

We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the “culture of death” and the “culture of life”. We find ourselves not only “faced with” but necessarily “in the midst of” this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.....

*(Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, 28)*

Each child has a place in God’s heart from all eternity; once he or she is conceived, the Creator’s eternal dream comes. Let us pause to think of the great value of that embryo from the moment of conception. We need to see it with the eyes of God, who always looks beyond mere appearances.

*(Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 168)*

Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties?

*(Pope Francis, Laudato Si 120)*

The Church regards scientific research and technology with hope, seeing in them promising opportunities to serve the integral good of life and the dignity of every human being. Nonetheless, advances in medical technology, though precious, cannot in themselves define the proper meaning and value of human life. In fact, every technical advance in healthcare calls for growth in moral discernment to avoid an unbalanced and dehumanizing use of the technologies especially in the critical or terminal stages of human life.

*(Samaritanus Bonus, Vatican document, Sept 2020)*

Euthanasia and assisted suicide are always the wrong choice: “the medical personnel and the other health care workers – faithful to the task ‘always to be at the service of life and to assist it up until the very end’ – cannot give themselves to any euthanistic practice, neither at the request of the interested party, and much less that of the family. In fact, since there is no right to dispose of one’s life arbitrarily, no health care worker can be compelled to execute a non-existent right”. This is why euthanasia and assisted suicide are a defeat for those who theorize about them, who decide upon them, or who practice them. For this reason, it is gravely unjust to enact laws that legalize euthanasia or justify and support suicide, invoking the false right to choose a death improperly characterized as respectable only because it is chosen. Such laws strike at the foundation of the legal order: the right to life sustains all other rights, including the exercise of freedom. The existence of such laws deeply wound human relations and justice and threaten the mutual trust among human beings.

*(Samaritanus Bonus, Part V, Vatican document, Sept 2020)*



## Parish of Clones

Sacred Heart, Clones  
St Alphonsus, Conons  
St Macartan’s, Aghadrumsee

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4th October  
2020

Twenty-seventh  
Week  
in  
Ordinary Time

### Masses and Intentions for the Week Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Day for Life*

Sat 3rd Vigil	7.30pm	Michael, Rosaleen & John O’Brien, McCurtain Street; Joseph & Theresa Beggan, Magheranure; Patrick Grimes, Legar Hill
Sun 4th	9.00am 10.00am 11.30am	Frank Conlon, Drumsloe Peter & Margaret Gallagher, Cortrasna Angela McDermott, Carn Heights, (Month’s Memory); Nora Quinn, Analore Road (First Anniversary)

Mon 5th	10.00am	
Tue 6th	10.00am	
Wed 7th	10.00am	
Thurs 8th	10.00am	
Fri 9th	10.00am	

### Our Lady of the Rosary

Sat 10th	10.00am	Maura & Sean Kierans & McShane Family, O’Neill Park & Neeson Family, Lisnaskea Francis O’Harte, Creevaghly
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### Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	7.30pm	James & Katrina McGovern, O’Neill Park; Raymond Hickey, Clonkeenlucas
Sun 11th	10.00am 11.30am	Brendan & Elizabeth Maguire, Corloughaloon; Vincent & Patricia Courtney, Omagh Peg McCabe, Broomfield (Month’s Memory); Alice Hehir, O’Neill Park (First Anniversary)

**Parish Mobile (in case of emergency): 085 817 6203.**

### Masses for the week

**Saturday 7.30pm Sacred Heart, Clones**  
**Sunday 9.00am St. Alphonsus, Connons, 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays**  
**10.00am St. Macartan's, Aghadrumsee**  
**11.30am Sacred Heart, Clones**

**Masses during the week: Mon-Sat in Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am**  
(When there is a funeral in Clones, the Mass will be at **11.00am**)

**Baptisms** are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on the second Saturday of each month at 4.00pm and in St. Macartan's Church on the third Sunday at 1.00pm.

**Adoration:** Wednesday, 10.30am - 6.00pm, in Sacred Heart Church.

**Confessions:** Saturday after Mass or by appointment.

**Marriage:** We wish God's blessings on  
Nuala Quinn and Ruaidhri Bradley

### St. Macartan's:

**Reader 11th Oct** Sheila Maguire

**Eucharistic Minister 11th Oct** Hugh Crudden

### Sacred Heart Church, 10th & 11th Oct:

**Readers** Vigil Patricia O'Connor  
11.30am Paul Jenkins

### Ministers of the Eucharist

Vigil Elizabeth McDonald  
11.30am Pauline Quigley

### Altar Society

Maureen Connolly, Kathleen McPhillips, Anna May Greenan

**The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world  
that it leaves to its children.**

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

**Today is Day for Life** - theme for this year's is "Choose Life". We as Catholics have a message of hope and a story of love; together we can promote a culture of life. Some copies of the pastoral letter for the Day for Life are available in the church and it can be accessed on [www.clogherdiocese.ie](http://www.clogherdiocese.ie) and [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie)

**#FamilyRosaryCrusade** against Covid during October – you are encouraged to pray the Rosary, or even a decade of the Rosary, each day during the month of October. Pray for your own family and loved ones and for all those whose health or livelihood is being seriously impacted by the coronavirus crisis. Don't be afraid to share your prayer on Facebook and tag your local parish, using the #FamilyRosaryCrusade hashtag.

**October is Month of the Missions** – World Mission Sunday will be on Sunday 18th October. The theme this year is *Together we can do more: blessed are the peacemakers*. It calls us to show solidarity with missionaries and their communities as best we can, especially in these difficult times when Covid-19 affects us all.

**Diocesan Support Worker for Clergy – Job Opportunity:** The Diocese of Clogher is seeking to appoint a Diocesan Support Worker. (20 hours per week) initially for 1 year, subject to renewal. Essential criteria include a minimum of 5 years experience as a public health nurse, carer or social worker as well as competency and capability of undertaking the duties of support worker with clergy within the Diocese of Clogher, reporting to the bishop. Further information and job spec is available on [www.clogherdiocese.ie](http://www.clogherdiocese.ie). Closing date for applications is **Friday 9th October at 12.00pm.**

### **Day for Life - Love Your Neighbour**

Due to the rise in incidents of the Corona Virus, COVID19, we need to be more aware than ever of the necessity to take precautions when assembling in church. Therefore it is imperative that face coverings be worn and that hands be sanitized upon leaving as well as on entering the church.

On this Day for Life, it is fitting that we should all take responsibility not only for our own safety, but also that of our neighbour.

A request which has been made by many parishioners, and made frequently in recent times, is that **dogs would not be permitted** in parish cemeteries or on church grounds.