

DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR Parish of Dunloy and Cloughmills

Are seeking to recruit a part-time Caretaker. The role will be based at Bridge Road Dunloy. Availability to work flexible hours is required including evenings and weekends. Rate of Pay £12.71

Full details on www.downandconnor.org or Community NI website as well as Church posters. **Closing date 12 noon Monday 28th September**

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ST OLCAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, ARMOY Temporary Building Supervisor

Required - require a temporary cleaner for 18.5 hours per week with immediate start, initially for 1 month but may be extended, experience preferred. Please send your CV to mkenedy502@c2kni.net if you would be interested in this post.

TRÓCAIRE Could You Help Share the True Spirit of Christmas? Each year, volunteers in parishes across the north of Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell Trócaire's Gifts of Change — meaningful gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world. We provide everything you need including training and support. All we ask is a little time and a big heart. Last Christmas, 50 parishes took part — and we'd love to grow that number even more this year! If you would like to find out more about how you can help, please email Mark at mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

QUEEN'S CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY – WE'RE BACK!

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's reopens for the new academic year on Monday 14 September, with weekday Masses and our semester programme resuming. Our first Sunday Mass is 20 September at the new, earlier time of 7.00pm. Please note the new time!

New or returning student? Find out about what's on, ways to connect and get involved, and student accommodation at Ryan Hall at qubcatholic.org and on our socials. Staff and alumni are always welcome too. Visit our newly renewed Chaplaincy at 28 Elmwood Avenue for Mass, Confessions or candle lighting — and call into Mosaic for some of the best coffee, hot lunches and home-baked treats in South Belfast!

VINTED & MORE NIGHT Come along & grab a bargain!! Friday 23rd Oct 2026 From 5pm-8pm Cloughmills Community Hall A night filled with selling & buying preloved clothing & local vendors selling their goods!! Free admission / Everyone welcome!! See Vinted & More on Facebook!!

SVP.Helpline 07349983363

Bulletin notices by 12 noon Thursdays



Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 September 2026

Very Rev. Canon Colm McBride PP :

Parochial House 44 Lough Road Loughguile BT44 9JN

Tel: 028 276 41206

Email: loughguile@downandconnor.org

Facebook: St Patrick's and St MacNissi's

Parish Office Hours Mon Wed Thurs 10 a.m.- 2.30 p.m.

Tues 10-4.30. p.m.

***PARISH MASS NOTICE -THIS INCOMING WEEK THERE WILL BE NO
PARISH MASS ON MONDAY , TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY***

We are called to forgive; and that can be really difficult.

You have been defrauded by the banks of your life's savings - can you forgive?

You were abused as a child - can you forgive?

You were done out of a job because another lied to get it - can you forgive?

The answer is maybe 'no'.

What then does God want?

He asks us to open our hearts to the other so that we may forgive. Forgiveness is the deepest of God's desires on our behalf, and he hopes that we can forgive each other.

Our hurts and burdens are heavy to carry through life. To forgive can release some of that weight. The person who hurt us may be dead, or may not even know (or care) that we are hurting. When we desire to forgive but don't know how, one way of looking for this strength is to pray for it. We often pray, 'Lord, make my heart like yours'. When we pray that we are praying to be forgiving people!

Another way is to pray for the person. When we realise that as God loves me, he also loves everyone, we may find a spark or light of forgiveness in our souls. Out of this we may find the will to meet the other and talk to him or her, and find the grace of forgiveness between us. Forgiveness sometimes comes slowly. When God sees us wanting to be on the road to forgiveness, he gives us the graces we need to unburden ourselves and be able to love like him.

Sit in silence for a while, and send a blessing or prayer to someone you need to forgive.

Lord, I ask - make my heart like yours. (CatholicIreland.net)

PARKING AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Last week a young child on a bicycle was almost knocked down as she attempted to cross the Coolkeeran Road outside the Church. She had correctly chosen the spot where the Kerb is lowered to accommodate pedestrians moving to and from the Church Car park. However, vehicles had been parked on the road outside the Church gate and she wasn't immediately seen by the driver of the oncoming vehicle. Fortunately she wasn't physically hurt. As parishioners will be aware, the Coolkeeran Road is an arterial road within the parish, the Coolkeeran / Lough Road junction is one of the busiest within our parish. **It is imperative that parishioners take action now ,change practice and park at all times in the Church car park and not on the road outside the Church gate.**

HLI IRELAND: Fr Lawrence Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland. Join us for the Ulster event at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry, on Tuesday 29th September at 6:45pm, with a First Class Relic of St Thérèse. Free admission.

