

*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*

# Domhnach Mór

Prayer  
Fasting  
Almsgiving

## Parish of Donaghmore

*Archdiocese of Armagh*

## Lent

A pure heart create for me O God, Put a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 50

10 March 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Fourth Week of Lent

*Mother's Day*  
*Laetare Sunday*

**Psalter Week 4**  
**Sunday Cycle B**  
**Weekday Cycle 2**

• **Next Sunday, 17 March 2024**    *Fifth Sunday of Lent – St Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland*  
*Jer 31:31-34.                      Ps 50:3-4, 12-15, R/ v 12.                      Heb 5:7-9.                      Jn 12:20-30.*

### Pope's Intentions for March 2024

#### For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

#### Parish Priest

Fr Gerard Mc Aleer  
Tel: (028) 8776 1327

#### Associate Pastor

Fr Patrick Breslan PE. AP.  
Tel: (028) 8775 8277

#### Retired

Fr Patrick McGuckin, PE.

#### Sacrament of Baptism

To be arranged with Fr McAleer.  
They usually take place on  
Saturday at 4.00pm and Sunday at  
12.30pm.

#### The Disappeared

God our Father send your Holy  
Spirit to enlighten the minds and  
hearts of those people who can roll  
away the stone of sadness and  
anguish long suffered by the  
families of The Disappeared...

**Please note that all Notices for  
the Domhnach Mór Bulletin  
must include a contact number  
and be left at the Parochial  
House, Donaghmore by 9.00 pm  
on Wednesday.**

#### Prayer for this coming week

#### Psalm 11:

#### Truth in a world of lies

Help, O Lord, for good men have vanished;  
truth has gone from the sons of men.  
Falsehood they speak one to another,  
with lying lips, with a false heart.

May the Lord destroy all lying lips,  
the tongue speaking high-sounding words,  
those who say: 'Our tongue is our strength;  
our lips are our own, who is our master?'

'For the poor who are oppressed and the needy who groan  
I myself will arise,' says the Lord,  
'I will grant them the salvation for which they thirst.'

The words of the Lord are words without alloy,  
silver from the furnace, seven times refined.

It is you, O Lord, who will take us in your care  
and protect us for ever from this generation.  
See how the wicked prowl on every side,  
while the worthless are prized highly by the sons of men.

## Anniversary Notices in the Domhnach Mór Bulletin

When requesting an anniversary Mass please write the name of the deceased, the day and date of the anniversary, the chapel and a contact name and number on the outside of the envelope and leave in Donaghmore Parochial House or in either sacristy.

### In Memoriam

*"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead" (2 Maccabees 12:46)*

### Recently Deceased

Helen McVeigh  
James Joseph McGuckin

Liz Arthur

Vincent Campbell  
Lena Quinn



### Anniversaries

<i>Sat 09 Mar</i>	Bridie Quinn Peter McElhatton Vincent Donaghy
<i>Sun 10 Mar</i>	Pauline Hegarty Johnny McCrory Peter and Peggy O'Neill Charlie, Mary Ann Boyle and Baby Patrick Damien McShane
<i>Mon 11 Mar</i>	Mary Kane
<i>Tue 12 Mar</i>	Edward Carty Dympna Nevin Charles Baird
<i>Wed 13 Mar</i>	
<i>Thur 14 Mar</i>	Joan and Colm Hamilton
<i>Fri 15 Mar</i>	Vincent Campbell MM at 7.30pm (D) Pat, Peter and Roseanne Quinn
<i>Sat 16 Mar</i>	Liz Arthur MM at 6.00pm (D) Deirdre Casey (Nee Nevin)
<i>Sun 17 Mar</i>	Lauren Bullock Bridie Rush Sean Heagney Catherine Donnelly Pat Loy Peter Corr

### Nunc dimittis

**Canticle: Lk 2:29-32**

At last, all-powerful Master,  
you give leave to your servant  
to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation  
which you have prepared for all nations,  
the light to enlighten the Gentiles  
and give glory to Israel, your people.

