

## ***Parish of Errigal Truagh***

St Patrick's Church, Clara. Sacred Heart Church, Carrickroe.

Holy Family Church, Ballyoisin.

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### **Parish Webcams:**

St Patrick's Church, Clara, MCN Truagh Parish.

Truagh Parish Webcam (Ballyoisin)

Church of the Sacred Heart, Carrickroe (Truagh Parish)

Parish Webpage – [truaghparish.com](http://truaghparish.com)

Facebook – **Ballyoisin Church Restoration**

**Sunday 24 August 2025**

### **Saint Patrick's Church, Clara.**

**Saturday 23 August Vigil 7.00pm.**

**Monday 7.30pm.**

**Saturday 30 August Vigil 7.00pm.**

### **Sacred Heart Church, Carrickroe.**

**Sunday 24 August 9.30am.** Mary Anne McCarron and D.M of McCarron Family, Drumfurrer.  
Mick McCaffrey, Davagh.

**Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am.**

**Sunday 31 August 9.30am.**

### **Holy Family, Ballyoisin.**

**Sunday 24 August 11.00am.** Peggy, Packie, Mena and Eamon Hendry, Mullacor.

**Sunday 31 August 11.00am.** Eddie Pat McCusker and D.M. Nan and Henry McNally,  
Dundonagh. Edward and Mary J. McKenna, Figullar.

**21 Sunday of the Year: Reflection** –The parable of the locked door warns us that the time is short. Each day sees endings and opportunities missed. "Opportunity will not knock twice at your door." Remember the old "Examination of Conscience" we were asked to make at the end of each day, in which we ask God's pardon for the faults and sins of the day? "How conscious was I this day of God's numerous gifts? How well did I respond to the opportunities to bear witness and serve in Jesus' name: to forgive, feed, clothe, and love those who entered my life? How much did I strive today to enter through the narrow gate of sacrificial love in action?" We might conclude this self-examination with a short prayer: "I need you Jesus Christ. Grant me forgiveness for my sins. Make me a new person. I need your Holy Spirit to direct me, to strengthen me, so that I can walk in the narrow way and choose the narrow gate. I need you to change me from a self-centred, self-sufficient person into your wise servant." (Fr. Antony Kadavil)

**Pray for the soul** of Mairead Campbell, Emyvale and Amacklin. May she rest in peace.

### **Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza today Sunday, 24 August 2025.**

"The Catholic Bishops of Ireland dedicated the month of June as a special time of prayer for peace and for solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza. This weekend I call on all parishes to once more set aside Sunday, 24 August as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East". *Archbishop Eamon Martin.*

There are copies of Archbishop's Pastoral letter on Gaza available in the Churches. **There will be a Holy Hour in St Patrick's Church, Clara today from 12-1pm for the people of Gaza.**

**Jubilee Year Opportunities at Lough Derg this August & September** Three Day Pilgrimages continue until 15<sup>th</sup> August. (Last day to begin the pilgrimage 13<sup>th</sup> August) Admission €85. Concessions for Seniors, Students and Groups. One Day Retreats – *Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection.* **CONTACT by email.** [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) / Tel. 0(0353) 719861518

**Special Community Event: An Evening with Project Children** Thursday, September 18 at 6:30pm, Carrickroe Community Centre, Co. Monaghan

Carrickroe Community Development warmly invites all parishioners to a special evening to mark the 50th Anniversary of Project Children. We will host a screening of the powerful documentary "How to Defuse a Bomb: The Project Children Story", followed by a talk with special guest Denis Mulcahy, Chairman of Project Children, NYPD Bomb Squad Detective, and two-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee. Project Children is an internationally recognized volunteer led initiative that for nearly five decades, the volunteer run organization brought 23,000 children from Northern Ireland to the US for a six-week summer respite from the intrinsic and sectarian violence of "The Troubles". It played a pivotal role in fostering the peace process that ensued, by nurturing the young hearts and minds of both Catholic and Protestant children growing up in those deeply divided communities.

**NBSCCCI Art Competition:** The NBSCCCI invites children and young people to participate in "A Safe and Welcoming Church Children and Young Person's Art Competition 2025" by submitting a piece of art that depicts "A Safe and Welcoming Church". For further details including rules of the competition go to <https://www.safeguarding.ie/news-events/a-safe-and-welcoming-church-art-competition-2025>

**ACN Pilgrimage to Knock:** Papal charity Aid to the Church in Need Ireland invites people to join their national pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday August 30 to highlight the plight of Christians who suffer persecution for their faith in many parts of the world. Mass is in the Basilica at 3pm – all welcome. For more info, see [www.acnireland.org](http://www.acnireland.org)

**Crocus Cancer Support Centre, Monaghan,** warmly invites anyone who has lost a loved one to cancer to join our monthly support group — a safe space to share and grieve, to mourn and honour the heartbreak and experience the healing power of community. Please contact our office at 047 62565 to book your place. All Blood Donor Clinics are by appointment only.

**Poor Clares Galway – Monastic Experience Day** for women 18-35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from 10am to 5pm Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> September. Contact [events@poorclares.ie](mailto:events@poorclares.ie) to register. For more information: [poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days](http://poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days)

**Family Carers Ireland** is the National Charity Supporting 500,000+ Family Carers Nationwide, we are currently recruiting for Community Homecare Workers to provide support to clients. Work hours are flexible based on your availability. Own car and Full Driving Licence essential. Please send your CV to [jobs@familycarers.ie](mailto:jobs@familycarers.ie) or contact Carol on 049 8511031 or 086 4183949 for more information.



