

Deaths: We pray for Phil McCarville, Cara Street; Robbie Beggan, McCurtain Street; Michael John Boyle, Coonian; Pat Wray, Brookboro; Bart Teague, Lisnaskea; Bridget Gormley, Carrickmore.

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian faith community Ella Grace Maguire

First Holy Communion

The Irish Episcopal Conference has communicated to the Irish Government that it is their intention to allow the celebrations of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion to take place from mid-August onwards.

Bishop Duffy has decided that these celebrations may take place in the parishes of Clogher on or after Friday 20th August. Therefore, as previously indicated, a communal celebration of First Communion for St. Macartan's P.S will take place on Sat 21st August at 12.00pm, and for St. Tiernach's P.S on Sat 28th August at 11.00am and 2.00pm. The appropriate protocols presently in place in our churches must be maintained, and families should be reminded of the need for adherence to public health guidance in relation to social interactions following the church celebrations. As was the practice last year, these liturgies should take place with small groups of children, where attendance is restricted to the child and the parents/guardians.

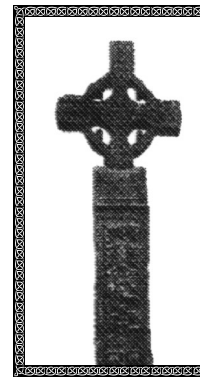
Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators and are seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to info@accord.ie. The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms, to be included in selections for this year, is Friday 27th August. Additional information is available on www.accord.ie

Food that satisfies

Growing up, did you hear any 'old wives' tales' about food - eating carrots helps you see in the dark; bread crusts will make your hair curly; an apple a day keeps the doctor away...? These wise old sayings, passed down the generations, were employed to encourage us to eat certain foods, mainly healthy fruit and veg. Many even had an element of truth. These days we can easily establish the accuracy of such claims, but many parents still find themselves falling back on these nuggets of wisdom. Behind it all is a desire to see children grow up strong and healthy.

Recent years have seen an increased focus on health, both physical and mental. Nourishing one's body and mind and keeping them healthy are essential long-term projects, the work of a lifetime. In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about a different type of nourishment - bread that gives life, food that satisfies, food that endures. 'I am the bread of life,' says Jesus. It is Jesus who nourishes us at the very core of our being, who knows our every need and gives meaning to our lives. He tells us today: 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' As we continue on our way, learning how to best nourish our body and mind, let us not forget to nourish our spirit with Jesus, the bread of life.

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.'
(Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*)



Parish of Clones

Sacred Heart, Clones
St Alphonsus, Connons
St Macartan's, Aghadrumsee

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1st August
2021

18th Week
in
Ordinary Time

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Masses and Intentions for the Week Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	7.30pm	
Sun 1st	9.00am	Katie & John Coyle, Conlon & McCaffrey Family, Clonoula
	10.00am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	

Mon 2nd	10.00am	Mass of the Day
Tue 3rd	10.00am	Joseph & Mary Kirke, Newtownbutler Road
Wed 4th	10.00am	St. John Mary Vianney, priest
Thurs 5th	10.00am	Mass of the Day
Fri 6th	10.00am	The Transfiguration of the Lord
		Frank & Ellen McCaughey, Analore Street
Sat 7th	10.00am	John, Annie, Tony, Sean & Marie Coogan, Analore Street; Martin Freeman, Kilrooskey

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	7.30pm	Tommy O'Connor, O'Neill Park; Patrick Reilly, Carn Dun;
Sun 8th	10.00am	Chris, Anita & Darren Slowey, Aghafin
	11.30am	Colleen Boyle, Knockmacaroney People of the Parish

Sacred Heart Church Sat 7th Aug & Sun 8th Aug:

Readers	Vigil	Mary O'Neill
	11.30am	Jacinta Cadden
Eucharistic Ministers	Vigil	Bridget Bray
	11.30am	Jenny McQuillan
Altar Society		Marie Collins, Mary Wilson

St Macartan's 8th Aug:

Reader	Yvonne Crudden	Eucharistic Minister	Samantha Boyle
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Parish Mobile (in case of emergency): 085 817 6203.