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Daily Mass
Monday, s7.30 pm; **Tuesday & Wednesday**, 10 am [Blessed Sacrament Exposition after 10 am Mass until 2 pm];
Thursday, 7.30 pm;
Friday, **7.30** pm [Margaret McGrenaghan, Kilmaroo, 1st Anniversary] **Saturday** 11 am.

Confessions Before Saturday nights Mass, 7.30 – 7.50
Saturday Vigil 8 pm
Sunday 10 am.

Anniversary Mass this weekend
Saturday 8 pm James Ruddy, Oldtown
Sunday 10 am Sunday 10 am Philomena Doherty, Leiter
Next Weekend
Saturday Vigil 8 pm Joseph Ruddy, Dunross

Weekly Offering €1,055
Development Collection €245
We acknowledge the receipt of €120 from the Whist Club.
Envelopes can be left in McGuinness' shop.

First Reading
Wisdom 6:12-16
Wisdom will come to those who seek it.
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
God will raise all those who have died.
Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

VOCATIONS - During this month of November let us pray for the deceased priests who served our diocese and our parishes as we pray for the men who will take up their mantle in the years to come.

CULDAFF TIDY TOWNS This year's annual Culdaff Craft Fair will take place on Sunday 15 November from 2-5pm in the Wee Hall Culdaff. Afternoon teas served and a draw for valuable prizes will take place. For more information and bookings contact Philomena on 0868418189.

At the back of the church, there is a new donation box for flowers, so we can dress our altar for the special occasions in the Church's' life.

Group 3 Altar Society for November.

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2027, led by Bishop Michael Router: There are two options available as follows:
Option 1: 8 - 13 July, 5 nights, £980, from City of Derry Airport, with priority given to Assisted Pilgrims and family members, Care Team, Youth, Youth Leaders and Priests
Option 2: 7 - 14 July, 7 nights, £1,095, from Belfast International Airport.
Single Supplement and Travel Insurance will be extra.
Expressions of Interest can be emailed to derrypilgrim@outlook.com. Bookings will begin in mid-January, with more details later. Pilgrimage Gift Vouchers of any value are available from the Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry, for anyone wishing to purchase them, particularly as a Christmas Gift. Please contact 028 7136 2475 for further information.

ABIDE Women's Conference 2026 | 20–22 November: Join hundreds of women at the **Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal**, in just a few weeks for our third Abide Women's Conference!
Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin.
A beautiful weekend of **faith, celebration, healing and joy! Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.**

Culdaff FC Annual Bazaar will be held in Bocan Hall on Sunday 6th Dec. Entry is free and there will be the usual array of prizes, teas/ coffee & snacks and a visit from the man himself Santa Claus. Doors will open at 4.30pm and further updates nearer the time.

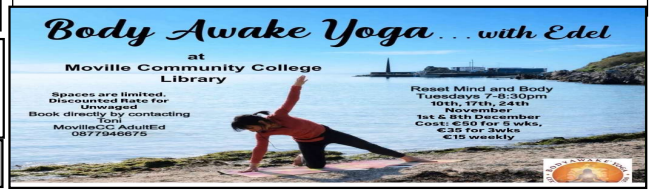
Carrowmenagh Community Centre Tel 074 93 67061
Places available on our **Christmas wreath making, Christmas Centrepiece, Christmas lanterns, and Kids Build a Christmas tree workshops.** Contact the centre for more information and to book.

Moville Celtic Christmas Market (Christmas crafts, Santa's grotto) on Saturday 5 December 1-5pm. Stalls available for €20.

Greencastle Centre - Christmas Craft Fair Saturday 21st November 12pm – 3pm tables only €20.
- Bridge Builders Youth Drop-in every Friday Men's Shed Moville 2-4pm secondary school aged children.
- Christmas Wreath Workshop Thursday 26th November 7-9pm €45 Tel: 00447947431574
Email: hayleydoman@hotmail.com to book.
- Solar PV info event Wednesday 11th November 7pm.

Whist
1st Bridgid McCauley
2nd John Doherty,
3rd Betty Doherty
Fr Jim & John McLaughlin

Tickets Fr Jim, Vincent Lynn, Rose Thompson, Patrick McLaughlin, Eamon Donaghy
Other Winners Margaret McGilloway, Patrick McLaughlin, John McLaughlin, Gerard Doherty, Vera Deeny



