

**Parish of Dunboe, Macosquin and Aghadowey**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Year A Psalter Week IV



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**Office hours This week:**  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January - 9.15am - 12.15pm  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January - 9.15 - 1.30pm  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - 9.15 - 1.30pm

Parish Email: [cpdma@btinternet.com](mailto:cpdma@btinternet.com)  
Parish Website: [www.dmaparish.com](http://www.dmaparish.com)

SVP Helpline: Tel: 07752017340  
Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Bernadette Eastwood  
Emergency Calls: Contact Father Neil Farren - 07710860966  
Age Concern Tele 02870357966  
**Good morning, Causeway** For elderly and vulnerable people. Tele 02870558005  
Lifeline Crisis Response Helpline 0808 808 8000  
North Coast Community Transport Tele 02870321234  
Samaritans Tele 116123  
St Vincent de Paul Tele 07752017340  
Wave Trauma Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing Tele 0282766990 Women's Aid Tele 02870356  
**Onus - Men & Women affected by domestic or sexual abuse in NI** - 0808 802 1414 (Freephone 24hr)

**Recently Deceased**

Fr Eugene Hasson (PP Omagh), Brian McAteer (Formerly Glenullin)  
**Anniversaries**

Mollie Currie (Anniversary Mass Sunday 18th), Betty Fulton, Anne Clyde, Brendan Mitchel, Tommy Dallat, Thomas Lundy (Anniversary Mass Vigil St Johns), Mary Mullan, Bernadette Duckin.

**Sick visitation**

Tuesday - Aghadowey  
Wednesday - Coleraine Heights area.

**Meetings**

Liturgy Meeting. Monday 19th January 10.30am at St John's Sacristy.  
Aghadowey Hall Committee Meeting in Aghadowey Hall this Tuesday 20th January at 7pm.

**Parish Collections 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

	St Johns	Aghadowey	Dunboe
Weekly	£586.81	£240.00	£176.00
Loose	£369.81	£335.00	£20.00
Total:	£1727.62		

**Masses This Week**

Church	St Johns	Dunboe	Aghadowey
<b>Monday</b>	10am		
<b>Tuesday</b>	10am		12pm
<b>Wednesday</b>		7pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	10am	12pm	
<b>Friday</b>	10am		
<b>Saturday</b>	6pm	7.30pm	
<b>Sunday</b>	11am		9.45am

**Dunboe Reader/Offertory Rota**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January - Philomena - Offertory - Peter & Geraldine  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Marie / Offertory - Maggie & Presley  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Catherine / Offertory - Liam & Ann

**Dunboe Cleaning Rota**

January - Martina Doherty

**St Johns Eucharistic Minister**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January Vigil - Brian O'Kane  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Sunday Mass - Peter Devlin

**St Johns Minister of the Word January**

Vigil: Carmel O'Kane  
Sunday Mass: Hannah Scott

**Aghadowey Offertory**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Sean & Martin Kelly  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Brendan & Rosie Dempsey  
Anne & Ursula Mitchell

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026**

This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18-25 January.

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 2026: 'One hope, one calling' - comes from Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Eph. 4:4).

In a world with diverse and often divided traditions and expressions of Christian faith, Ephesians 4:4 reminds us that all believers are part of the "one body" of Christ. "Let us embrace this divine calling to unity, not as an abstract ideal but as a vital expression of our faith," invites the theme of this year. "By living in unity, we not only witness to the love and power of our Lord Jesus Christ but also embody the essence of His teachings."

**Rosary on the coast**

This Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January on Benone Beach at 3pm  
All are welcome to attend

**Stay Curious: Try Alpha**



You are warmly invited to a short film and small group discussion exploring life, faith and meaning in a friendly, relaxed, cross-community setting.

- Tuesdays 7-9pm from 13 January 2026
- Bushtown Hotel, 283 Drumcroon Rd, Coleraine BT51 3QT
- Further information: [Alphanorthcoast@gmail.com](mailto:Alphanorthcoast@gmail.com) or telephone: 077 6064 7665

**Acts of the Apostles Online Course**

Join us to read through the book of Acts to explore the experience of the first followers of Jesus that gave birth to the Church.

