

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday Cycle C / Psalter Week 2

Mass Schedule

Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Newcastle

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 10am

Wednesday – 10am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 10am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday - 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday - 11.30am Mass

St. Patrick's Church, Bryansford

Monday to Sunday from 10am – 5pm Open for Private prayer

An update will be communicated to you as to when

St Patrick's Church will reopen for weddings and Sunday mass.

Ministry of Welcome

Recently Baptised: Aoife Rose, Clódagh Sheila Maureen.

Bereavement Ministry

Our prayers are asked for:

Recently Deceased: Jim Greene (New York),

Month's Mind: Sr Paschal McMeel.

Anniversaries: Tommy Hughes, Sarah Morgan.

Masses ((from Saturday 21st – Sunday 29th May)

Sat, 21 st	11.00am	First Holy Communion (St Patrick's, All Children's Integrated & Newcastle Primary Schools)
Sun, 22 nd	11.30am	Hugh Devlin / Denis & Roseanne O'Prey / Danny & Jack Quinn / Mrs Kathleen Toner
Mon, 23 rd	10.00am	Molly Morgan
Wed, 25 th	10.00am	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Sat, 28 th	10.00am	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Sat, 28 th	6.00pm	Dennis & Sheila Morgan / Mary Ward
Sun, 29 th	12.30pm	Cemetery Sunday – St Mary's, Newcastle
Sun, 29 th	3.00pm	Cemetery Sunday – St Patrick's, Bryansford

"May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace."

This week's Sanctuary Candles will burn for:

Our Lady of the Assumption Church: Youth of our Parish

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To access the Parish webcam: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-of-the-assumption-church-newcastle>
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Parish Notice

Offertory Collection: £1545. Diocesan Clerical Students: £588.95. Thank you.

Congratulations to the pupils from St Patrick's, All Children's Integrated & Newcastle Primary Schools who received the Sacrament of First Communion recently.

Altar Servers. We are recruiting Altar Servers. If you would like your son/daughter to assist Fr Jim to celebrate weekend Masses please attend a short meeting in the Church on Saturday 28th May at 12noon. Membership forms will be available on the day. For more information contact Brenda brenda@parishofmaghera / 07840028461. Thank you.

Meditating with Mary in the month of May. The Living Church office has put together a 3-week program called, 'Meditating with Mary in the month of May' started Friday 13th May and continues until Friday 27th May. The program centres on the Annunciation, Visitation and Mary's Magnificat and provides opportunities to reflect on a piece of Scripture taken from Luke's gospel, share our insights, pray together and deepen our understanding of these key events in Mary's life. Please join us in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass on Friday 27th May for a cup of tea/coffee, our sessions will begin at 11am.

Exposition will return on Friday 27th May after 10am Mass.

Weekday Offertory Procession. We are hoping to resume this Ministry. If you would like to be involved, please leave your name in the Sacristy after Mass.

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers Rota from Monday 16th May to Saturday 17th September – 2022 now available from the Sacristy. If you know of anyone else who might like/be willing to serve please give their details to Colette.

Face coverings / masks still encourage while inside the Church.

Church Cleaning on Monday 30th May after 10am Mass. Please come along and help if you can.

Individual confessions every 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month 3.30-4pm in the Side-Chapel.

Weekly Envelopes for tax year from Sunday, 3rd April 2022 to Sunday, 26th March 2023 can now be collected from the Parish Office during office hours. Thank you.

Rosary for Priests. Every Thursday after 10am Mass. Come and join us for all or part of it.

Parish Draw. The next monthly draw will take place on Thursday, 26th May. Good Luck.

Bingo. Weekly Bingo will resume in the Parish Centre, 14 Main Street on Friday 20th May at 8pm. Please support the volunteers who are willing to give up their time to organise this weekly get-together. Prizes! Chat! Tea/Coffee! Friendship! Social Evening!

To Bring Comfort and Consolation. This is a new book by Paddy Shannon looking at grief and bereavement as a natural human experience and exploring how our faith can help us through the pain. Paddy will be holding a book launch/signing in the Parish Centre this Sunday 22nd May after 11.30 Mass.

Pray for Life Novena. This Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life from Monday 23rd to the Feast of the Visitation on 31st May. Visit www.prayforlife.ie. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

A Prayer by Telephone. The Sisters of Mercy "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk welcome any person who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. All requests are confidential. Tel:00353429331602 9am – 9pm Daily One of the sisters will be happy to Listen and Pray with you.

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Friday and Saturday, 17th & 18th June. Fri 7.30 – 10pm; Sat 10.30am – 5pm. Please contact Maureen 07745093530 or Harriet 07812098991.

