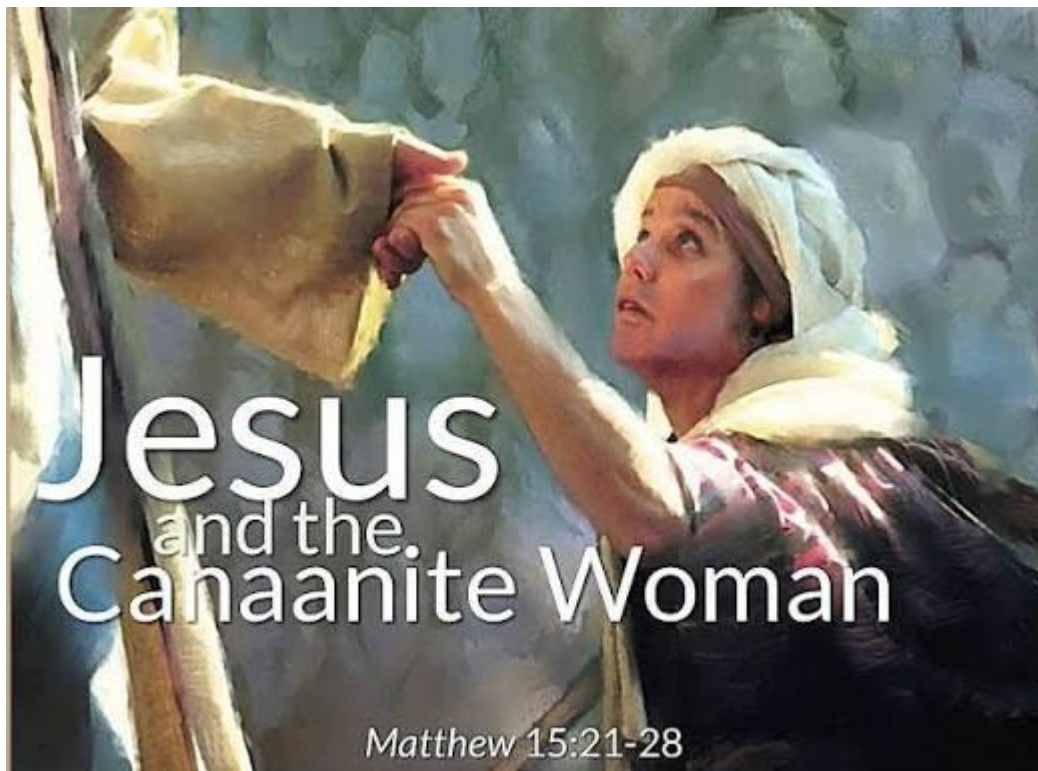


Priest on duty this week: Monsignor Hugh Connolly 07990096724

MAYOBRIDGE PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday 16th August 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Woman, you have great faith.

Matthew 15: 21-28

Parish Hall Bookings: Thomas Gallagher 07831 272638

SAFEGUARDING: Designated person for Dromore Diocese Mr Stephen Sherry 07301246329
safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE – Goretti Gallagher 028 30850270

Action on Elder Abuse: Helpline 0808088141. www.elderabuse.org/northernireland



MAYOBRIDGE PARISH BULLETIN

(Suggested donation 30p—please put your donation in the Missalette Box)
Sunday 16th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

PARISH OFFICE - Open Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 3.00pm.

Contact Brenda and Majella 028 3085 0270 Answering Service & Email available
To book Anniversaries contact Parish Office or mayobridgeparish@dromorediocese.org

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals phone

Monsignor Hugh Connolly 07990096724 Fr Zeb Obasi MSP 07570342290

Bulletin News to [Parish Office](#) by Wednesday

Parish Website: www.mayobridgeparish.com Parish Webcam available here

Information for parish website email: website@mayobridgeparish.com

Baptisms will be every 4th Sunday of the month at 12.30pm

DAY/DATE August	TIME	ANNIVERSARIES All Masses streamed live from the Church Webcam
Sat 15 th	6.00pm	MM Susan Rogan, St Anne's Park Brendan Coulter, Tamnaharry Hill Anne McAteer
Sun 16 th	10.30am	Sally Butterfield, Hilltown Road Joe Hillen, Chapel Hill
Mon 17 th	7.30pm	Perpetual Novena Mass to St Anne Seamus, Brendan & Hugh Grant & Deceased Family, Ballydulaney
Tues 18 th	10.30am	Mass
Wed 19 th	10.30am	Mass
Thur 20 th	7.30pm	Owen Keenan, Lisbane Park James & Rose Keenan, Bavan Anne O'Hare & Rosemary Murphy
Fri 21 st	10.30am	Mass
Sat 22 nd	6.00pm	Anne Greeves Michael & Mary Jo Lynchehaun, Chapel Hill Stephen, Bridget & Arthur O'Hare, Chapel Hill Anne O'Hare, Manchester Harry & Mary McManus, Lisbane Park
Sun 23 rd	10.30am	