Learn from

- The Power of Pentecost
- Early Faith Communities
- Spreading the Gospel
- Facing problems and opposition

**Course Details**

- Start Date: Thursday 22 January 2026 for 6 weeks
- Time: 7-8.30pm
- Online via GoogleMeet

To register contact Kieran Hill  
Tel: 07964287839 E mail: [k.c.hill@btinternet.com](mailto:k.c.hill@btinternet.com)

**IT'S EASY TO SEE WHAT ALCOHOL IS DOING TO THE DRINKER BUT CAN YOU SEE WHAT IT IS DOING TO YOU?**

These questions can help you identify if someone else's drinking is affecting you. If your answer is yes to any of the following, Al-Anon Family Groups can help.

- Do you worry about how much someone else drinks?
- Do you tell lies to cover up for someone else's drinking?
- Are you afraid to upset someone for fear that it will set off a drinking bout?
- Do you feel that if the drinker loves you, he would stop drinking to please you?
- Do you feel like a failure because you can't stop the drinking?
- Do you make threats such as "If you don't stop drinking, I'll leave you"?
- Do you search for hidden alcohol?
- Do you feel angry, confused or depressed most of the time?

For further information contact the Al Anon confidential helpline on 0800 0086 811 or email [helpline@al-anonuk.org.uk](mailto:helpline@al-anonuk.org.uk). Alternatively, tel 028 9068 2368.

**Parish Draw 2026**

Dear Parishioners,  
We are now into the second week of a new year and it's time we recommence the Parish Draw.

2025 was quite a successful year, so we are appealing to you to join again. Perhaps a family member or friend maybe interested in joining? With prizes of £1,000 per month for a £5 contribution, it's a good return!

We pay out each month, 1 x £500, 4 x £100 and 2 x £50 of prizes.

The draw can be paid for in a variety of ways, £5 monthly, 3 equal instalments of £20 or all in one payment of £60. The first draw will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February for January & February's Draw's and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month thereafter.

So if you know of anyone who would like to join, feel free to tell them to drop into the sacristy any day after Mass, or speak to one of the promoters. The Sacristy is open every Tuesday & Thursday until 12noon.

With no other fundraising in our Parish during the year, we find this together with our collections, a good way of running the Parish Smoothly.

With every blessing for a Holy & Healthy 2026, and good luck to all our members.

Fr Neil Farren

**Catholic Schools Week 2026**

18th to the 24th January 2026 Catholic Schools – Normal Lives, Called to Holiness

"Holiness does not mean performing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith."

— Pope Francis on Blessed Carlo Acutis

Catholic Schools Week 2026 celebrates the extraordinary call to holiness in the midst of ordinary life. Inspired by Pope Francis's reflection on Blessed Carlo Acutis—soon to be canonised as the first millennial saint—this year's theme invites pupils, teachers, families, and parishes to explore the call to holiness as something both universal and accessible. Holiness is not for a few, but for all; not reserved for religious professionals or mystics, but for every student, teacher, parent, (and grandparent!) living each day in friendship with Jesus Christ. Catholic schools exist to form individuals who know that their lives have a purpose and a calling. This year's theme, "Normal Lives, Called to Holiness," resonates with the central conviction that education is a path not only to knowledge and maturity but to sainthood. "Each of us is called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do." (Gaudete et Exsultate)

**Parish Training Evening**

Following on from the Sycamore Introduction sessions we shared together in November, I would like to invite you to take part in a short parish training evening as we prepare for Lent.

This **2-hour training session** is aimed at those who may be involved in helping the parish form and support a Sycamore Parish Group. It will focus on the practical and pastoral preparation needed at parish level — creating a welcoming space, preparing prayer, sharing roles, and inviting people gently into a Lenten journey of faith.

The session will be led by **Tony Brennan, Pastoral Coordinator, Diocese of Derry**, who facilitated our Sycamore Introduction sessions and will guide us through how Sycamore links with **Baptised and Sent in Lent**.

**Details are as follows:**

- **Date:** Tuesday 27 January
- **Time:** 7.00pm - 9.00pm
- **Venue:** Parochial House, Coleraine

This evening is intended as a natural follow-through from the Introduction sessions and will help us discern how best to take the next step as a parish.

**I hope you will be able to join us.**