

Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Language Week). Tús Nua, the local branch of Conradh na Gaeilge, will be collecting on St Patrick's Day for the Irish language, all donations will be greatly appreciated.

The Benedictine Monks, Rostrevor, invite men (18-40) to an Easter Triduum Retreat from Holy Thursday 29th March until Easter Sunday 1st April. "Prefer nothing to Christ, because he preferred nothing to you" (St. Cyprian). Take time to reflect. Examine your life and consider your call. If interested, please contact Br. Thierry on 028 4173 9979 or email benedictinemonks@btinternet.com

Monaghan Charismatic Prayer Group. Monthly healing Mass on Monday 11th March at 8pm in St. Louis Convent Chapel, Monaghan. Celebrant is Fr. John Walsh. Bus to Eddie Stones on Sunday 18th March; all welcome, for details phone 087 2251124.

St. Joseph's Hall Bingo every Friday night at 9.00pm. Jackpots €6,900 & €8,300
Aghadrumsee GFC Lotto: No winner (2, 4, 30, 32) Jackpot £5,000.
Clones GAA Lotto: No winner (8, 12, 14, 16) Jackpot €12,000.
Currin GFC Lotto: No Winner (4, 11, 19, 28) Jackpot €6,400.

"Somebody said...."

"Somebody" said you carry a child in your womb for nine months.

"Somebody" doesn't know you carry your child in your heart forever.

"Somebody" said it takes six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby.

"Somebody" doesn't know that once you're a mother, normal never happens again.

"Somebody" said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her.

"Somebody" isn't a mother.

"The Eighth Amendment has preserved and fostered a culture of life that we can be proud of. The resources of modern medicine have been used very successfully to care for the lives of women and unborn children. We know that thousands of children's lives have been saved by the Eighth Amendment over the past 30 years. The older I get, the more I appreciate the most precious gift of all, the gift of life, and the more I realise it is a gift. I didn't give it to myself. I received it from my parents and ultimately from God."

Bishop Leo O'Reilly of Kilmore

Fundamental right

"Every one of us has a right to our life. It is not given to us by the *Constitution of Ireland* or by any law. We have it 'as of right', whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. For us as a society to now declare that any category of human being should have that right taken from them would be a shocking step. It effectively says that unborn children do not exist or, if they do, they do not count. That is a manifest injustice."

Extract from Spring 2018 General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference



Parish of Clones

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

**Parish Office: 9.30am—1.00pm and
 2.00pm—4.00pm (Monday—Friday)**

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**11th
 March
 2018**

**Fourth Week
 of
 Lent**

Masses and Intentions for the Week

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Vigil	7.00pm	Eddie, Annie & Eamon O'Connor, Clinagore & Clones
Sun 11th	9.00am	John, Patricia & Elizabeth McCabe, Cloncorrick Jim & Madge Kennedy, Cloniston
	10.30am	Jimmy Carey, Tattynagolan
	12.00pm	People of the Parish

Mon 12th	7.30am & 10.00am	
Tue 13th	7.30am & 10.00am	
Wed 14th	7.30am & 10.00am	
Thurs 15th	7.30am & 10.00am	
Fri 16th	10.00am	Martina Gavan, Millbrook
	7.00pm	No Mass in St. Macartan's
Sat 17th		St. Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland
	9.00am	(St. Alphonsus)
	10.30am	(St. Macartan's) John Crudden, Loughgar (Month's Memory)
	12.00pm	(Sacred Heart) Nora McMahan & Dec'd. Relatives, Aghafin

Fifth Sunday of Lent

(Vigil)	7.00pm	Vigil of Sunday
Sun 18th	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Francie Carolan, Loughgar
	12.00pm	Helen Sheerin, Newtownbutler Road (Month's Memory)

Priests of the Parish

Fr. Dick Mohan. Fr Cathal Deery.

