

Parish of Dunboe, Macosquin and Aghadowey

Sunday 31st August 2025
Year C Psalter Week II



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Office hours This week:

Monday 1st September – 9.30am – 11.30pm
Tuesday 2nd September – 9.30am – 11.30pm
Wednesday 3rd September – 9.30am – 2.30pm

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 on 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

Adrienne Lafferty (2nd Anniversary Mass 11am St Johns),
Mary Lynn, Patricia McMullan, George Crawford,
Michaela Harkin McGeehan, Ryan Lundy, Dan Otterson,
Vera Boyle,

Committee Meetings

Liturgy Committee – Tuesday 10.30am– Chapelfield
Aghadowey Hall committee – Tuesday 7pm - Hall

Parish Collections for 16th & 17th August 2025

	St John's	Aghadowey	Dunboe
Weekly	£746.69	£172.00	£288.00
Loose	£406.68	£25.00	£38.00
Total:	£1676.37		

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 6th September – Ann / Offertory – Peter & Geraldine

Saturday 13th September – Philomena / Offertory – Maggie & Presley

Saturday 20th September – Marie / Offertory – Liam & Ann

Dunboe Cleaning Rota

September – Brenda O'Kane

St Johns Eucharistic Minister

6th September Saturday Vigil – Brian O'Kane
7th September Sunday Mass – Liam McLaughlin

St Johns Minister of the Word September

Vigil: Carmel / Isabella
Sunday Mass: Anita / Rosa

Aghadowey Offertory

Sunday 31st August – Patricia & Therese McAfee
Sunday 7th September – Eilish McCartney & Kathleen

Safeguarding Notice:

If you have any concerns regarding the Safeguarding of children or adults at risk of harm within the Church, please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 07596 500 793, or at marie.gormley@derrydiocese.org. To report a safeguarding suspicion, concern, knowledge or allegation directly to the statutory authorities please contact: PSNI) 101 Western HSCT Children's Gateway Services on 028 71 314090 Western HSCT Adult Gateway Services on 028 71 611366 Northern HSCT Children's Gateway Services on 028 94 424459 Northern HSCT Adult Safeguarding Team on 028 94 413659 Or the Regional Emergency Social Work Service on 028 95 049999

Painting of Aghadowey Church

Internal painting of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Aghadowey, has now reached completion.

We would like to make a special thanks to all those who came and helped to clean the church ready for reopening – The Church looks beautiful.



'Sing to the Lord, Alleluia'

With choir practice restarting this coming September, we are appealing for new choir members in both our St Johns and Aghadowey Choirs.

A fantastic opportunity to praise God by lifting our voices. 'One who sings well prays twice' (Acts 2:46)

Anyone interested in joining in can leave their name and number in the Sacristy or contact the parish office. Can also Contact Pauline Mullan - 07894205947



The season of Creation 2025. Our Biblical text for this year is Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth.

Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, metanoia (repentance), and solidarity.

As the Church prepares to mark the Tenth World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September 2025, Pope Leo XIV's message for the occasion urges Christians and all people of goodwill to recognize the urgent need for environmental and social justice in a world increasingly scarred by climate change, conflict, and inequality.

Entitled **Seeds of Peace and Hope** and released on July 2, the Pope's message resonates with the spirit of the ongoing Jubilee Year, calling the faithful to embrace their role as "pilgrims of hope" and stewards of God's creation.

Sick Visitation

Wednesday – Castlerock Rd & Bellany

Carlo Acutis Relic

To celebrate the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis there will be veneration of Carlos' relic, gifted to St. Eugene's Cathedral by his mother, from 3pm to 6.30 pm on Sunday 7th September. During the time of Veneration, the Rosary, which was a very important prayer in Carlo's life, will be prayed each hour. At 7pm Bishop Donal Mc Keown will celebrate Mass in thanksgiving for Carlos' Canonisation. Everyone is welcome to this time of Prayer and Celebration.

Thought for the Day

28th August was the feast day of St Augustine of Hippo the order of our new Pope Leo XIV His writings deeply influenced the development of western Philosophy and western Christianity He had many well-known quotes, and his most famous book was Confessions One to ponder for a period, is this quote...

"Thou has made us for thyself O Lord and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee"

BLESSING OF BIKES

Sunday 7 September, Burt Chapel, Co Donegal, 1.30pm: short prayer service and blessing. All are very welcome. Fr Gerry Sweeney will celebrate Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Dungiven, at 11:30, remembering and praying for all deceased bikers. All bikers are welcome to come to the Mass. Any biker who has died in the past year will be remembered in prayer at this Mass: names can be sent to Fr. Gerry at gerardsweeney@ymail.com After Mass in Dungiven, we will make our way to Burt Chapel for 1:30pm. There will be the usual collection for the RNLI Station at Ned's Point, Bunrana. After the blessing we will make our way to Ned's Point RNLI Station to present the collection and for refreshments.

Pastoral visits

Father Farren will visit the Kylemore & Westbourne Areas of the town this week.

New Feast Day

Earlier this year, Pope Francis announced a new feast day in the church calendar, to honour Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

The new Feast Day will fall on the 5th September which is the anniversary of her death in 1997. She will be known as 'Saint Teresa of Calcutta' in the Roman Calendar of Saints