

St Macartan's 1st Aug:

Reader Siobhan Maguire **Eucharistic Minister** Máire Cullinan
Altar Society Mary Breslin, Catherine Higgins, Kitty Faux

St. Alphonsus 1st Aug

Reader Kathleen Maguire **Eucharistic Minister** Derek Conlan
Altar Society Mary McCaffrey, Deirdre Parker

Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian faith community
 Emily Kate Holland
 Sebastian Doherty Egan
 Donal Phair

Death: We pray for Vera Forrest, London

Pope's Intention for August

For the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

First Holy Communion

As everyone is well aware, due to current restrictions which we all have to live with, and which may be ongoing, we cannot set a specific date for the communal celebration of First Holy Communion. As stated last week, each child is already prepared for the reception of the Sacrament.

However, due to the number of enquiries made to the Parish Office during the past week, we need to clarify that the intention behind the restrictions is not to prevent children making their First Holy Communion but rather to prevent large groups of families gathering for photographs and celebrations afterwards.

Each week in the parish there are nine Masses at which a child can receive First Holy Communion. This affords the opportunity of emphasizing the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and celebrating in small family units while remaining safe.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is being celebrated for the first time this year. Throughout his papacy Pope Francis has reminded us to value the many gifts of grandparents and the elderly. Our little domestic churches are always enriched by the inclusion of grandparents and elders. There have been so many unsung heroes and heroines during the pandemic – grandparents and elders, including our older priests and religious – all who are to be applauded for how they have coped with the challenges and uncertainty brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.

How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage so essential for each and every society! Pope Francis

**Parish of Clones**

Sacred Heart, Clones
 St Alphonsus, Connons
 St Macartan's, Aghadrumsee

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25th July
 2021

17th Week
 in
 Ordinary Time

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**Masses and Intentions for the Week
 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Vigil	7.30pm	Ann McKiernan, Clonavilla
Sun 25th	10.00am	Benny Courtney & Dec'd Relatives & Tommy Swift, Tontygorman; Seamus Crudden, Knockawaddy
	11.30am	People of the Parish

Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mon 26th	10.00am	Lil & Johnny Elliott, Beechgrove & May McKenna, Legar Hill
Tue 27th	10.00am	McManus Families, Carraveetra & Martin Family, Hermitage & Connons
Wed 28th	10.00am	Florence Culligan, O'Neill Park

St Martha

Thurs 29th	10.00am	Doreen Murphy, O'Neill Park
Fri 30th	10.00am	
Sat 31st	10.00am	

St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Joan Lynch, Ann Campbell, Mary Reilly, Kate Maguire & Dec'd Maguire & McManus Families, O'Neill Park

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil	7.30pm	
Sun 1st	9.00am	Katie & John Coyle, Conlon & McCaffrey Family, Clonoula
	10.00am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	

Sacred Heart Church Sat 31st July & Sun 1st Aug:

Readers	Vigil	Mary Nicholl
	11.30am	Dolores McMahan

Eucharistic Ministers	Vigil	Deirdre Kelly
	11.30am	Jane Mallen

Altar Society		Eileen Maguire, Elizabeth McDonald
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