

# Paróiste Naomh Fionán

11Ú DEIREADH FÓMHAIR 2026 – AN tÓCHTÚ DOMHNACH FICHEAD – A

## Reflection

Reading today's gospel challenges us to ask ourselves how well we are responding to the Lord's multiple invitations to us. Are we so tied up in all kinds of concerns and anxieties about things which do not really matter that we fail to recognise or simply ignore the invitation to God's banquet? And, even if we may not persecute God's prophets and messengers, how seriously do we take their words of wisdom? Following the refusal of the invited guests to accept the invitation, the King sends his servants out again – this time not to the houses of the wealthy and respectable, but to the crossroads in the town. These were places near the gates and markets of a typical Middle East town where large crowds of ordinary people would gather. Here you found the social and religious outcasts, tax collectors, prostitutes, all those in despised trades. This time no exceptions are made. All are invited, good and bad alike, until the wedding hall is filled. What Jesus is saying is that everyone is invited to the Kingdom of God. All kinds of people are called to be part of God's new world. It does not belong to an elite group of specially chosen ones. It encompasses saints and sinners. As the sacrament of the Kingdom, the Church must never forget that, in God's eyes, there are no first and second-class members. It must resist the temptation to create elite groups that are 'different' and, by implication, 'better' than the ordinary average members. While it might seem wonderful to have a Christian community consisting only of totally dedicated members, it would not reflect the love of God reaching out to all. It would not be a catholic church, a church open to all. The only requirement is 'the simple offering of your faith, green as a leaf'.



### Cuimhneacháin Báis:

Helen O'Donnell nee Ferry, Falcarragh and Meenacuing, whose funeral will take place in Dunlewey this weekend.  
Sr. Gráinne Coyle, Convent of Mercy, Dublin, and formerly Ballintemple, whose funeral took place in Dublin last weekend.

### Anniversaries:

Seamus Duggan, Falcarragh and London. John O'Brien, Glasgow and Derryconnor.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

|                       |                  |                     |                 |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Saturday 10th</b>  | <b>7: 00 pm</b>  | Mass                |                 |
| <b>Sunday 11th</b>    | <b>9: 00 am</b>  | Aifreann don Phobal |                 |
|                       | <b>10: 30 am</b> | Seamus Duggan       | 1st Anniversary |
| <b>Monday 12th</b>    | <b>9: 30 am</b>  | Mass                |                 |
| <b>Tuesday 13th</b>   | <b>9: 30 am</b>  | Mass                |                 |
| <b>Wednesday 14th</b> | <b>9: 30 am</b>  | Mass                |                 |
| <b>Thursday 15th</b>  | <b>9: 30 am</b>  | Private Intention   |                 |
| <b>Friday 16th</b>    | <b>7: 00 pm</b>  | Private Intention   |                 |
| <b>Saturday 17th</b>  | <b>7: 00 pm</b>  | Sr. Grainne Coyle   | RIP             |
|                       |                  | Brian Duffy         | 1st Anniversary |
|                       |                  | Nancy Rodgers       | Anniversary     |
|                       |                  | Maureen McFadden    | Anniversary     |
| <b>Sunday 18th</b>    | <b>9: 00 am</b>  | Aifreann don Phobal |                 |
| <b>Mission Sunday</b> | <b>10: 30 am</b> | John Doohan         | Anniversary     |

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday:

Holy Hour: 8– 9 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](http://www.naomhfionan.com)

& Parish Radio @ 106.5 FM

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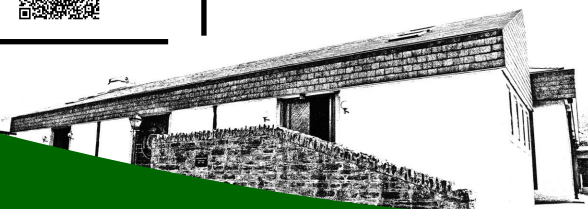


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# Fógraí

## **Freagra an tSailm:**

I dteach an Tiarna a mhairfidh mé go brách na breithe.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**Please note Fr John will be on holiday during the month of October.**

**There won't be Latin Mass on Saturdays during this period.**

**Fr Seán Ó Gallchoir will be covering.**

## **Mission Sunday**

**Next Sunday, 18th October, is Mission Sunday. On this very special day every Church, in every parish across our globe, will give what they can, no matter how little, towards the World Mission Sunday collection.**

**Your contribution will be used to help spread faith, hope and love by supporting overseas missionaries, many of whom work in some of the world's most impoverished and remote communities. Envelopes are available in the church porches.**

## **Eucharist Adoration**

Please note that the times for the Wednesday Holy Hour have changed, and will take place from 8 pm to 9 pm until further notice.

## **Cursillo**

An open invitation is warmly extended to everyone to join Bishop Niall Coll for a Holy Mass in thanksgiving for Cursillo in St Mary's Church Stranorlar at 3pm on Sunday 25th October and afterwards to a gathering in the Parish Centre, Stranorlar. All are most welcome.

## **Remembrance Masses**

A remembrance Mass for missing people, and their families will be held in St. Mary's Church, Sandyford, Dublin, D18E5R3, on Saturday 10th October 2026 at 2.30 pm.. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Aquinas Duffy.

