Paróiste Naomh Fionán

15Ú SAMHAIN 2026 – AN TRÍÚ DOMHNACH TRÍOCHAD – A

Reflection



Today's parable is not about financial or material gain. It is concerned with properties of much greater value, properties that God has entrusted to all of us: life, love, freedom, beauty, truth, and other individual gifts. These properties do not belong to us. They are entrusted to us by God, and we are accountable for them. The word 'entrusted' is the key to understanding this parable. God has confidence in us. He trusts us to look after the goods he has placed in our care. We might say that God has dreams for us far greater than any earthly father or mother have for their children.
While the word talent, as used in today's gospel, refers to a weight or unit of currency common in the world of Jesus' time, most people today use it to refer to a person's particular gifts or abilities of mind or body. Interpreted in this sense, the parable may help us to reflect on the particular gifts or abilities God has given us, and which he is challenging us to use in the service of his reign. We should ask ourselves how well we are using these gifts in the service of our community, parish, and the wider society. If I were to meet Jesus today and he were to ask me: How did you use the talents I gave you? Who benefited and how did they benefit from them? Could I say, with confidence, that I have used them to the best of my ability to promote God's reign in the world? If I can honestly say that I have used them to serve others rather than myself, then I have every right to expect to hear the reply of the Master to the productive servants: 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness' (Mt 25:21).

Cuimhneacháin Báis:
Paul Rodgers, Tory Island and Dublin.

Anniversaries:
Mary Sweeney, Moyra. Nora McGinley, Ballyconnell and Glasgow. Phil Gallagher, Rocktown.
Martin McDonald, Lower Carrowcannon and Glasgow. Mary and Frank McAteer, Ballyconnell.

Mass Times and Intentions for the Week

Saturday 14th	**7: 00 pm**	Mary Sweeney	Anniversary
		Nora McGinley	Anniversary
Sunday 15th	**9: 00 am**	Aifreann don Phobal	
	10: 30 am	Phil Gallagher	Anniversary
Monday 16th	**9: 30 am**	Private Intention	
Tuesday 17th	**9: 30 am**	Private Intention	
Wednesday 18th	**9: 30 am**	Private Intention	
Thursday 19th	**9: 30 am**	Private Intention	
Friday 20th	**7: 00 pm**	Martin McDonald	Anniversary
Saturday 21st	**11: 00 am**	Latin Mass	
	7: 00 pm	Danny McKimm	Anniversary
		Paddy and Gracie Gallagher	Anniversaries
Sunday 22nd	**9: 00 am**	Aifreann don Phobal	
	10: 30 am	Private Intention	

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Church Collection

Graveyard Collection

Confessions
6:15pm—6:45pm
Saturdays

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
& Parish Radio @ 106.5 FM

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Freagra an tSailm:
Is méanar dóibh sin a mbíonn eagla an Tiarna orthu.

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 - RoI: 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.

November Novena for the Holy Souls
Thank you, on behalf of the Holy Souls, to everyone who came out to pray for them.

Falcarragh Folk Choir
Falcarragh Folk Choir are celebrating 30 years of making music in Teach Phobail Naomh Fionán. We always welcome new musicians and singers. If you are interested in joining us, find out about practice times and performances by getting in touch with Bernie on 086 845 4957. Beidh fáilte romhat!!

Aifreann Cuimhneacháin
There will be a Mass in Christ The King Church, Gortahork, for families who have lost someone or people in road accidents on Sunday 15/11/2026 at 11.00 a.m. send an email to tpcr1906@gmail.com to add their name to the prayer list before Friday 30/10/2026.

Raphoe Diocesan Society
In November of each year an Annual Mass for the deceased Members of the Society will be offered in a different parish. The Annual Raphoe Diocesan Society Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev Niall Coll , Bishop of Raphoe, on Tuesday 17th November 2026 at 7:30 pm in St Columba's Church, Glenswilly. Four Masses (of Perpetual Foundation) shall be offered in each parish each year - two for the living and two for the deceased Members of the Society. To enrol a member deceased or living to the Society contact your local Priest or by emailing rds@raphoediocese.ie with the details. Cost per enrolment is €15 per person, living or deceased.