The All-Ireland Rosary Rally will take place in Knock on Saturday 4th June from 1.30 pm. The main celebrant will be Archbishop Okolo, Papal Nuncio to Ireland. Homilist: Bishop Michael Duignan. Rosary Talk: Fr. Marius O'Reilly. If interested in travelling by coach, contact Paddy 07979501228 or Siobhán 07857251422 by text anytime or call after 5pm.

St Vincent de Paul Church Doors Collection for weekend 14/15 May 2022 amounted to £284.53. Thank you for all those parishioners who continue to support us through our Standing Order Scheme and individual contributions sent anonymously.

Coffee Morning. In aid of Slieve Croob Community First Responders on Saturday, 11th June in the Parish Centre at 10am – 12.30pm. Hosted by Stephen Morgan Funeral Directors. All welcome.

CEMETERY SUNDAY

Cemetery Sunday will be on Sunday, 29th May at 12.30pm in St Mary's Cemetery, Newcastle and 3.00pm in St Patrick's Cemetery, Bryansford. Bryansford is the largest and busiest Service with high levels of traffic congestion. Some of this has been uncontrolled and can no longer be permitted for vehicles to be parked on main routes in and around the vicinity of the Cemetery. We have sought advice and consultation with specialists including the PSNI to help with the issues. As a result, we are implementing the following additional measures and provisions:

Additional Field Car Parking

Additional 'External' parking being made available within a field located immediately in front of St Patrick's Church. Access to this car park will be available in two ways:

1. *Bryansford Road*
 - This is accessible on the LEFT-HAND SIDE coming from Newcastle and RIGHT-HAND SIDE coming from Bryansford. This is opposite our field, which was the field we previously used in 2019.
 - We request that those coming from Newcastle via the Bryansford Road to enter the car park via this point.
 - Equally, when going home, you will be requested to only go right and back towards Newcastle. However, you may also be permitted to go back towards Castlewellan, etc. but only on strict Stewards instructions.
2. *Hilltown Road*
 - This is accessible on the RIGHT-HAND SIDE coming from the Hilltown direction (OPPOSITE WALSH'S CARAVAN PARK) and LEFT-HAND SIDE coming past St Patrick's Church.
 - We request those coming from Bryansford Village, Kilcoo and Hilltown, etc to enter the car park via this point.
 - Equally, when going home, you will be mainly requested to go back towards Bryansford Village, Kilcoo and Hilltown. However, you may also be permitted to go back towards Newcastle and Castlewellan, but only on strict Stewards instructions.
 - ❖ Appropriate access and egress will be provided for vehicles at all times and be open for use from 12.30pm. These access and egress points will be appropriately signed and stewarded.
 - ❖ After parking your vehicle, pedestrians will be able to walk through the field, safely, off the road and enter back onto the Bryansford Road at the top, beside the junction with the Ballyhafry Road and Hilltown Road. Pedestrians will then be directed across the road towards the Church & Cemetery grounds via existing routes.

Tickets – Church and Cemetery Car Park (ONLY)

- ❖ Parking within the Church and Cemetery grounds will be only exclusively for disabled, elderly and ambulant disabled people. It's also available for drivers responsible for driving anyone with any of these debilities. Restrictions will also be in place within the Cemetery grounds as we can no longer permit vehicles to park on the rear grassed areas of the Cemetery as this is sacred ground.
- ❖ Tickets are allocated on a 'first come – first served' basis. Tickets are only for the Church and Cemetery grounds – not the external field car park.
- ❖ Tickets are available from the Parish Office on request by email parishoffice@parishofmaghera.com and newcastle@downandconnor.org.
- ❖ By telephone on 028 437 22401 or by calling into the office. The office opening times are Tuesday-Friday 10.00am to 1:00pm.
- ❖ Stewards will be present to direct and assist the safe operations and migration of vehicles and pedestrians. PSNI officers will also assist with the traffic operations. Signage will also be in place.
- ❖ NB: PSNI Traffic Branch have asked us to warn parishioners that they will have no hesitation in booking cars that are not properly parked!

Arrival Time

- ❖ We request everyone arrive early and orderly and be in place no later than 2.30pm, otherwise we will have to reallocate your parking space. Stewards must be afforded appropriate time to allocate and manage parking spaces to ensure the Service starts on time.
- ❖ These new measures must be strictly adhered to! Therefore, I request that you follow the advice and guidance of the stewards at all times. They are there to help you! Egress and exiting will be equally coordinated in a safe and structured manner.

Cemetery Car Park Closure

- ❖ The Cemetery Car Park will be closed to non-ticket holders at 12:00pm.
- ❖ We understand that you will want to visit and tend to your family graves, but we would ask for your understanding to give stewards time to prepare for the Service at 3:00pm.
- ❖ St Patrick's Hall will be opened from midday & throughout the Service for toilets and fresh water.
- ❖ Thank you for your patience and understanding.

'Bottles of Holy water sponsored by the Knights of St. Columbanus will be available for collection on entry to the Cemeteries'.