DAY/DATE	TIME	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 15 th	6.00 pm	Una Fegan	Sr Rosemary, Goretti Gallagher
Sun 16 th	10.30am	Darran Rooney	Lena Smyth, Niamh Canavan
Sat 22 nd	6.00 pm	Martina Rooney	Lynette Magee, Mairead Rooney
Sun 23 rd	10.30am	Ryan Keenan	Veronica Quinn, Jacqui Ward

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Lisa McAteer, Marie Villas, Burren.**
May she rest in peace.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Thank you for your support of the Parish for last week Sunday 9th August **£943.97** The number of Envelopes and/or Direct Debits returned were **98**. The number of Envelopes allocated is **310**. Envelopes can be returned to Convent Front Door. Thank you sincerely for your generosity to your parish whether by weekly envelope, Direct Debit, Contactless payment or covenant.

SAINT ANNE'S OIL AND CORD
can be obtained from Mrs Lily Gribben, Tel – 028 3085 1424

<u>GRAVEYARD NOTICE</u> Before any work may commence on any grave you are required to contact the Parish Office.
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
on Monday at 6.30pm and Thursday 6.15pm

Forget-Me-Not Café The next meeting of the Forget Me Not Café in the Whistledown Hotel will take place on **Tuesday 18th August from 2:30-4:00pm**. People with memory loss, their families and carers are warmly welcome to attend this gathering, sponsored by the Whistledown Hotel. Enjoy company, refreshments and entertainment in a safe and comfortable environment. Anyone living on their own will also be very welcome.
No need to book, just turn up on the day!

CHAPEL CLEANING ROTA Thanks to volunteers **Veronica & Jacqui Ward** who will clean the Church on a two-week rota beginning Sunday 9th & Sunday 16th August

One Day retreat to Lough Derg from Hilltown is on **Saturday 29th August 2026** To book your place please contact **Susie Brannigan 0780 3163476**

Mayobridge Men's Shed, St Anne's Park (Playing Fields)

If you would like to partake in the activity of a Man's Shed and are over 18 - you are welcome to attend any Tuesday evening at 7.00 pm

The Diocesan Pastoral Commission wishes to meet with Representatives of Parish Pastoral Committees. This meeting will take place on **Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm in St Peter's Parish Centre Warrenpoint**. The reason for the meeting is to explore ways of revitalising and renewing the Pastoral and Spiritual life of our parishes. **Save the Date.**

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers required. Contact the Parish Office.

CONFESSIONS – will be available on Saturdays 5.30pm to 5.45pm. Confession is also available at other times by direct appointment with Fr Zeb.

NEWRY CATHEDRAL TOURS - As we approach the two hundredth anniversary of the opening of the cathedral (2029), we are pleased to once again offer guided tours of the Cathedral on the following dates:

Wednesday 19th August at 2.00pm Each tour lasts about 90 minutes.

Meet at the Cathedral's main door on Hill Street. The tour covers the Cathedral's construction (1825–1829), later extensions, and features including stained glass, marble altars, sculptures, mosaics, and garden. *All are welcome. Tours are free; voluntary donations toward the upkeep of the Cathedral are appreciated.*

Can you help us help Ukraine?

Truck going out in Sept. We need help with:

- Medical supplies • Dry food • Winter coats & footwear •

Incontinence supplies. For more information contact:

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Heritage Day Thurs 20th Aug.
Lakeshore Pilgrimage Sun 30th Aug. Further details:
0353 (0)71 9861518
info@loughderg.org
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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND (2–4 OCT 26)
Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential Weekend from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October 2026
at the "Focolare Centre" "Curryhills", Prosperous, Co. Kildare.
www.marriageencounter.ie

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Words of Welcome.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly king, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Response:

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R/**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R/**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing. till the ends of the earth revere him. **R/**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually.

God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel'. But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs'. She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table'. Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive our oblation, O Lord, By which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Rite

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Blessing