To speak to the priest on duty, please phone 085 8176203

Weekend Masses

Saturday	7.00pm	Sacred Heart, Clones
Sunday	9.00am	St. Alphonsus, Connons
	10.30am	St. Macartan's, Aghadrumsee
	12.00pm	Sacred Heart, Clones

Masses during the Week: Monday—Saturday in Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am
(On days of funerals in Clones, Mass will be at 11.00am)
Friday in St. Macartan's Church, Aghadrumsee, at 7.00pm

SACRAMENTS AND MINISTRIES

Baptisms are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on the second Saturday of each month at 4.00pm & on the fourth Sunday at 1.00pm. In St. Macartan's Church, Baptisms are on the third Sunday at 1.30pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Priests are available to celebrate the Sacrament with anyone who is seriously ill.

Confessions: Saturday, after 10.00am Mass.

Adoration: Wednesday, 10.30am -10.00pm, in Sacred Heart Church.
Friday, 9.30am - 6.30pm, in St. Macartan's Church.

Deaths: We pray for Vincent Rooney, Corraleek
Eileen Crudden, Rossbrick
May McMahan, Ballybay
Michael Connor, Ballyclare & Clonkeencole

Marriage: We wish God's blessings on Fergal Sherry & Katie Nicholl

St. Alphonsus

Minister of the Eucharist 17th Mar: Derek Conlan
Minister of the Eucharist 18th Mar: Eileen Gavin
Gift Bearers 18th Mar: Angela & Padraig McCaffrey

St. Macartan's

Minister of the Eucharist 17th Mar: Brendan McCabe
Minister of the Eucharist 18th Mar: Sinead McKenna
Reader 17th March: James Crudden
Reader 18th Mar: Michael Grew
Gift Bearers 17th March: Crudden Family
Gift Bearers 18th Mar: Carolan Family

Sacred Heart Church

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday 17th Mar: 12.00pm Anoop d'Couth, Elizabeth McDonald, Biji Sebastian
Saturday 17th Mar: Vigil Anthony Keogh, Bridget Bray, Daniel Freeman
Sunday 18th Mar: 12.00pm Moira McDaid, Nora Treanor, Patricia Slowey
Altar Society: Marie Collins, Bridget Cassidy, Mary Wilson

COMMUNITY NEWS, ACTIVITIES, EVENTS

Masses for St. Patrick's Day

Connons	9.00am
Aghadrumsee	10.30am
Clones	12.00pm



Ministers of the Eucharist: a short meeting for all those who serve as Ministers of the Eucharist in the parish will take place in the Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday 20th March at 7.30pm. It is an opportunity to come together to reflect on this ministry since the new group of ministers began their term in September last.

Ministers of the Word: those who are part of the readers groups in each of our churches have a very important role in proclaiming God's Word at Mass. We would like to see some new people come forward so that the existing lists can be added to, as well as allowing those who may wish to step down, to do so. If you would like to be a reader in any of the churches please contact the Parish Office on 047 51048. It is hoped to have a course for **new and existing readers** some time after Easter. Everyone who reads at Mass will be expected to attend.

MWOF2018—Family Petitions Entrusted to Religious Congregations

The family petitions which we have written in our parishes over recent months will be entrusted to the religious congregations in our diocese at a Liturgy of the Word in St. Macartan's Church, Augher (Parish of Clogher) at 1.00pm on Saturday 24 March, feastday of St. Macartan. The congregations will keep the petitions included in the prayer life of the whole Church until the World Meeting of Families in Dublin next August, at which they will be brought to a liturgy presided over by Pope Francis. Each parish is asked to be represented at the Liturgy in Clogher parish on 24th March, as we recall writing our petitions and continue to pray with the rest of the Church in our diocese for the needs of all families. Clogher is the ancient See of our diocese. St Macartan's Church (the Forth Chapel) was the seat of the Bishop of Clogher before the episcopal see moved to Monaghan in 1851. It can be located via postcode BT77 OEA.

Irish Wheelchair Association are holding a church-gate collection this weekend, Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th March 2018. Your support will be appreciated.

Parish Finance

A collection will be taken up on St. Patrick's Day for the annual Diocesan Levy.

This is a charge levied by the Diocese to meet costs for:

Accord, Marriage Tribunal, Cura,
Child Protection,
Episcopal Conference,
Secretarial/Diocesan Office,
Charity Regulation Expenses,
Pastoral Costs.

Last year the amount forwarded was €13,000. Every contribution is appreciated.