

Priest on duty this week: Monsignor Hugh Connolly 07990096724

MAYOBRIDGE PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday 27th September 2026

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Afterwards he thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.

Matthew 21: 28-32



Monsignor Hugh celebrated another Birthday during the week. *Don't forget to wish him*



Parish Hall Bookings: Thomas Gallagher 07831 272638

SAFEGUARDING: Designated person for Dromore Diocese Mr Stephen Sherry 07301246329
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(Suggested donation 30p—please put your donation in the Missalette Box)
Sunday 27th September Twenty-Sixth 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 Sept/Oct	TIME	ANNIVERSARIES
Sat 26 th	6.00pm	All Masses streamed live from the Church Webcam MM Arthur McAteer, Old Road Patrick & Sheila Fitzpatrick, Aughnagun
Sun 27 th	10.30am	Francis, Ellen & Frankie Doyle, Cullion Road Felix & Catherine Doyle, Cullion Road Seamus McConville, Carnaney Road John, Lily & Gerry Quinn & Rose McGrath, Aughnagun
Mon 28 th	7.30pm	Perpetual Novena Mass to St Anne
Tues 29 th	10.30am	Mass
Wed 30 th	10.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Thur 1 st	7.30pm	Mass
Fri 2 nd	10.30am	Mass
Sat 3 rd	6.00pm	Peter Keenan, Bavan Road Eamon Turley, Innisfree Park, Ballyholland
Sun 4 th	10.30am	

DAY/DATE	TIME	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 26 th	6.00 pm	Paddy Duffy	Sr Rosemary, Bridghe McPolin
Sun 27 th	10.30am	Ryan Keenan	Lena Smyth, Niamh Canavan
Sat 3 rd	6.00 pm	Declan Mason	Lynette Magee, Mairead Rooney
Sun 4 th	10.30am	Eoin McLoughlin	Sally Gribben, Veronica Quinn

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

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers required. Contact the Parish Office.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT. Thank you for your support of the Parish for last week Sunday 20th September **£753.67** The number of Envelopes and/or Direct Debits returned were **87**. 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.

GRAVEYARD NOTICE Before any work may commence on any grave you are required to contact the Parish Office.

No Adoration on Monday 28th September

OCTOBER DEVOTION in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary begins 1st October before Mass everyday: Monday 6.30pm, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.45am - 10.15am & Thursday 6.15pm

CHAPEL CLEANING ROTA Thanks to volunteers **Roisin Gallagher & Lynette Magee** will clean the Church on a two-week rota beginning Sunday 20th & Sunday 27th September

Vocations Society of Saint Joseph

From 3rd September until 29th October the Thursday Eucharistic Adoration will focus on praying for vocations. Everyone is welcome to join us.

MIRACLE NOVENA PRAYER to St Carlo Acutis

In Mayobridge Chapel from 3rd to 11th October 2026 at 7pm daily, Everyone is welcome, especially our young people. Reason for this Novena include: Growth in Faith. Eucharistic Devotion, Holiness in Daily Life. Young people and Students. Internet and Technology users. Healing and Special Intentions. Purity and Virtue. Family members and Spiritual Guidance.

As in former years, there will be a little community cuppa as a fundraiser for a mission outreach project. This will happen after 10.30 Mass on **Mission Sunday October 18th**. Father Zeb will return to his native Nigeria as usual for his annual break in January and will use the funds raised to support a worthy cause there. Last year's contributions supported provision of fresh water to a very deserving community.

MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE!

All parishioners are warmly invited to a special Mass celebrating the 800th Anniversary of **St Francis of Assisi** in **Newry Cathedral on Friday, 2nd October at 10.30 a.m.** celebrated by the **Rt. Rev Michael Router, Bishop of Derry.**

Pope Leo has designated this anniversary as a Holy Year offering us the opportunity to celebrate Francis' life and to gain a Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions. All are welcome!

KEYHOLDER Willie Carlon takes over on Thursday 1st October.

CONFESSIONS

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

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:

Jacinta Curran 077 4353 9174 jacintacurran@hotmail.co.uk

or Geraldine Gaul 077 9671 2760 auntieg94@gmail.com



The Crochet Group is on Thursday at 10.30am in the Convent with new assortment of Tray Bakes.

MINOR CAMOGIE TEAM – CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT WIN LAST TUESDAY EVENING – WELL DESERVED MINOR B CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

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for All
MAYOBRIDGE
SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS
Mayobridge
ONE VOICE MANY HEARTS PRAISING TOGETHER
♥ MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE! ♥

Love to sing? Come and be part of our vibrant parish choir!
All ages welcome!

ALL AGES WELCOME
Children, young people, adults and our mature members

SING AT SATURDAY & SUNDAY MASSES
Lift your voice in worship

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
Just bring your enthusiasm and a willing heart!

WARM FRIENDLY WELCOME
New members always welcome!

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS WELCOME
All instruments encouraged

Let's fill our church with music, faith and joy!

GET INVOLVED – WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!
CONTACT: Edel | **077 1389 4548**
♥ EVERY VOICE MATTERS. EVERY HEART BELONGS. ♥

Your voice makes a difference!

HLI Ireland:
Fr Lawrence Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland.

Join us for the Ulster event at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry, on Tuesday 29th September at 6:45pm, with a First Class Relic of St Thérèse.
Free admission.

Burren Men's Shed Sligo Trip
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return 27th November.
Deposit now due. **Tel: 077 61642053**

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Words of Welcome.

Penitential Rite.

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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 manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make these hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: You object, "What the Lord does is unjust". Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Remember your mercy, Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R/**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R/**
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus. His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today". He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.

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.

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid upon us.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Rite.

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray,

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we united whenever we proclaim his Death.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Final Blessing