

**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Sunday Cycle A / Psalter Week 4**  
**AUTUMN VOLUNTARY OFFERING**

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**MASS TIMES**

**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

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Friday from 10.30am – 5pm  
*(Subject to change when Funeral / Wedding is taking place)*

**Baptisms:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 3 - 3.30pm  
*(Book right after any Mass with long Birth Certificate).*

**Confessions:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 3.30 - 4pm.

**Weddings:** See Fr Jim six months before wedding date.

**St. Patrick's Church, Bryansford**

Monday to Sunday from 10am – 5pm (*Open for Private prayer only*).

Sunday Mass to be announced.

*Weddings can be arranged with Fr Jim.*

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**SAFEGUADING.** If you have a concern, suspicion or wish to make an allegation of child abuse please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office: Philip O'Hara, Designated Liaison Person. 120 Cliftonville Road Belfast BT14 6LA. Tel: 028 9049 2798 Mob: 07534 992 124 Email: philip.ohara@soddc.org.  
<https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com>.

## Parish Notices

**Offertory Collection:** envelopes and loose plate: £2256.05, standing order: £773.08, total: £3029.13. Additional Diocesan Priests Welfare: £257. Thank you.

**Congratulations** to our parishioner, Gerald Harbinson, who received a Papal Knighthood; Knight of St. Gregory the Great, from Bishop Donal McKeown, on behalf of Pope Francis last Saturday in Our Lady of the Assumption Church. We wish Gerald all the very best with his continued charitable work.

**Children's Liturgy P1-P7** - We especially welcome children preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion. Our Children's Liturgy continues Sundays during 11.30am Mass. It is essential that all those attending complete a membership form which you can find in the Church porch. Please return completed forms to the Sacristy, Parish Office or give to one of the group leaders. We have a fabulous, committed team of Children's Liturgy volunteers. If you would like to join them, please contact Brenda 07840028461 [brenda@parishofmaghera.com](mailto:brenda@parishofmaghera.com).

**GIFT 1 Volunteer Leaders Required!** Are you a parent/guardian of a year 8 pupil? Can you help us with our GIFT 1 programme? The GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Programme began in our parish in 2006. Since 2006 over 800, Year 8 pupils have participated in GIFT 1 with most committing to the GIFT 2, 3 and 4 programmes. Those who attend all 4 programmes travel on pilgrimage to Rome at the end of their 4<sup>th</sup> year in secondary school. We hope to facilitate GIFT 1, beginning 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023, continuing to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 - Tuesdays 7-9pm. The programme relies on parent/guardian volunteers. Full training will be given with role allocation to suit your skill set. Safeguarding training and an Access NI certificate is essential for all leaders, our safeguarding group will organise this. Without your help the programme cannot run. If you are willing to help, please contact Brenda 07840028461 / [brenda@parishofmaghera.com](mailto:brenda@parishofmaghera.com).

**Refreshments following 11.30am Sunday Morning Mass.** Please join us for tea/coffee, light refreshments including crisps & juice for children and a chat after Mass every Sunday. Everyone welcome!

**Complimentary Tea/Coffee following 10am Mass.** We serve complimentary tea/coffee after weekday 10am Mass. Unfortunately we do not have a volunteer for Fridays. Do you have an hour to spare on Friday mornings to share a cuppa, have a chat and provide a warm welcome to parishioners and visitors? If so, please contact Brenda 07840028461.

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.** We hope to recruit and commission Ministers to distribute Holy Communion during our 6pm Vigil Mass or 11.30am Sunday morning Mass. Full training will be given. Please contact Andrea Beeks 07752904700 for further details.

**Filipino Community Mass** will take place this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> August in Our Lady of the Assumption Church at 3.00pm and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month thereafter. Parishioners' welcome. Celebrant: Fr Manuelito Milo

**Holy Rosary on the Coast for Life and Faith.** Will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October in Our Lady of the Assumption Church / Grotto (weather permitting) at 2.30pm.

