

# PARISH OF ARDSTRAW WEST AND CASTLEDERG

*St Mary's, Dregish · St Patrick's, Castlederg · St Francis of Assisi, Drumnabey*

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## SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2021 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### GOSPEL: ST LUKE 24:35-48

The disciples are trying to make sense of recent events. Jesus tells them how what has happened to Him had all been foretold in the Scriptures and that His suffering, death and resurrection were central to the fulfilment of God's plan for salvation. As God's children – children of the Resurrection – we are all part of God's plan. We, the disciples of today, try to make sense of events in our lives too; we experience fears, doubts, hopes and joys, but in the ordinariness of our daily and family lives – in the experiences of love, forgiveness, compassion, reconciliation, generosity, the work of justice and the making of peace – are the signs of the Spirit of the Risen Lord within us and among us.

We thank God today for revealing His great love and mercy to us in the Scriptures and in the Eucharist and we ask Him for the grace to open our hearts and minds to these great gifts and to follow His glorious plan for our lives.

## MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

### WEEKDAY MASSES

St Patrick's, Castlederg:

Monday, 7.30pm and Friday, 10.00am

*Weekday Masses in Aghyaran: Tuesday 10.00am, Thursday 10.00am:*

*Masses in Aghyaran are livestreamed on [www.parishofaghyan.com](http://www.parishofaghyan.com):*

### SUNDAY MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

#### St Patrick's, Castlederg:

Vigil Mass: 6.00pm, Sunday morning (25 April): 11.00am

*Attendance at the Sunday Masses is by booking only:*

*please ring the parish office between 11.00am and 2.00pm on Thursday or Friday (028 816 71393)*

*or email at any time ([castledergparish@derrydiocese.org](mailto:castledergparish@derrydiocese.org))*

*All Masses in Castlederg continue to be available via our parish webcam, [www.castledergparish.com](http://www.castledergparish.com)*

#### St Mary's, Dregish:

9.00am, open to the Dunteague, Glassmullagh and Lisnacreight areas on Sunday 25 April

#### St Francis of Assisi, Drumnabey:

12.30pm

***Please note that attendance at the Drumnabey Mass each week is now open to both areas.***

**Masses in Dregish and Drumnabey can be viewed via the parish webcam:**

**[www.castledergparish.com](http://www.castledergparish.com): click the 'mobile' button**

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DRUMNABEY:** Please note that attendance at the 12.30pm Mass in Drumnabey is now open each Sunday to both areas. This will of course be kept under review to ensure that the numbers attending will remain at all times within the safe capacity of the church, whilst adhering to Covid guidelines and restrictions.

**THANK YOU** for your generosity in last week's collection which amounted to £1,983 and €63. Envelopes can continue to be left through the door of the Parochial House or can be brought to the church by those attending for Mass. Thank you also for ongoing returns for Trocaire and for further contributions for the Clerical Education & Ongoing Formation collection. Totals for these will be published in due course.

**THE NET:** The April edition of The Net is now available to read online, on [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org). It is also available on our parish Facebook. As always, it contains a wide range of interesting articles and interviews on faith matters and photos of events in parishes across the diocese.

**ATTENDANCE AT WEDDINGS, FUNERALS AND BAPTISMS:** As announced last week, the government-imposed COVID restrictions on the numbers attending weddings and funerals have been lifted, so that the number attending in any particular church is to *'be informed by a risk assessment for the venue'*. In effect, this means that the number now allowed to attend is the number that individual churches can safely accommodate (in line with the risk-assessment that has been carried out in each church). Those attending need to wear masks and adhere to the current guidelines on 'bubbles' and social distancing. In the past week, restrictions on the number allowed to attend Baptisms have also been lifted and, happily, family members can now attend. A contact tracing list has to be presented on the day of Baptism and, again, those present must wear masks and adhere to the current guidelines on bubbles and social distancing.

