

PARÓISTE Naomh Fionán

30Ú LÚNUSA 2026 - AN DARA DOMHNACH FICHEAD - A

Reflection

Becoming disciples of Jesus means learning to think the way God thinks, rather than the way we usually think. And that will be for us, as it was for Peter and his disciples, a life-long process of ups and downs, successes and failures. There may be times when we will feel a bit like Jeremiah in our first reading today. Chosen by God to be his 'prophet to the nations' (Jer 1:5), fidelity to his calling 'made him a daily laughing-stock, the butt of everyone's jokes, and brought him 'insult and derision, all day long' (Jer 20:7-8). Though tempted to stop being a spokesman for the Lord, he could not give up because, as he states, 'there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones' (Jer 20:9). Jeremiah had been, as he states, 'seduced' by God, and he had let himself 'be seduced' (cf. Jer 20: 7). In other words, he had fallen in love with God so that nothing could stop him from doing God's will, no matter where this might lead him. The example of Jeremiah prompts us to ask ourselves the question: Have we let ourselves be seduced by Christ so that we persevere in following and serving him, regardless of the consequences?



Cuimhneacháin Báis:

Martina Rafferty nee McGee, Newtown, whose funeral took place here on Thursday.
Frances Gallagher, Lower Dore, whose funeral took place in Gweedore on Wednesday. (Sister of Theresa Sharkey, Station Rd.)
Michael Doogan, Upper Keeldrum, whose funeral took place in Gortahork on Thursday. Harry Reid, Ballintemple and Edinburgh whose Month's Mind Mass is on Saturday. John Hannah Gallagher, Mansfield, Nottingham and Upper Dunmore whose Month's Mind Mass is on Friday. Mary Murphy, Falcarragh and California. USA.

Anniversaries:

Ned and Mary McGeady, Errarooy. Philomena, James and Thomas Griffin and deceased members of Griffin and Sheerin families, Balliness. Deceased members of McFadden family, Ballina. Pat McClafferty, Carrowcannon.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 29th	7: 00 pm	Harry Reid Ned and Mary McGeady	Month's Mind Anniversaries
Sunday 30th	9: 00 am 10: 30 am	Aifreann don Phobal Philomena, James and Thomas Griffin and deceased members of Griffin and Sheerin families	Anniversaries
Monday 31st	9: 30 am	Private Intention	
Tuesday 1st	9: 30 am	Mary Murphy	RIP
Wednesday 2nd	9: 30 am	Deceased member McFadden Family	Anniversaries
Thursday 3rd	9: 30 am	Pat McClafferty	1st Anniversary
Friday 4th	7: 00 pm	John Hannah Gallagher	Month's Mind
Saturday 5th	11: 00 am 7: 00 pm	Latin Mass Pat McClafferty and Mick McClafferty	1st Anniversaries
Sunday 6th	9: 00 am 10: 30 am	Bríd Gallagher Aifreann don Phobal Mary Ferry	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:

Tá tart ar m'anam duit-se, mo Thiarna agus mo Dhia.

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.

Sick and Housebound

Thursday 3rd Sept: Station Rd, Rocktown, Ballintemple and Clonbara.

September Rota for Ministers of The Word and Holy Communion

Ministers of the Word	Saturday 7 pm	Alan Lavender
	Sunday 9 am	Brid Doohan
	10:30 am	Michelle Murphy
Ministers of Holy Communion:	Saturday 7 pm	Winnie McFadden and Stephanie Green
	Sunday 10:30 am	Rose Anne Rodgers

If you are unable to cover your specified Mass, please make arrangements for a replacement minister.

1st Saturday Devotions

Prayers will be recited at 10:40 am prior to 11am Mass.

Donegal Down Syndrome

Annual Church Gate Collection next weekend 29th and 30th August. Every contribution helps provide vital support, services and opportunities for individuals with Down Syndrome and their families in Donegal.

Celebration Mass

Donegal Group 173 Rise and Shine Trust (formerly The Irish Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust and The Irish Pilgrimage Trust) are celebrating forty years of taking young people with special needs to Lourdes each Easter. We are celebrating with a special Mass on Saturday 26th September in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny at 12 noon. The Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Niall Coll and Bishop Donal Mc Keown, Bishop of Derry and many of the priests who travelled to Lourdes with us over the years. We invite all the guests and their families and all the helpers who travelled with us over the years to our Mass to celebrate the work of the Donegal Group over these forty years.

COME & SEE

Have you heard about the Encounter School of Ministry Course but aren't sure what it's about or if it's for you? We invite you to 'Come & see' what it's about before you make your decision. Class will take place on Thursdays from 6.30pm (first half hour is prayer and worship) to 9.00pm beginning on 3rd September at All Saints Church, Newtowncunningham. Participants can attend up to 3 classes without committing to pay for the course. If a participant decides to enrol before the application deadline of October 1st, tuition fees will then be applied. If a participant decides not to continue, there is no obligation. More info or register here: <https://encounterschool.org/donegal/> or email donegal@encounterschool.org for more information.

Mass for Expectant Families

Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7pm in St Eunan's Cathedral. Celebrated by Bishop Niall Coll.

Lough Derg

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available September 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th and 20th. Admission €50.

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.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2026 takes place Thursday, Oct 1st, 2026 – Saturday, Oct 31st, 2026. For more information, please visit breastcancerresearch.ie or www.breastcancerireland.com.

International Coffee Day 2026 takes place on Thursday, October 1st, 2026.

Please see www.internationalcoffeeday.org for further details.

Ri-Oga Dance Academy

Irish Dance Classes with Maureen. Introduce your child to the joy of dancing while also developing confidence, coordination and social skills. Classes resume on Monday 7th September in Aras Begley Hall at 4pm.

Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Congratulations to Denis who was this weeks lucky winner of our 50/50 Draw. Enjoy your winnings of €1095.

Classes are starting back in September and we look forward to welcoming you all back.

Pilates Wednesdays at 7:30p.m. starting 2nd September. 087 3297169

Ballet class with The Forristal School of Dance returns Fridays, beginning 11th September, from babies ballet to Grade 2 ballet.

For enquiries or bookings contact Deirdre at 087 263 2486

Gymnastics Classes resume on Wednesday 9th of September. from 4-5p.m. and 5-6p.m. Bookings can be made online on our website or by contact us at 087-7063018 or by email at ionadnf@gmail.com

We have an opening for a part time Administrative assistant in our office. The position is a 19.5hour week with flexible working hours. If I'm 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 31st August.

Pobal Eascarrach

Dúchas na nDaoiné - Nature, growing vegetables, conversation and craic - every Saturday 10-1pm.

Astro pitch available. Contact and register at pobaleas@gmail.com or 074 9180571 / 085 8670762

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 Cholmcille F92 W2H7. Places are limited, get in touch with Laura McGoran at DLDC 086 833 9548

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.

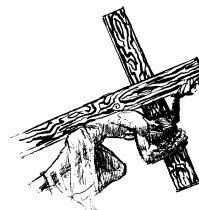
To book your place or for further details contact deirdregleeson@medvise.ie / 045 854022.

EMPOWER Cumasú Programme

Applications are now open.

Are you a female living in the Gaeltacht looking to start or grow your own business? Whether it's food, farming, crafts or a service business, we want to hear from you. Apply now: <https://empowerprogramme.ie/>

Places are limited. The closing date for applications is 5:00PM on Friday, 4th September 2026. Further information: 091 742851 / michelle.lee@atu.ie



St. Vincent de Paul: Local number: 087 1443464

Cloughaneely Food Bank: 085 7560177

MABS Gweedore: 0818 072650