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Rosary Procession** on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October followed by Benediction and Catholic Organizations' Fair in St Comgall's Hall with

refreshments afterwards. Procession from St John's Parish to St Peter's Cathedral at 2.30pm. Bus leaving Infront of St Malachy's Church, Castlewellan at 1pm. Bus cost £10. Contact Rose 07796204998.

**Parish Draw.** The next Draw will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Good Luck!

**St Vincent de Paul.** Collection for weekend 10 September 2023 amounted to £511.47. Thank you.

**The Daisy Dander.** Join the Newcastle Lions Club in supporting Daisy Lodge in their work with families whose children are living with cancer. Will you and your family walk 1009 steps in support of the 109 children who are currently being treated for cancer? Walk Newcastle Promenade on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September between 10.30 and 11.30am. Starting at the Cone of Light near the Donard Park.

**The next Youth 2000 Ulster Retreat** will be taking place in the beautiful and tranquil surroundings of Lough Derg, Co. Donegal between 29<sup>th</sup> of September to the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! The retreat is donation only however if you are staying over there is a cost £35/€40 which goes to Lough Derg. Register now on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie).

**The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University** Belfast reopens for the new academic year on Monday 18 September at No. 42 University Road. There you will find a Chapel, social space and our much-loved Mosaic Café, open 8.30am to 8.30pm weekdays during term. Sunday Masses take place at 8pm in the Canada Room of the University's Lanyon Building (from Sunday 24 September) and weekday Masses in the Chaplaincy at No.42 (from Monday 25 September). We look forward to welcoming new and returning students! Peace Day 2023 - Thursday 21 September 7-8.30pm in St Anne's Cathedral. To mark the global celebration of UN Peace Day, and Good Relations Week, internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter Tommy Sands will headline a variety of musicians and speakers from different cultures and religions, including two young singers from Ukraine. Other contributions from Imam Jamal Iweida of Dunmurry Iqraa Mosque, victims' campaigner Jude Whyte, and a guided silent global reflection on becoming peacemakers. The evening will be hosted by Jude Hill-Mitchell, formerly of UTV. Light refreshments after. Everyone is welcome!

**TOGETHER: Gathering of the People of God.** As the synod in Rome begins in October, we encourage people to pray for the Synod and in particular for the delegates from the Irish Church, Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Bishop Brendan Leahy. St Patrick's Donegall St, Belfast will host a prayer service to pray for the Synod on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. This ecumenical service will include Taize music and everyone is welcome. It is our Diocesan response to Pope Francis' invitation to prayer: "The path to Christian unity and the path of synodal conversion of the Church are linked. I invite brothers and sisters of all Christian denominations to participate in this "Gathering of the People of God" as we will entrust the work of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

## Ministry of Welcome

Recently Baptised: Erin Anne, Rian Martin, Eanna Sean, Levi David.

Recently Married: Michael and Ellen.

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## Bereavement Ministry

Our prayers are asked for:

Recently Deceased: Sheila McEvoy, Helen Doherty, Ann McQuillan, Nan Weir.

Month's Mind: Michael McCartan, Maeve McCartan, Josh Faulkner, Rita Murphy, Anna Traynor.

Anniversaries: Angela Boyle, Francisco Infante, John and Matthew McMullan.

Mass Intentions (from Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023):

Sat, 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm John Harbinson / Pat Sawey

Sun, 17<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Michael & Maeve McCartan / Laurence Cunningham

Maureen & Nicola McKibben / Harry McGarry

Tue, 19<sup>th</sup> 10am Josh Faulkner / Terry Murphy

Sat, 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm Hugh Ward / Rita Murphy / Anna Traynor

Sun, 24<sup>th</sup> 11.30am James Sloane

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

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This week's Sanctuary Candles will burn for: Seamus, Fiona & Margaret McKibbin

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Parish Shop opens 10.30am – 4.30pm

(M,T, Th, F, Sat) Wed Closed

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