

Devenish Parish News Bulletin

Sacred Heart Church



St Molaise Church, Whitehill



Sunday 29th March 2026 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion.

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Weekly Masses – March - April 2026

Saturday 28th March	6pm	Keith Beckett (1 st Anniversary) Michael McCaffrey. Sean & Elizabeth McGarrity. Eamon Murphy. Tommy & Philomena Oliver, their daughters Teresa, Philomena & Agnes. Deceased members of the Heffernan Family.
Sunday 29th March	11am	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – People of the Parish.
Monday 30th March	10am	Seamus Quinn.
Tuesday 31st March	7.15am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church.
	10am	Mass - Sacred Heart Church.
	7.30pm	Service of Reconciliation – Sacred Heart Church.
Wednesday 1st April	10am	Morning Prayer.
Thursday 2nd April	7pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10pm.
Friday 3rd April Good Friday A Day of Fasting & Abstinence	3pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion.
	7pm	Stations of the Cross – St Molaise Church, Whitehill Followed by Kissing of the Cross.
Saturday 4th April	7pm	Holy Saturday Mass – People of the Parish.
Sunday 5th April	11am	Easter Sunday Mass – People of the Parish.

Mass in the Sacred Heart Church will be available to view on our Webcam - www.devenishparishirvinestown.com/webcam

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

The story we have just heard reveals both the worst and the best of the human spirit. The worst of the human spirit, the brutality of the absolute power of the Roman Empire, is there for all to see.

Yet, as is often the way, the worst instincts of some drew forth the best instincts of others.

It is above all Jesus who reveals the best of the human spirit in this hour. He dies as he lived, standing in loving solidarity with sinners, praying for those responsible for his death, promising paradise to a condemned criminal who turned to him for support.

Those best instincts of human nature in the story we have heard can inspire us.

We all struggle to forgive those who have hurt or damaged us, but, like Jesus, we may find it in us to pray for them, asking God to forgive them.

We can all be a Joseph of Arimathea to others, working to take the wounded body of Christ, our suffering sisters and brothers, off their crosses.



Reflection for Holy Week:

Holy Week is a sacred journey that invites us to walk with Jesus through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

It is a time to pause, reflect, and enter deeply into the mystery of God's love for us.



As we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, His Last Supper with His disciples, His agony in the garden, and His suffering on the Cross, we are reminded of the depth of His sacrifice.

He endured all of this out of love for us, to redeem us and bring us back to the Father.

This week calls us to examine our own lives: Where do we need to surrender to God's will? How can we love others more selflessly? What burdens do we need to lay at the foot of the Cross?

But Holy Week does not end at the Cross. It culminates in the joy of Easter, the triumph of life over death, and the hope of resurrection.

Let us walk this journey with faith, knowing that through Christ's sacrifice, we are offered the gift of new life. May this Holy Week deepen your relationship with Jesus and prepare your heart to celebrate the joy of His Resurrection.

Amen.

Baptism Dates:

Baptisms will take place on the first Sunday of every month at 12 Noon and the third Saturday of every month at 4pm.

Dates Scheduled for 2023:

April – Sat 4th (Vigil Mass) & Sat 18th

May – Sun 3rd & Sat 16th

Adoration:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every Wednesday from 10.30am to 7.30pm in the Committee Room.



Confessions:

Confessions will be held every Saturday evening in the Sacred Heart Church from 5pm – 5.30pm.

An Easter Poem

'At the Tomb'

The dawn broke soft, the world still grey,
She came with spices, knelt to pray.
The stone was rolled, the tomb lay bare,
Her heart cried out in deep despair.

'Why seek the living among the dead?'
The angels spoke, her spirit fled.
Then turned she, heard her name, so clear,
A voice she loved, a voice so near.

'Rabboni!' cried her heart, her soul,
The One she sought had made her whole.
The tomb was empty, death undone,
For Christ had risen, the Morning Sun.
Anon

Webcam:

Mass in the Sacred Heart Church can be viewed via our website on the address below:

www.devenishparish.com/webcam

Mass will also be available via The Church Services website on:

www.churchservices.tv/devenish



Readings for Sunday:

5th April

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection:

Acts 10:34A, 37-43;
Colossians 3:1-4;
John 20:1-9.

Legion of Mary Shop:

Opening Hours:

Mon – Fri: After 10am Mass
Saturday: After 6pm Mass
Sunday: After 11am Mass.

Devenish Parish Donations:

Donating is now even easier with our QR Code. Just scan the code using a QR Reader App and select the amount you would like to donate using your debit card.



