

PARÓISTE Naomh Fionán

9Ú LÚNUSA 2026 - NAOÚ DOMHNACH DÉAG - A

Reflection

It's never easy to keep faith, but to hold on to it in stormy times, as many people are going through at present is particularly difficult. Today's Scripture readings encourage us not to lose heart, or give in to despondency, but to trust in the Lord who is with us even when we are unaware of his presence.

'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid'. These are the same words Jesus speaks to us today as we sail on the uncertain sea of life. He does not promise us a storm free voyage, but he does promise to be always there for us. The example of Peter teaches us that, to stay afloat on the sea of life, we need to fix our gaze on Jesus, not on the surging waves around us, or on the fears and doubts that well up in our hearts.

Today's gospel invites us to deepen our faith and to maintain our focus on Jesus.

In stormy times, there is always a tendency for us to retreat to a cave like Elijah, or to seek out some safe harbour, far from the stormy seas. But clearly that is not what Jesus wants. In today's gospel, Matthew tells us that Jesus 'made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side' (Mt 14:22). On another occasion, he tells Peter not to hesitate but to 'launch out into the deep' (Lk 5:4). Jesus was calling his disciples, as he is calling us today, to join him in the greatest adventure known to human history: the realisation of God's dream of a world transformed by the power of love. And, irrespective of what storms we encounter, we shall not fail, because Jesus is always with us.



Cuimhneacháin Báis:

Bridget Donnelly whose funeral was in Ramelton on Monday. (Sister of Mary Teresa McGee, Ballina and Agnes Sharkey, Newtown).

Harry Reid, Ballintemple and Edinburgh, who was interred here on Thursday.

Harry Thompson, Baltoney, whose funeral is in Gortahork on Saturday.

John Gaffer Gallagher, Upper Dunmore whose Month's Mind Mass is on Saturday.

Anniversaries:

Mairead O'Donnell, Creeslough. Breda Ferry, Moyra. Mary McNulty, Dunmore Lane. Annie and William Coyle, Ballyboes.

Eileen Coyle, Ballyconnell. Peggy Gallagher, Meenderry.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 8th	7: 00 pm	John Gaffer Gallagher	Month's Mind
		Mairead O'Donnell	1st Anniversary
		Breda Ferry, Mary McNulty and	
		Annie and William Coyle	Anniversaries
Sunday 9th	9: 00 am	Aifreann don Phobal	
	10: 30 am	Eileen Coyle	Anniversary
Monday 10th	9: 30 am	Private Intention	
Tuesday 11th	9: 30 am	Private Intention	
Wednesday 12th	9: 30 am	Private Intention	
Thursday 13th	9: 30 am	Private Intention	
Friday 14th	7: 00 pm	Peggy Gallagher	1st Anniversary
<i>Vigil Mass</i>			
Saturday 15th	10: 30 am	Mass for Feast of the Assumption	
	7: 00 pm	Sheila Geaney	Month's Mind
		Gerry McKenna	Month's Mind
		Mary Sweeney	Anniversary
Sunday 16th	9: 00 am	Aifreann don Phobal	
	10: 30 am	Fr Paul Gallagher	Anniversary

Confessions

6:15pm—6:45pm
Saturdays

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday:

Holy Hour: 9- 10 pm

Thursday: 10: 00 am – 9: 00 pm.

Thursday adoration includes the

Divine Mercy @ 5: 30 pm and

concludes with Rosary

@ 8: 30 pm

All Masses are available live

on:

www.naomhfionan.com

& Parish Radio @ 106.5 FM

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Freagra an tSailm:

Taispeáin dúinn, a Thiarna, do thrócaire, agus tabhair dúinn do shlánú.

HOW TO REPORT CLERICAL ABUSE

If you have a concern, or complaint of child abuse, either current or historical, please contact:

Designated Liaison Person, Margaret Northage on: 086 2183 011 or by email: safeguarding@raphoediocese.ie.

You are advised also to contact statutory authorities:

Tusla (Child & Family Agency) - Tel: 074 9102233

Gardaí National Protective Services Bureau - Tel: 01 6663430/6663435 or email: GNPSB_SCMU@garda.ie.

Free Counselling & Support is available through Towards Healing:

Freephone - Rol: 1800 303416

Freephone - N.Ireland & UK: 0800 0963315

Freephone - Hearing Impaired: 085 8022859

Ways to donate to parish funds

You can now make a donation to the Parish online by scanning the QR codes on the front of this newsletter, with your mobile phone camera. One QR code is for the Sunday Collection and one QR code is for the Graveyard Collection. You can also make donations by going to the parish website and clicking on the DONATE button. All donations are gratefully accepted.

