

MASS TIMES IN OUR CHURCHES

St. Mary's Parish Dungarvan

July 2022



24th July 2022: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

When Pope Francis established World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on January 31, 2021, he said that it would be celebrated throughout the Church every year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (26th July), Jesus' "grandparents". That Sunday this year is Sunday, 24th July 2022.

From Pope Francis' Message for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Theme: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15)

'....A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!.....

The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord – in the words of the Bible – has "filled with days". Let us celebrate it together! I ask you to make this Day known in your parishes and communities; to seek out those elderly persons who feel most alone, at home or in residences where they live. Let us make sure that no one feels alone on this day. Expecting a visit can transform those days when we think we have nothing to look forward to; from an initial encounter, a new friendship can emerge. Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of mercy in our time!

Grandparent's and Older Person's Prayer

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence:
 even in times of loneliness, you are my hope and my confidence,
 you have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!
 I thank you for having given me a family and for having blessed me
 with a long life.

I thank you for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have
 already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.
 I thank you for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which you call me.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 7:30 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday: 10.00 a.m. & 12.00 noon

WEEKDAYS

9.30am Mass: Monday to Friday

No morning Mass on Saturdays.

Funeral Masses: 11am.

For the present, there will be a 9.30am
 Mass when there is a funeral at 11am.

Holyday Masses.

St. Patrick's Day and Christmas Day,
 as at weekends.

Other Holydays: 7.30pm (Vigil) and
 11am.

When a Holyday falls on a Monday,
 the Vigil Mass is replaced by a
 7.30pm Mass on the Holyday.

CONFESSIONS

Friday after 9.30am Mass.

Saturday: 7pm.

**Mass and Church Celebrations
 from St. Mary's broadcast on
 98.5 FM.**

**St. Augustine's Church
(Friary)**

Telephone: 058 41136

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 6.15 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday: 9.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m.

WEEKDAYS

Monday to Friday

10.00 a.m.

Saturday 10.00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Immediately after 10 a.m. Mass
 Saturday.

**Kilgobinet, Colligan,
Kilbrien**

Weekend Masses.

Colligan and Kilbrien Churches:

7.30pm Vigil Mass

alternates between them.

Kilgobinet Church:

11.30am Mass.

Holydays.

7.30pm Mass in Colligan Church
 is the only Mass in the parish for
 holydays, on the Eve or Holyday
 itself.

**An Rinn agus Sean Phobal
Ring and Old Parish.**

Weekend Masses.

Vigil Mass: 6pm, an Rinn

10.30am Mass, Old Parish.

Holydays.

6pm Mass in Ring Church is the
 only Mass in the parish for
 holydays, on the Eve or Holyday
 itself.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.
Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.
Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life
to the full in each moment that you give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age. Amen.

Prayer for Grandparents and Older People.

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of SS. Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents and the elderly the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families,
for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their
families, strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations
the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. AMEN.

The Beauty of Being Family.

‘Announce with joy the beauty of being family! Announce to children
and young people the grace of Christian marriage. Give hope to those
who have none. Act as if everything depends on you, knowing that
everything must be entrusted to God.... Be a sign of the living Christ,
do not be afraid of what the Lord asks of you, or to be generous with
Him. Open yourselves to Christ, listen to Him in the silence of prayer.
Accompany those who are most fragile, take charge of those who are
alone, refugees, abandoned.....Be the seed of a more fraternal world!
Be families with big hearts! Be the welcoming face of the Church!
And please pray, always pray!’

Pope Francis, World Meeting of Families, Rome, 25/6/2022

Sunday, 24th July: Feast of St. Declan of Ardmore.

‘The cult and veneration of St. Declan as the leading and most
important follower of Christ in the Déise region is very strong.
The annual celebration of Declan and his cell and burial place
in Ardmore is the oldest Christian celebration of all in the
Déise country. It has attracted travellers and visitors for many
centuries.

Place of Birth.

From his Vita (life) we learn that he was born in Drumroe, a
townland not far from Lismore and beside the Bóthar na
Naomh, the Road of the Saints, which connects Lismore and
Ardmore. He was the son of Earc, one of the great Déise
chieftains and Deithidhe was his mother.

His baptism.

His baptism we are told, was administered by Colmán,
perhaps the patron of Kilcolman near Ardmore or Colmán of
Lismore. The name Colmán is to be found in so many lists of
saints in the Deise region that one cannot be sure.

Rome.

According to the Vita, Declan journeyed to Rome where he
was ordained bishop by the pope himself and sent back to
Ireland.

Ardmore.

Declan established himself at Ardmore, but he travelled
throughout Munster. ... When Declan died his body was
brought back to the monastery of Ardmore and buried in the
little church called to this day the Beanachán near what later
became the cathedral church of the diocese of Ardmore.

Source: *Michael G. Olden: The Faith Journey of the Déise People.*
2018. pp 4-5.

Prayer to St. Declan.

God our Father, we give thanks for the life of St. Declan who
sowed the seeds of faith among the people of the Déise. We
praise his name. We visit the places made holy by his
presence. We walk in his footsteps, on the path taken by
generations of pilgrims as we journey to the Father’s House.
We pray that we may step out in faith, hope and love, walking
with Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit on our journey home.
We make this prayer through Christ your Son, our Lord. *Amen*