Parish Collections:

Sunday 22nd March: Weekly Collection - £2945. Thank you.

St Vincent DePaul:



Donations received – £81. Thank you, we are very grateful for all donations received.
SVP helpline No: 07738838205.

Ministers Rota:

Readers for Holy Thursday & Good Friday Services:

Thursday 2nd April – 7pm: Joe Magee.

Friday 3rd April – 3pm: Mary Doris, Pauline Thompson, Stephen Magee & Gay Mahon.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Thursday 2nd April – 7pm: Carmel Wilson & Margaret McQuaid.

Please see details of the Ministers required to serve at the Masses next weekend below:

Readers:

Sat 4th Apr – 7pm: John Sheridan, Joe McQuaid & Nola McCaffrey.

Sun 5th Apr – 11am: Michael Duffy.



Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat 4th Apr – 7pm: Maria Ormsby & Brian McCaffrey.

Sun 5th Apr – 11am: Rosemary Leonard & Bride McKervey.

Weekday Masses – Week beginning 6th April:

Reader – Pauline Thompson.

Eucharistic Minister – Gerry McNulty.



If you are unable to attend, please contact the Parish office to arrange another Minister to fulfil your role that day.

Penance Services:



A Service of Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church. Services will also be taking place in St Joseph's Church, Ederney on Monday 30th March & St Mary's Church, Pettigo on Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm.

Mass of Chrism: We will

celebrate a Mass of Chrism in the Cathedral in Monaghan this Holy Thursday. Everyone is invited to join Bishop Larry and the people of our Diocese in this celebration on **Holy Thursday, 2nd April at 11am in St Macartan's Cathedral, Monaghan.**



Prayers for the Deceased: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Colm Spratt, formerly Brownhill Meadows & Agnes McHugh, Trillick. May they Rest in Peace.



Parish Envelopes: The Parish Envelopes for 2026-27 are ready and currently being distributed in your area by our kind volunteers. If you are new to the Parish or have been living in the Parish and would like to receive Parish Envelopes on an annual basis, please contact the Parish office on 028 686 28600 or via email at devenish@clogherparishes.ie Alternatively Parishioners can now donate via standing order, please contact the parish office for more information on how to set this up. Thank you.



New Life in the Celtic Garden: This Easter season, our Celtic Garden is being



renewed with the planting of native Irish trees such as oak, crab apple, rowan, and wild cherry. As we celebrate the hope and new life of Easter, these young trees stand as living signs of renewal. In the years to come, they will grow and flourish, offering beauty and shelter, and deepen our connection to the Parish and its heritage. More planting is planned in the months ahead as the garden continues to grow and develop. We invite you to visit, reflect, and watch the garden come to life once more.

Pilgrim Path Week 2026: Join us on Monday 6th April for a guided walk along the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path around the lakeshore. This **FREE EVENT** is part of National Pilgrim Path Week. With the option of an 8km or 12km route, join Father La and the Lough Derg team to learn something of the history of this place of ancient pilgrimage, taking in the beautiful and rugged landscape from scenic viewpoints along the way. www.loughderg.org/news/easter-monday-pilgrim-path-walk



2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Booking for the pilgrimage is now open.



Pilgrims and Assisted pilgrims should contact the pilgrimage secretary - John Hueston at 028677 24329 (from north) & 048 67724339 (from south) or booking forms can be downloaded at website - www.lourdes2clogher.com. Pilgrim fare - €1,100 per person (excludes €40 coach transfer to/from airport). Assisted pilgrim fare €1,100 (Includes travel insurance & coach transfer to/from airport)

Annual "Day of Friendship and Prayer" at Lough Derg: All are invited to this



Day of Friendship & Prayer
Wednesday 20th May 2026
10am - 3pm

special day as we look forward to welcoming guest speakers Archbishop of Armagh, Eamon Martin, and his Church of Ireland counterpart, John McDowell on Wednesday 20th May. Together, they will share insights on building bridges across communities through dialogue and understanding, drawing from their inspiring journey of friendship and unity in their roles. More information: <https://www.loughderg.org/news/friendshipprayer2026>



The Catholic Chaplaincy at QUB:

is now temporarily closed, and our regular schedule (including Mass) is suspended. Our team is working hard to relocate back to Elmwood Avenue over the coming weeks. Keep an eye on our social media and email newsletter for reopening dates.

St Molaise GFC: Lotto Results for Monday 23rd March 2026 were 2, 12, 17 & 31. No Jackpot Winner. £25 Consolation Prize winners were Emma Cassidy & Paddy McCann. Next week's Jackpot - £10,000.