**Celebrating Hope with Fr. John Flanagan** (Truagh Parish) in the Iontas Theatre, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan, **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 8.00pm.** Join Fr. John as he performs his own reflections poetically echoing the message of hope in this the Jubilee Year of Hope. Music composed for this event by Lauren Murphy. Book with Iontas Theatre at [iontascastleblayney.ie](http://iontascastleblayney.ie) Admission €10. Proceeds to the homeless.

**Ballyoisin Church Renovation:**

**Donating Towards the Restoring of Original Church Pews/Seats in Ballyoisin.** The restoring of the church pews/seats costs €1200 per pew/seat. Please contact the priest's house if you wish to donate towards them. Thank you.

**Ballyoisin Restoration Bank Details: Account Name: Holy Family Church Building Fund. Iban – IE14BOFI90348827280858 Bic – BOFIE2D**

**Follow updates and progress of renovation on [Truagh Parish Webpage](#).**

**Fundraising Dance in aid of Ballyoisin Church Restoration on Saturday 8 November 2025** in Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan with **Jimmy Buckley**. Dance starts at 9pm – 11am. DJ Darren 7-9pm. Tickets €20

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**Invitation:** St Andrew & Sunflower Meadow Festival Scotshouse Village, County Monaghan H23 W226 14<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> August 2025. Thursday - Sunday each weekend. Lots of music and surprises, come and see! Donations to: Crocus Cancer Support Group, Cavan-Monaghan Palliative Care, Scotshouse Community Childcare, & local Church of Ireland churches in Scotshouse & Clones. Full details of the festival programme will also be on our Facebook page (St Andrew&Church of Ireland, Scotshouse) in due course.

**Carrickroe News:** Summer Draw for Carrickroe Community Centre on iDonate.ie Carrickroe Community Development Summer Draw is LIVE! WIN amazing prizes while supporting your local community!  
1st prize 4 nights in New York City  
2nd prize €500 voucher for the 5 star Galgorm Resort & Spa  
3rd prize 2026 All Ireland Football final tickets  
Don't miss your chance to enter our biggest draw of the summer – all proceeds go toward community development projects right here in Carrickroe Get your tickets NOW – it's quick and easy! Tickets are also available from The Village Brew Carrickroe or any committee member.

**Unislim** with Emer Wednesday 7.30am to 8.30am and 6pm to 7pm. **Circuits** with Ryan Thursday 6.30am - 7.15am. Block booking or pay as you go. Follow our social media pages.

### **Visit to Diocese of Clogher of the Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue:**

In January of this year, The Sacred Heart Crusade of Love and Hope commenced with the Papal blessing of four pilgrim Sacred Heart Statues on 8 January 2025 in Rome. For this Jubilee year of Hope, four pilgrim statues of the Sacred Heart blessed by Pope Francis will travel throughout Ireland each one being sent to one of the four provinces to revitalise the faith for the 350th anniversary of this devotion and will visit the Diocese of Clogher in August and September. **The Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue will be in Errigal Truagh Parish from the 8 -12 September.**

## **Pastoral Letter**

### **Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza on Sunday, 24 August 2025**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Ten weeks ago the Catholic Bishops of Ireland dedicated the month of June as a special time of prayer for peace and for solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza. This weekend I call on all parishes to once more set aside Sunday, 24 August as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Sadly, since June, the situation in Gaza has become steadily worse. The people there continue to be cruelly crushed by hunger, violence, death and destruction. I join the heartfelt appeal of Pope Leo XIV this week for “a ceasefire, the release of hostages, and full respect for international humanitarian law.” As the Holy Father said, “Every human being has an intrinsic dignity bestowed by God Himself.”

I also echo the recent words of Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, and Patriarch Theophilus III, who said on 22 July, “Humanitarian aid is not only necessary, it is a matter of life and death. Refusing it is not a delay, but a sentence. Every hour without food, water, medicine and shelter causes deep harm.”

The Irish Bishops made it clear in June that genocidal actions sanctioned by the government in Israel are resulting in the death of tens of thousands of non-combatants, many of them women and children. “This is unconscionable and disproportionate. It is immoral for world leaders to stand by inactively in the face of this outrageous tragedy for humanity.”

We know that people in parishes across the country are deeply troubled by stark and horrific images from Gaza of starving children and helpless, hungry families. The cruel actions of Hamas in continuing to keep hostages, and the bodies of hostages, away from their families is also to be unreservedly condemned.

I encourage you to continue to show solidarity in whatever way you can: by lobbying your political representatives, supporting humanitarian aid and, above all, by continuing to pray for an end to the conflict and the resumption of peace, including the return of all hostages and prisoners. Pray also for our Christian brothers and sisters among the Palestinian populations in Gaza and on the West Bank who are witnessing daily to peace and non-violence, even in the midst of provocation and attacks. As Cardinal Pizzaballa said:

“Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there, crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering.”

Please join in 24 hours of prayer and reflection in your parishes and homes on Sunday, 24 August. Light a candle in your family home or local parish church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eamon Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small cross at the beginning.

**Eamon Martin**

**Archbishop of Armagh**

**Apostolic Administrator of Dromore**