This is a poignant ceremony to pray for missing people, and for comfort and strength for families, and to guide all search efforts towards their successful return. Prayers will also be offered for Irish people missing abroad and pray for an end to the sufferings of these families.

Annual Service of Remembrance for Miscarriage, Still Birth, Neo-Natal death and for Children who have sadly died will take place in the Letterkenny University Hospital.Chapel on Sunday 11th October at 3pm

## **Irish National Synodal Assembly**

The Working Document for the Irish National Synodal Assembly, taking place in Gormanston, Co Meath, on 17 October, brings together the fruits of five years of prayer, listening and discernment and will guide delegates as they consider and vote on suggested actions to be presented to the bishops of Ireland. While the Assembly marks an important moment in the journey, the Synodal Pathway is now moving towards a new phase of implementation. Everyone is invited to read, pray with, and reflect on the Working Document and the question: "What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?" Please pray for all those taking part in the Assembly and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and scan the QR code to access the Working Document and find out more, and see [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie)

## **Flu Clinic**

Falcarragh Medical Centre will be holding a Flu Vaccination clinic on Tuesday 13th October please call the surgery to make an appointment, 0749135491/35490. On the day it would be advisable to wear short sleeves for ease of access.

## **Church Gate Collection**

The Friends of Letterkenny University Hospital's Annual Church Gate Collection will take on Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th October. Please support as best as you can to enable the Friends to carry out the valuable work that they do, including supporting new service developments in the hospital and the provision of transport for patients to St Luke's Hospital in Dublin and UCHG in Galway.

## **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.

## **Ranganna Fón Cliste**

Gach Luan, 10r.n - 12 meán lae. Gort an Choirce, F92 Y44Y

Foghlaim an dóigh le:Do ghuthán a nuashonrú, aipeanna nua a chur ar do ghuthán, scams agus calaois a aithint. Bíodh cupán tae agus comhrá agat agus tú ag foghlaim. Glaoigh nó téacsáil Mairéad ar 086 174 0677.

## **Pobail Le Chéile CDP**

Are you a parent, grandparent or childminder? Maybe you're on maternity leave and looking for a chance to get out and meet other parents? Why not come along to our Parent, Baby & Toddler Group on Thursdays at Ionad Garradh Cholm Cille from 12.30pm-1.30pm. A free, fun, friendly space for little ones to play and parents to connect. Whether you're a regular or it's your first time, you'll be very welcome!

## **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](http://breastcancerresearch.ie) or [www.breastcancerireland.com](http://www.breastcancerireland.com).

## **Ionad Naomh Fionnán**

Congratulations to Shaun Mc Fadden who was the lucky winner of our 50/50 draw this week, winning €1020. Tickets can be purchased via the link on our website and social media pages.

Tá cúrsa aireachas ar súil gach óiche Deardaoin ag 7 i.n. Tuilleadh eolas ar fáil ag 087 3460001.

As part of Climate Action week, we have teamed up with Cill Ulta, our local sustainability hub, to bring you a Meet the Builder event on Thursday 15th October at 7p.m. There will be a range of experts present to answer all your questions about home energy upgrades and available grants.

We are now taking names for the Copper Craft workshop with Donegal

Copper Craft on Saturday 17th October, €55 per person.

Health and Wellness with Kathleen Langan. Limited spaces available.

Contact us at [ionadnf@gmail.com](mailto:ionadnf@gmail.com) to reserve your place.

Ailín will be holding a Halloween themed Dance workshop on Saturday 24th October from 3 - 6:30p.m. Come along in your Halloween fancy dress!

Prizes for best dressed on the day.

Don't forget to purchase your Dreadwood tickets before it's too late!!

Our Christmas Craft Fayre will take place on Sunday 6th December. To

book your table please contact us at [ionadnf@gmail.com](mailto:ionadnf@gmail.com) or call/text 087

7063018. We welcome you all to our annual Senior Citizen Christmas party

on Sunday 13th December 2026. Please give your name to any committee

member or call/text the office on 074 91665750 / 087 7063018.

## **Buion Cheoil Sinsear Chloich Cheann Fhaola**

Buion Cheoil Sinsear Chloich Cheann Fhaola will hold their AGM on Saturday 7th November, in Ionad Naomh Fionnán Falcarragh at 8pm.

## **Donegal College of Further Education and Training Open Week Events.**

You will have a chance to tour two of the Letterkenny campuses and go along to a Showcase event.

Tuesday 20th October: Ballyraine Campus Open Evening, 6pm – 9pm.

Booking required.

Wednesday 21st October: College Showcase, Radisson Hotel, 10am – 2pm.

No booking required.

Thursday 22nd October: Port Road Campus Open Evening, 6pm – 9pm.

Booking required.

## **Parish Newsletter**

All notices for inclusion in newsletter to be in by 11 am on Thursdays.

Thank you.



**St. Vincent de Paul:** Local number: 087 1443464

**Cloughaneely Food Bank:** 085 7560177

**MABS Gweedore:** 0818 072650