Special Thanks

A huge thank you to everyone who participated at the Graveyard Mass on Sunday last. Thanks to Kevin Sharkey, supervisor of the CE Scheme, and his team for all their help organising and stewarding the car park. Thanks also to the Maintenance Committee as well as Teresa and Darragh for their help setting up for Mass. A special thanks to Patricia for all her help in setting up the Altar for Mass. *Seamus Coll, Chairperson, Maintenance Committee.*

Donegal Pro Life Church Gate Collection

Donegal Pro Life Church Gate Collection will take place on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th August countywide. All support is greatly appreciated. Last month, Dail Eireann voted by 86 votes to 70 to advance a Bill that would remove the three-day or 72-hour waiting period between a mother seeing her GP and proceeding with an abortion. This waiting period creates a small but vital space for the mother to reconsider her decision and thereby save the life of her unborn child. We know that the waiting period has saved lives, because between 2019 and 2024 more than 10,000 expectant mothers did not proceed with an abortion. That number, having contacted their GP and begun the abortion process, did not return after the three-day period had elapsed. Two of the 86 TDs who voted to remove the three-day waiting period are from our constituency. We voted for them. You and I must now persuade them to change their minds before the Bill returns to the Dail in the Autumn for the final vote. It is the least that mothers and their unborn children deserve.

Donegal Down Syndrome

Annual Church Gate Collection 29th and 30th August.

Every contribution helps provide vital support, services and opportunities for individuals with Down Syndrome and their families in Donegal.

Kerrytown

Rosary procession at Kerrytown Shrine on August 15th in honour of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Begins with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 o'clock. All welcome.

Food Bank Appeal

The Food Bank is in dire straits at the moment, very low on supplies, so non perishable goods are very urgently required. Food bins have been left in the 4 porches for any goods donated. If anyone needs help please contact us on 085 7560177 or call on Thursday mornings between 10am and 12pm.

Lough Derg

Three Day Pilgrimages – In the tradition of prayer, fasting and keeping Vigil. Begin on any day of the week until Thursday 13th August. Admission €85. Discounts available for Groups, Seniors & Students.

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on August 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 31st. September 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th and 20th. Admission €50. Advance booking essential.

Tullaghobegley Ecumenical Service

Tullaghobegley Ecumenical Service will be held at the historic site of Tullaghobegley at 3 pm on Sunday 16th August. Bigí linn.

Becoming Peacemakers

Starting in August 2026, we will be gathering on the 2nd Saturday of every month to begin our own journeys toward becoming peacemakers. We invite everyone who is interested in healing inner wounds and finding peace.

Together over the first 5 Saturdays we will walk the path of inner healing and peace, sharing together, offering a Mass for Peace, and engaging in creative activities. The first gathering will be held on Saturday 8th August beginning in the Padre Pio prayer room in the Centre ending with Mass in the Peacemakers Chapel Ards Friary. We will begin at 10am and finish at 2pm. The sessions will be led by Br Peter Kim.

The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage

The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 15th August 2026. The main celebrant is Bishop Niall Coll. His talk is titled "Our Lady: A Quiet Shelter of God's Love."

Full details of the speakers for the 2026 Novena can be found at <https://www.knockshrine.ie/national-novena-2026-guest-speakers-and-programme/-NOVENA-13TH-21ST-AUGUST-2026>

For parishioners who cannot join the pilgrimage in person, all the Masses and talks will be livestreamed on the Knock Shrine website or on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@KnockShrineCeremonies/featured>

Pobail Le Chéile CDP

DLDC FREE 6 week Healthy Eating Course

Learn how to cook delicious, healthy meals on a budget! Starts on Tuesday 8th September 11am-1.30pm at Ionad Garradh Cholmille F92 W2H7. Places are limited, get in touch with Laura McGoran at DLDC 086 833 9548

Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Congratulations to John Sweeney who was this week's lucky winner of our 50/50 Draw. John won the prize amount of €1130.

Tickets available with Patsy at the hut and in all businesses locally and online.

Our Gymnastics Camp will run from 10-14 August. Please book in advance as camp will only run with full numbers.

We have an opening for a part time Administrative assistant for our office.

The position is a 19.5hour week with flexible working hours. If this is of interest to you please forward your CV to managerionadnf@gmail.com or contact us if you have any questions on the position. Closing date for applicants is Monday 10th August. Congratulations to An Fál Carrach le Chéile on the great success of Féile Lughnasa An Fál Carrach.

CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola

The numbers drawn were 21,13,5,11,6,8! We had 1 match 5 winner. Congratulations to Katie Johnson who wins €100!!!

The jackpot is now €5,750. Tickets are available in various outlets throughout the parish and online at the following link

<https://clubforce.com/clubs/gaa-clg-chloich-cheann-fhaola/>

Would you like to win €250,000?

Tickets for the Donegal GAA Fundraising Draw are now available to purchase in Shane McGee's Hardware in Falcarragh. €20 each, 3 for €50 or 7 for €100.

Cloughaneely Junior Band

Lotto Results 30th July: Uimhreacha na seachtaine: 1-10-12-13-14-20.

Match 5 winner Joe Mc Clafferty €100. €3,450 Jackpot. Good luck to all bands competing in the All Ireland Fleadh on Sunday in Belfast!

The Natural Family Planning Teachers Association of Ireland

An overview of the evidence-based symptom-thermal double check method of natural family planning for healthcare professionals, teachers and others interested in learning about fertility appreciation and care.

Venue: Ely House, 8 Ely Place, Dublin 2

19th September 2026 10am-4pm. Cost €50.

To book your place or for further details contact deirdregleeson @medvise.ie/ 045 854022.



St. Vincent de Paul: Local number: 087 1443464

Cloughaneely Food Bank: 085 7560177

MABS Gweedore: 0818 072650