

Parish Newsletter

SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2025

PLANNED GIVING BOXES 2025

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to assemble & distribute the boxes.

Your help is very much appreciated.



We remember

**Joan Nolan
Annette Moran
Judy Brien**

who died recently
**MAY THEY REST
IN PEACE**

WHAT'S ON

Monday 24th February

Choir practise at 7.45pm in the Church.

Every Thursday after Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. Rosary beads are free for anyone who wants to take them home to pray.

Friday 28th February

Eucharistic Prayer Group meets in the Oratory from 2.30pm-3.30pm. All welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday to
Friday 10.30am
to 5.00pm. in
the Oratory.**



NOVENA OF GRACE, CRUMLIN The Novena of Grace in honour of St. Francis Xavier will be held in St. Agnes Church, Crumlin, from Tuesday 4th to Wednesday 12th March. Director of the Novena is Fr. John Walsh OP, Dominican Church, Dominick Street. Fr. John is a well-known retreat and mission director – he has put together some very beautiful, reflective themes for the Novena. Novena Masses on weekdays are at 10am and 7pm, Saturday 10am and 5.30pm and Sunday 11am only. All are welcome.

CALLED TO MORE is a Catholic media company based in Ireland. They run the largest Catholic YouTube channel and Instagram account in Ireland & the UK where they publish videos, podcasts and articles to help young people live their faith in the world today. Called to More can be found on [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#) and [Facebook](#).

The Planned Giving Collection is a substantial source of income to the Parish and we hugely appreciate the generosity of all our contributors. This money helps with the day to day running of the church & without this fund we would not be able to continue.

If you wish to sign up for the Planned Giving collection, please call to the Parish Office.

'Sing for Joy!'
A Day of Music and Ministry

Saturday 26 April 2025
on Lough Derg. Boat 9:30am.

Open to Young People aged 18-35. Free to attend.
Register via QR Code.

Organised by the Knights of St Columbanus.
info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

Thought

As lent approaches think of
3 Fs: Forgive, Fast, Faith.

Forgiving makes all our prayers/
efforts acceptable to God

Fasting focuses us on our
commitment to Him. Even fasting
from complaining & criticising.

Faith: The world may not value our
lent, but, we are not called to follow
the world but the Lord.

Church Collections

w/e 15th/16th February 2025

1st Priests: €768

2nd ACCORD: €1000

Envelopes: €742

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last
week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were
Lotto Nos 13, 14, 15, 32
Jackpot €21,100

Congratulations to last week's
winners of the three €20 Prizes.

The Draw takes place on
Tuesday morning after 10 a.m. Mass.
Entries for the Lotto draw each week
must be put into the safe in the church
by 11.00a.m. on Mondays. All are
welcome to attend the draw.

MASSES: SUNDAY: Vigil, 6.30p.m., 9.00a.m. & 12 noon.

MONDAY – SATURDAY Morning Mass at 10.00a.m.

All Masses can be viewed on the Parish Webcam via
the Parish Website www.mourneroad.ie

Confessions after 10.00a.m. Mass Saturdays or on request.

Parish Office: Open Monday to Friday from 9.15am–1.00pm. *Mornings only.*

Sunday 23rd February 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13, 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102 (103): 1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

The Lord is compassion and love.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the
grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

The Lord is compassion and love.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation

cf.Ac16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your
Son.
Alleluia!



Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.'

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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