*At all times, the safety and well-being of everyone will be paramount.*

**DERRY DIOCESAN VOCATIONS WEEK - 17th - 25th April:** The annual Derry Diocesan Vocations Week is celebrated this week, ending on Good Shepherd Sunday, 25th April. The theme for this year's Vocations Week is based on "Patris Corde" ('With a Father's Heart.'), which is Pope Francis' recent publication for the year of Saint Joseph. You are encouraged to participate in the diocesan schedule of daily prayer and Mass, as well as devotional reflections based on the Angelus, Daily Examen and the Mysteries of the Rosary. These events are all available online at [derrydiocese.org](http://derrydiocese.org) and [derryvocations.org](http://derryvocations.org). On the five evenings of Monday, 19 April, through to Friday, 23rd April, Bishop McKeown will host a series of interviews with guests from throughout the diocese, discussing how they have answered God's call to vocation. These twenty-minute interviews will be broadcast live online at 7:00pm each evening, followed by a broadcast of the celebration of the Daily Examen. At 8:00pm, after 7.30pm Mass each evening, Bishop McKeown will lead the Rosary, before concluding with night prayer. Again, these live broadcasts can be viewed at [derrydiocese.org](http://derrydiocese.org) and [derryvocations.org](http://derryvocations.org) at the specific times.

**CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS FOR THE LEGION OF MARY:** As part of the centenary celebrations in our diocese for the Legion of Mary, there will be a special Mass for the Legionaries of the parishes of the diocese celebrated in St Theresa's Church, Sion Mills, on Wednesday 28 April, at 7pm. The 28<sup>th</sup> April is Feast Day of Louis Marie de Montfort, the saint who had such a major influence on Frank Duff that gave him the inspiration to set up the Legion of Mary for the first time, on 9 September 1921. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, only a small number of representatives of the parish Legions will be able to attend, but members are warmly invited to participate online, on: <http://melmountparish.com/sionwebcam.html>. The Rosary along with the Legion of Mary Prayers will then be recited.

*We take this opportunity to thank those from our parish, past and present, who have been faithful witnesses to the prayerful ministry and work of the Legion of Mary.*

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Seminar in Omagh** will take place over a period of seven weeks in conjunction with 7.30pm Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, starting on Thursday 22 April. Please join at 7.30pm each Thursday via the parish webcam: <http://www.drumraghparish.com/webcam.html>. 22 April: God's Love - Fr Damian Bresnahan; 29 April: Salvation - Fr Joe Gormley; 6 May: The New Life - Bishop McKeown; 13 May: Receiving God's Gift - Fr Christopher McDermott; 20 May: Baptism in the Spirit - Fr Eddie Magee; 27 May: Growth - Fr Colum Curry; Thursday 3 June: Transformation - Fr Kevin Mc Elhennon.

**RADIO MARIA IRELAND**, based at Dublin, is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station with commercial-free broadcasting of Prayer, Catechesis, Music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies. If you are not already a follower of the station, Radio Maria Ireland encourage you to join their growing faith family! You can tune in to the station in a variety of ways:

- Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210/ Freeview TV (Channel number varies per location in NI)
- Download FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND"
- Streaming on website, [www.radiomarie.ie](http://www.radiomarie.ie) (subscribe and donate here also)
- 'Listen Live Radio' link on Facebook Page. (Like, Share and Follow us on Facebook)
- Phone – get live radio feed by calling 003531 437 3277 (no extra charges apply).

Prayer and song requests welcome. "A Catholic voice in your home". Fr Eamonn McCarthy is Director.

**NAOMH EOGHAN GAC:** Sincere thanks to all who participated in the 1,000km walk/run/cycle event and to all who donated or supported the event in any way. The response was fantastic! Club Membership 2021 is now available online: log in to <http://www.foireann.ie>. For any queries on registration, contact Terry Timoney on 07967251897 or Johnny Doherty on 07736378831. Lotto results: 7, 11, 12, 18 & 35. Liam Bradley, with three correct numbers, receives £100. Next week's jackpot £3,500. To join the Club Lotto, contact Thomas O'Kane or play online on Klubfunder.

**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH, PROTECTOR AND GUARDIAN OF FAMILIES, 8 DEC 2020 - 8 DEC 2021**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted His only Son. In you Mary placed her trust.

With you, Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself to be a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage and defend us from every evil. Amen.