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT - STANDING IN THE BREACH A Catholic Men's Retreat will take place at Portglenone Monastery on Saturday 19 September 2026, from 9am to 1pm. The theme of the retreat is "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). The morning will include prayer, teaching, fellowship and men's testimonies, with Fr Eddie McGee as keynote speaker. All men are very welcome. For further information, contact Thomas Carey on 07967 620435 or email sean@catholicminute.co.uk.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (26th September 24th October and 21st November) Booking essential. To find out more contact Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

THE LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday 27 September 2026. A coach will leave Dunloy Parish Centre at 7am, returning by 9.30pm. Information/booking: 07471 537 051

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY MEMORY WALK is back for 2026! Take part in Memory Walk this autumn and walk to fund faster diagnosis and vital support.. Belfast Ormeau Pk on Sat **26 Sept** Sign up todaymemorywalk.org.uk 0300 330 5452

Saturday 12 th Sept	7.30 p.m.	St Patrick's	Ministers of the Word Shane McMahon	Ministers of the Eucharist A. McNaughton & M. McMullan <i>Anniversary Mass Rosemarie Laverty</i>
Sunday 13 th Sept	9.30 a.m.	St MacNissi's	Pat McAuley	Joseph McCarry & M. Young <i>Anniversary Mass Ann McFadden</i>
	11.30 a.m.	St Patrick's	Orlagh McArthur	C. Casey & G. McMillan
Monday 14 th Sept	7.30 p.m.	St MacNissi's	NO PARISH MASS TODAY	
Tuesday 15 th Sept	9.30 a.m.	St MacNissi's	NO PARISH MASS TODAY	
Wed 16 th Sept	7.30 p.m.	St Patrick's	NO PARISH MASS TODAY	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Patrick's	Mass followed by Adoration 10.00 a.m. -12 noon.	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Patrick's	Mass	
Saturday 19 th Sept	7.30 p.m.	St Patrick's	Ministers of the Word Damian McCloskey	Ministers of the Eucharist M. McCloskey & T. Devlin <i>Anniversary Mass John Reid</i>
Sunday 20 th Sept	9.30 a.m.	St MacNissi's	Majella Murray	V.McDonnell & M.McKinley
	11.30 a.m.	St Patrick's	Paula Casey	T.McIntyre & B. Connolly

ANNIVERSARIES Bridie Carey Annie Douthart Anna Greene Patrick and Ellen Hetherington Rosemarie Laverty Harry McAuley Eilish McClements John McCloskey Ann McFadden Tilly McGill Tom O'Neill Annemarie Rafferty John Reid Joe Robinson John Waide

BAPTISMS The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of the month **only** after the 11.30 a.m. Mass. To book please contact the Parish Office. A copy of the child's long birth certificate is required within a week of booking. On the day please bring a Baptism Candle and a white Shawl.

ANNIVERSARY/MONTH MIND MASS Please now book through the office, these can be booked for any scheduled Mass **excluding Sunday 11.30 a.m.**

WEDDING BOOKING Please ring the office for initial bookings.

WEEKLY COLLECTION £1415.00 Thank you for your support. Autumn Offering will be taken up **next** weekend.

DAY TRIP TO KNOCK: Saturday 3rd October. Bus leaving St Patrick's Church Loughguile at 6am. Contact Patricia Campbell on 02827641120 or 07871626940. Price approx. £30 depending on numbers.



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DUNLOY & CLOUGHMILLS PARISH

VACANCY

CARETAKER

Dunloy & Cloughmills Parish are seeking to recruit into the part-time role of Caretaker.
The role will be based at Bridge Road, Dunloy, Ballymena, BT44 9AN

A sample of the responsibilities within this role will include:

- ❖ Ensure the Parish buildings, including the Parish Hall, are opened and closed at the appropriate times and maintained to the highest standard.
- ❖ Providing a reliable and efficient cleaning service to ensure that all public areas of the Parish are maintained to a high standard of cleanliness and are welcoming to users and visitors at all times.
- ❖ Ensure the parish grounds are maintained, safe and secure for all who use them.

The terms are based on a permanent part-time appointment requiring 20 hours per week, over Monday to Sunday – work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest.

Availability to work flexible hours is required from the post holder, including evenings, weekends and occasional anti-social hours.

Rate of Pay - £12.71 gross per hour.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: **JOB VACANCIES** and on the Community NI website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application packs can also be obtained from Dunloy & Cloughmills Parish Office.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Monday 28 September 2026

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