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec), Bernadette Pietre,  
Lizzie Scullion, Patrick Philip Hart, Lily McDermott, Jim  
Leighton, George Friel, Hugh Gamble,

**SVP Annual Appeal Thanks**

A special thank you to all who contributed so generously to  
our Annual Appeal collection which was taken up at all 3  
churches last weekend. We will publish a total in January as  
donations are still coming in. We wish you all the peace and  
blessings of Christmas.

**Parish Collections for 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

	St John's	Aghadowey	Dunboe
Weekly	£669.79	£179.40	£321.00
Loose	£314.66	£39.00	£20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£1543.85</b>		

**Masses this week**

Church	St Johns	Dunboe	Aghadowey
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	10am		
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>	10am		
<b>Christmas Eve - Vigil</b>	6pm	7.30pm	
<b>Christmas Day</b>	11am		9.45am
<b>St Stephens Day</b>	No Mass		
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	6pm	7.30pm	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	11am		9.45am

**Dunboe Reader/ Offertory Rota**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December – Marie / Offertory – Seamus & Linda  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Catherine / Offertory – Alice & Family  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Ann / Offertory – Brendan & Philomena

**Dunboe Cleaning Rota**

January – Martina Doherty

**St Johns Eucharistic Minister**

27<sup>th</sup> December Saturday Vigil – Patricia Mullan  
28<sup>th</sup> December Sunday Mass – Peter Devlin  
**St Johns Minister of the Word December**  
Vigil: David Alexander  
Sunday Mass: Hannah Scott

**Aghadowey Offertory**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Bill & Eilish  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December – Christopher & Kathleen Owens  
Sunday  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Paddy & Violet Dempsey

**Stay Curious: Try Alpha**

You are warmly invited to a short film and small group  
discussion exploring life, faith and meaning in a friendly,  
relaxed, cross-community setting.  
- Tuesdays 7-9pm from 13 January 2026  
- Bushtown Hotel, 283 Drumcroon Rd, Coleraine BT51 3QT  
- Further information: [Alphanorthcoast@gmail.com](mailto:Alphanorthcoast@gmail.com)  
or telephone: 077 6064 7665

**Sick visitation week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Monday – Heights & Tuesday Castlerock Rd/Bellany



**Christmas Carol Service and Raffle**

A Huge thank you to all who attended our Annual Carol service and  
Raffle in Aghadowey, with special thanks to the choir & musicians,  
those who helped to organise raffle prizes, baked goods, sold  
tickets and special thanks to Jim Kirby for making it such a  
wonderful time for the Children!



**Christmas Thanks**



Christmas is a time where we are called to count our  
blessings, and within our Parish family we are very blessed  
with many volunteers who help to enrich our Masses and  
allow our Parish to run smoothly.

We would like to give special thanks to those who read,  
take part in our offertory processions, our Eucharistic  
ministers, collectors, cleaners, our fantastic sacristans,  
those who arrange flowers, our caretaker, our parish draw  
promoters, our wonderful choirs and musicians, our  
committee members, secretary and especially Father  
Farren who works so tirelessly to care for our Parish  
Family.

We would also like to thank our Parishioners who attend  
Mass and support our events throughout the year. Your  
ongoing generosity with collections ensures that our  
Churches are open and warm places where people are  
welcomed to Pray.

We wish you and your families a very Peaceful and  
Blessed Christmas.

**Thought for the day**

Joseph, described as a righteous man, planned to Divorce  
Mary Quietly, rather than expose her to public shame. His  
respect for his Wife and family speaks volumes to a  
modern-day world where too many are diminished by  
society, we often forget that every human being is a  
creation of God.

Joseph reminds us to show love, to exhibit care, to be  
compassionate. To admit our dependence on God and to  
each other is not a sign of weakness but of strength.  
Tenderness is a hallmark of an integrated and spiritual  
human being.

Joseph never gave in but journeyed on, for us, a reminder  
that we can't blame others, that we need to move always  
towards God's love.

Joseph's obedience offers us a reminder that when the  
disappointments of life wear us down, we often doubt the  
presence of God. But it is faith and belief that if we remain  
obedient to his plan, we will be given the strength to  
move beyond.

**Please ensure that any anniversary names for the  
weekends of 28<sup>th</sup> December & 4<sup>th</sup> January are given by  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, so they can be included in the  
bulletin.**

**Rosary on the Coast**

Today Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 3pm – Benone Beach  
All are welcome to attend this last Rosary on the coast for  
2025!

**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](http://www.trocaire.org/gifts), calling 0800 912 1200 or  
visiting our office at 60 Berry Street, Belfast, BT1 1FJ.

**We Pray**

In both the First Reading and the Gospel this weekend we  
hear Jesus called "Emmanuel" - a name that means "God-is-  
with-us!" We pray for an increase in vocations to the  
diocesan priesthood, and that the future priests of our  
diocese will be modern-day Emmanuels - the loving, healing,  
forgiving, and merciful presence of God in the Church and in  
the world.

**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.