The Deep End – Awaiting the bridegroom *Triona Doherty*
Have you ever run out of fuel? Many of us will be familiar with the panic of seeing the red fuel light appear on the dashboard when we are miles from a petrol station, or had to deal with a flat tyre or a dead car battery. Thankfully these days we have mobile phones and roadside rescue to bail us out. But even with all the warning signals available to us, we can still run out once in a while.
In this wedding story , the bridesmaids who run out of oil for their lamps are condemned as 'foolish'. Among the wedding customs in Jesus' time was a torch-lit procession at night time from the bride's home to the groom's. Bridesmaids were required to be in a constant state of preparedness, since the groom could appear at any time.
In this parable, the fact that the bridesmaids fell asleep is not the issue; all 10 bridesmaids grow drowsy and fell asleep. The issue is that some of them – the foolish ones – were not sensible or watchful enough to ensure they had sufficient oil, because of this they miss out on the wedding feast. There was no one to bail them out; the other bridesmaids had to carry on, for fear that sharing their oil would mean no one would have enough to continue. They must have got quite a shock when they eventually arrived at the bridegroom's house, only to be denied and turned away.
This parable must have served as a dramatic warning to the early Christian community, who were hoping for Jesus' speedy return. It let them know that they could be in for a long wait – 'you do not know either the day or the hour' – and that they must be prepared. As well as having the light of faith, they must possess the fuel – the motivation and the actions – to keep it lit.



Points to Ponder - In today's Gospel, Jesus draws from this revelation about the future the practical moral that a Christian needs to be on the watch, living each day as if it were his last.
The important thing is not to speculate about when these events will happen and what form they will take, but to live in such a way that they find us in the state of grace.
Living each day as if it were your last is a powerful concept that can help us to live more fully and with greater purpose. It reminds us that our time on this earth is limited and that we should make the most of every moment. It also encourages us to focus on what is truly important in life, such as our relationships with others and our relationship with God.
Keeping watch is another important aspect of this passage. It reminds us to be vigilant and to stay alert to the signs of the times. We should be aware of the world around us and the events that are unfolding, so that we can respond appropriately. This means being informed about what is happening in our communities, our nation, and the world, and taking action when necessary.
Today's Gospel, then, is a powerful reminder to Christians to live each day as if it were their last and to keep watch for the signs of the times. By doing so, we can live more fully and with greater purpose, and we can be prepared for whatever the future may hold for us.

Spraoi agus Spórt Activities for Children and Families
Parent & Toddler Sensory Play - Tuesdays, 10am-1pm.
Mammy & Baby - Wednesdays, 10am-1pm.
Parent & Toddler Messy Play - Thursdays, 10am-1pm.
Unit 6, SuperValu, Carndonagh, F93 AY6D.
Book at spraoiagussport.ie.
Oíche na hÓige
Spraoi Social, our weekly drop-in space for teenagers, will host Oíche na hÓige on Friday 13 November, 6pm-8pm. Young people can enjoy creative activities, refreshments and a relaxed social space. Spraoi Social, Unit 6, SuperValu Shopping Centre, Carndonagh. Book at spraoiagussport.ie.
Gríosadh Inís Eoghain: Is é an tUisce an Saol!
A free family science and creativity day exploring the importance of water, our rivers, coasts and seas. Enjoy hands-on activities, workshops, storytelling and more on Saturday 14 November at BIM Fisheries College, Greencastle. Book free at spraoiagussport.ie/griosadh-2026
Adult Creative Stitch & Sensory Stitch
Spraoi agus Spórt will host two six-week stitching programmes from 3 November to 8 December. Adult Creative Stitch takes place Tuesdays from 1pm-3pm, while Sensory Stitch runs Tuesdays from 6.30pm-8.30pm. Suitable for beginners and experienced crafters. The Sewing Room, Millbrae, Carndonagh, F93 WY07. Book at spraoiagussport.ie.
Club Gaeilge
Spraoi agus Spórt makes learning Irish fun with Club Gaeilge. Sessions run Thursdays from 5 November 2026 to 17 June 202



Carn drama club presents "The Pride of Inishdara". Written & directed by local man Tony Doherty. 26th 27th & 28th Nov. Doors open 7.30, show starts 8pm. Admission E10 at the door.

FROM ST COLUMBA TO SR CLARE
Discover 1,500 years of faith and culture at Long Tower.
Aras Cholmcille - St Columba's Museum & Sr Clare Exhibition: Self-guided visit, including an audio/video headset for Long Tower Church (ask at reception). £8 per person; £15 for family groups, including under-18s. Open Monday - Saturday: 10.30 to 3pm.
Guided Church & Museum Tour with Lunch: £20 per person. Explore the church's artwork, St Columba's kneeling stones, Penal Mass site and museum, with lunch at Cloisters Café. Wednesday–Friday 9am; Saturday 11am & 2.30pm; Sunday 2.30pm. Free tea and coffee after 9am tours.
St Columba to Sr Clare — Tour, Lunch & Talk: Mondays and Tuesdays, 12 noon, at St Columba's Heritage Centre. Talks by Sr Clare's sisters, Shauna/Megan (Mondays), and the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother (Tuesdays). £20 per person.
Departures: Guided tours leave from Visit Derry, 1 Waterloo Place, BT48 6BT; Monday/Tuesday visits depart at 11.30am.
Booking: Email stcolumbatours@outlook.com at least 48 hours in advance, indicating meal arrangements.