Mary's Meals
Mary's Meals are delighted to announce their annual Christmas Fayre in Trinity Hall (Opposite the Cathedral) on Saturday 21 November (10.30am – 4pm). Mary's Meals thanks you all for the great support over the years and are delighted to now be feeding over three million children every school day.
Mary Hegarty (0872382110) is looking for help with home bakes. Fr Kelly's new book, WE CAN CHANGE, will be launched on the day at 2.30pm.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje
Departing 8th September 2027 from CITY OF DERRY AIRPORT for 8 nights for the price of 7 with Spiritual Director. Cost €929 per person.
EARLY BOOKING OFFER €100 OFF if paid in full by December 2026.
For further information and to book contact
Mairead - 087-7698195 or Kathleen - 086-3721962.

Easter pilgrimage to Medjugorje
March 2027Ex Dublin 6 nights. Spiritual Director Fr Brennan.
More info from Bernie McBride @ 087 935 3953.

Flu Clinic
Falcarragh Medical Centre will be holding a Flu Vaccination clinic on Monday 23rd November 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.

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.

Bluebird Care
Bluebird Care are looking for accommodation for healthcare assistants In the Falcarragh/Gortahork areas, either a bedroom or house to rent. Contact 074 9129562 /087 9410818.

Innovate+
Innovate+ is a new initiative led by ATU Donegal. If you are a small business interested in Innovation/business growth, we are running funded training for you or your staff. To find about more about our current offerings, email pauline.gavigan@atu.ie or phone 0749186612..

CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola
The numbers drawn were 12,5,20,10,19,4! We had 1 match 5. Congratulations to Paula Kearns who wins €100.
The jackpot is now €3,650. Tickets are available in various outlets throughout the parish and online at the following link
https://clubforce.com/clubs/gaa-clg-chloich-cheann-fhaola/

CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola AGM
Join us on Thursday the 19th of November for our AGM as we plan ahead for 2027. We encourage all members to come along and participate in this year's AGM.

Cloughaneely Junior Band
Lotto Results 5th November
Uimhreacha na seachtaine: 4-9-11-15-16-20
Match 4 winner: Margaret Hagney €100. Jackpot €4,150.

Ionad Naomh Fionnán
Comhghairdeas le buaiteoir na seachtaine, Nellie Catterson, a bhuaidh an duais €1035.00 sa chrannchur 50/50.
We would like to thank Pobal and the Department of Rural and Community Development and Gaeltacht for their continued support of Ionad Naomh Fionnán and for granting us funding towards Solar Panel installation. Investing in a renewable energy system will significantly reduce energy costs, assist with the long term future proofing of our Community facility and strengthen our environmental sustainability for future generations.
Cloughaneely Bowls Club will meet every Friday evening from 8 - 10p.m. New members welcome.
Looking to try something new and beneficial for yourself - Get in touch with Anna. Sound bath will be held at the Ionad on Sunday 22 November at 7p.m. Contact Anna at 0851121264. Bhfuil tú ag iarraidh rud eigin difrúil a thriail? Cuir glaoch do Anna fa choinne tuilleadh eolais.
Beidh Dáidí na Nollaig ag teacht go dtí an ionad ar an 5ú lá Nollaig. Come all to Ionad Naomh Fionnán on Saturday 5th December to a meet and greet with Santa.
Gortahork ETB computer training class continues every Tuesday from 10am until 1p.m.

Parish Newsletter
All notices for inclusion in newsletter to be in by 11 am on Thursdays. Thank you.

Dates for Diary 2027

First Holy Communion:	Saturday 1st May @ 12:00 noon
Confirmation:	Sunday 14th February @ 11: 00 am
Graveyard Sunday:	Sunday 1st August @ 1: 00 pm



St. Vincent de Paul: Local number: 087 1443464
Cloughaneely Food Bank: 085 7560177
MABS Gweedore: 0818 072650