### The Stations of the Cross

- I. Jesus is condemned to death
- II. Jesus takes up his cross
- III. Jesus falls for the first time
- IV. Jesus meets his mother
- V. Simon helps Jesus to carry the cross
- VI. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
- VII. Jesus falls for the second time
- VIII. The women of Jerusalem weep for Jesus
- IX. Jesus falls for the third time
- X. Jesus is stripped of his clothes
- XI. Jesus is nailed to the cross
- XII. Jesus dies on the cross
- XIII. The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross
- XIV. The body of Jesus is laid in the tomb

### Requiescant in Pace

★ Saint Oliver Plunkett Died 1 July 1681

★ Blessed Patrick O'Loughran Died 1 Feb 1612

<b>Sunday Collection</b> <b>Sunday 25 February 2024</b>  <b>Thank you for your contribution.</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b> Use your envelopes and add 25p to every £1 you give. <b>Contributing to the Parish by Cheque</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dues made payable to <u>Donaghmore Parish Clergy Revenue Account</u></li><li>• Any other cheque should be made payable to <u>Donaghmore Parish</u></li></ul>
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### The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confession is available on request.

Confession is now available on Saturday morning before and after the 10.00am Mass.

We anticipate what is not yet and practice now your future - Huub Oosterhuis

### Useful Numbers

It is not possible for the priests of our or any parish to be available at all times. In the absence of a priest in Donaghmore and Galbally in the event of an Emergency any of the following Parochial Houses could be contacted:

Carrickmore	(028) 80761207	Coalisland	(028) 87740221	Cookstown	(028) 86763370
Dungannon	(028) 87722631	Pomeroy	(028) 87757867	Tullyallen	(028) 87761211

### Archbishop Eamon Martin invites all to join a novena of prayer for peace for Gaza

“Please join me in a novena of prayer, from 4 to 12 March, offering up the Rosary and an extra Lenten sacrifice for a complete ceasefire in Gaza and Israel, and a safe return home of all hostages. The awful violence must stop and a massive humanitarian effort allowed to save life.”

**Blessed are the Peacemakers** We pray to You O Lord, through the intercession of Your Most Pure Mother Mary, Give to the people suffering war and conflict the gift of peace, for you have given us all else: A peace that all of us share in the passion and wisdom that is the Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Sabbath, and the peace that knows no evening. Stir up in the hearts and the minds of our leaders and politicians a longing for peace, That brings real joy and our hearts will be restless no more. Amen

### Lent 2024: ‘Let justice flow like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream.’ (Amos 5:24)

Happy Mother’s Day from all in Trócaire. In the Machinga district of Malawi, Malita is a strong and resilient woman, despite the challenges she faces. She works tirelessly in her community to improve the life of all its members. Like all mothers, she prays for the best for her children. She wants them to have an education and opportunities for a better life. Trócaire and its local partners are working with women like Malita to build a more just world. To learn more, go to: <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-inireland/parishes/>

‘A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength.’ (Pope Francis, General Audience, 7 January 2015)

### ACCORD

Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service seeking Marriage Preparation Facilitators ACCORD NI Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting people to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Brenda on 02890 233002 or by email to [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com) [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

### Lough Derg Young Adults’ Retreat – 27 April 2024

Calling all 18-30 year olds! Do you want to explore your faith with other like-minded young people in a beautiful and reflective location? Join us for a Retreat for Young Adults at Lough Derg , Pettigo, County Donegal on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments and Lunch provided. This Retreat is organised by The Knights of St Columbanus Omagh and is free of charge. To register please visit [tiny.cc/loughderg](http://tiny.cc/loughderg) or email [info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk)

### En Ego

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus  
I cast myself on my knees in Thy sight,  
and with the most fervent desire of my soul,  
I pray and beseech Thee that  
Thou wouldst impress upon my heart  
lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity,  
true repentance for my sins and a firm purpose  
of amendment:  
whilst with deep affection and grief of soul,  
I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate  
Thy five most precious wounds,  
having before my eyes that which David  
spoke in prophecy concerning Thee:  
‘They have pierced My hands and My feet,  
They have numbered all My bones

### A Mother’s Day Prayer

Thank you Lord for all mothers on this day  
let us think of them whether they are with us  
or gone to their heavenly reward.

We think of their kindness their compassion,  
their care for us and all their unconditional love.

We pray that you will watch over them and support  
them in the joys and struggles of their daily lives.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



# Verbum Dei



Sunday Cycle B

Fourth Sunday of Lent

10 March 2024

## First Reading

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23

### A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 136, R/v 6

*O let my tongue cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not!*

1. By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept,  
remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung up our harps. (R)
2. For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs,  
our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said,  
'one of Zion's songs.' (R)
3. O how could we sing  
the song of the Lord  
on alien soil?  
If I forget you Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither! (R)
4. O let my tongue  
cleave to my mouth

if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem  
above all my joys! (R)

## Second Reading

Eph 2:4-10

### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand)*

## Gospel Acclamation

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

*God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son;  
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.*

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

## Gospel

Jn 3:14-21

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**