

**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 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 4pm**      P7 Sacrament of Confirmation  
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**                      First Communion

**Offertory Collection 22nd/23rd January 2022:**

**(Weekly and Loose)**

**St John's: £514.59**

**Dunboe: £158**

**Aghadowey: £219.71**

**Total: £892.30**

**Building and Maintenance:**

**St John's: £20.94**

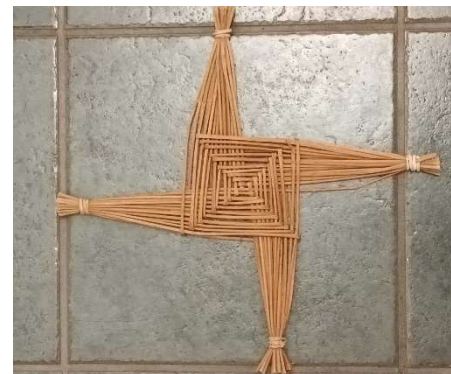
**Dunboe: £5.00**

**Aghadowey: £20.00**

**Total: £45.94**

**Parish Of Dunboe, Macosquin and Aghadowey**  
**Sunday 30th January 2022**

Today: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C.  
Liturgical Week Ahead 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. Year 2



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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:**

**Jim Harkin**

**Una Duffy**

**Egan Welch**

**Karen Doherty**

**Brian Coyle**

**Maggie Coyle**

**Joe Fleming**

**Liam Fleming**

**Mary McGill**

**St John's Church Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament**

The Exposition will re commence  
on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. There  
will be no exposition in the Church  
until then.

**Mass Cards/Mass Bouquets are  
available for Sale in St John's Sacristy**

**Pope Francis invited the world to pray for Peace to stop the  
Ukraine crisis from worsening.**

Pope Francis on Sunday called for last Wednesday 26th January to be an international day of "prayer for peace" to stop the Ukraine crisis from worsening. Pope Francis said: 'the tensions were threatening the security of Europe and risking vast repercussions'.

Pope Francis announced the prayer day and made the appeal for dialogue to defuse the crisis during his weekly address and blessing to pilgrims and tourists in St. Peter's Square Rome.

He said: "I am following with concern the rising tensions that threaten to deliver a new blow to peace in Ukraine and put the security of Europe in doubt, with even more vast repercussions," he said.

Pope Francis invited "all people of good will" to pray, so that all political initiatives "be for the service of human fraternity" rather than partisan interests.

"Those who pursue their interests by damaging others are in contempt of his vocation as a man, because we were all created as brothers," he said, without elaborating.

### **Tuesday: 1st February – Feast of St Brigid.**

St Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born 454AD. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating herself to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double Monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. She died in 524AD and her cult is widespread not only throughout Ireland but in several European lands. The St Bridget's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith remains a popular sign of God's protection. Traditionally the St Brigid's cross is placed in the home seeking Brigid's intercession on the home. Also traditionally the St Brigid's Cross is placed in the barn seeking protection on the farm animals and on the farms crops for the year ahead.



### **Wednesday: 2nd February – The Presentation of the Lord.**

This Feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognized Christ as 'a light' to reveal God to the nations'.

### **Blessing of Throats:**

Bishop McKeown has asked that mindful of standing over the people to be blessed for a period of time uttering a prayer during this pandemic year that instead a general blessing of throats be administered rather than individual blessings of the throat. The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. Using two crossed and unlighted candles, blessed on the memorial of St Blaise or on the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord, the minister touches the throat of his person saying: 'Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil (or from every disease of the throat and from every other illness). In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.'

### **Re Opening of St Malachy's Church, Coleraine.**

Congratulations to our Catholic Neighbours at St Malachy's Parish on the reopening of their St Malachy's Church after extensive renovations. To their Parishioners, their Parish Priest Fr Austin McGirr and to their curate Fr Nideesh Varghese. St Malachy had been closed for several months and now reopened on Sunday 23rd January by Bishop Noel Treanor.

### **Thursday: 3rd February – Feast of St Blaise.**

St Blaise died 315AD. Bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the C8th he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat.

**Words of thanks on retirement from positions as Sacristan/Church Caretaker.**

A Special word of thanks to Marta McCartney and to Patricia Mullan for their many years of service at their respective positions at St John's Church or at Our Lady of the Assumption, Aghadowey. Marta will step down at the end of January 2022 and from then cover Tuesday and Thursday 10am Mass at St Johns Church, rather than her many previous years on full week duty. Many thanks Marta for your diligent service.

Our thanks also to Henrietta Meeke for volunteering to assist on the other days. We are still on the lookout for other volunteers or volunteer to assist Henrietta in covering two other days of the week.

Patricia Mullan, has retired from assisting at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Aghadowey. A special word of thanks to Patricia for her many years of diligent service. Also a special thanks to other members of the Mullan family who have assisted, especially Margaret her daughter in recent months. Patricia, has been in its service for many years and now retired. Her daughter Margaret Mullan will assist for the next few weeks in the hope of a voluntary sacristan coming forward.



**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.

**The Parish Offertory Envelopes:**

If a Parishioner is unable to get to Mass because of present fear with the Pandemic (as many are still not out attending due to concern re crowds). You can still put your envelopes in at another time be it on Tuesday and Thursday at St Johns Sacristy from 10.30am – 12noon or to Chapelfield at your convenience. If unable to attend Dunboe or Aghadowey on the Sabbath Day, envelopes can be still be left in the sacristy at Dunboe on Wednesday before or after the 7pm – or Aghadowey before or after morning weekday 11am Mass as attendance is much smaller at those weekday masses.

**Parish Choirs Workshops: The Derry Diocese is holding a Lenten themed workshop in the Waterfoot Hotel, Clooney Rd, Derry on Saturday 26th February 11am- 3pm. Registration starting at 10.30am. Workshop commences at 11am Sharp. Break 1pm-1.30pm, with light refreshments served, finishing by 3pm. Hosted by Rev Brendan Dowd. Belfast. The workshop will look at the role of music at Liturgy: Roles of singers/musicians within choirs/folk groups. Principles for selecting music: Singing the Psalm and learning a psalm tone.**

