PARISH OF AGHALURCHER

Sunday 21st June 2026
Day for Life

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Parish Mass Times - *Holy Cross:* Monday 10am - Lay Led Liturgy
Tuesday 7pm
Wednesday & Thursday 10am
Sunday 11am
St. Mary's: Friday 5.30-6.55pm(Adoration) 7pm - Lay Led Liturgy
Saturday 6pm

Livestreaming*: www.churchservices.tv/lisnaskea*
www.churchservices.tv/maguiresbridge
Parish Website: www.lisnaskeamaguiresbridgeparish.com
Parish Instagram Account: aghalurcher_parish
Parish Twitter: @Aghalurcher **Parish Facebook Page:** Parish of Aghalurcher
Parish Radio can be accessed for Holy Cross at 90.1FM & St. Mary's at 90.6FM
Parish Office Tel. 028 67721088 (Monday-Thursday: 2-6pm; Friday 10.30am-1pm)
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Anniversary Mass Intentions

HOLY CROSS
Sunday 21st June
11.00am: • **(Month's Mind)** Bernard McKillion, Mullinaburtlin
• Joe Teague, Castle Lane and his parents James & Margaret Teague
• Penelope O'Reilly, Eshcarcoge
• The Reihill family.
Monday 22nd June
10.00am: • Lay Led Liturgy.
Tuesday 23rd June - ***Novena Mass to St. Peregrine for all the sick.***
7.00pm: • John, Peggy & Eugene McElroy, Eshmeen
• Maureen Hanna, Manchester
Wednesday 24th June - ***The Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Solemnity.***
10.00am: • Private Intention.
Thursday 25th June
10.00am: • Private Intention.
Sunday 28th June
11.00am: • **(Month's Mind)** Tommy McDermott, Macknagh
• Ann McManus, Carrowshee and deceased of the McManus & Kelly families
• John & Margaret Connolly, Drumeer, Maguiresbridge & deceased of the Connolly family
• Josephine Clarke, Cherryhill.

ST. MARY'S
Saturday 20th June
6.00pm: • Celia & James Breslin and deceased of the Breslin family, Cornashannel
• The Reilly, Curry and Reihill families, Curryann and the Maguire family, Lisduff.
Friday 26th June
6.55pm: • Eucharistic Adoration **7.00pm:** Lay Led Liturgy.
Saturday 27th June
6.00pm: • Larry Maher.

You are asked to pray for all our recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

We welcome into the Christian Community Herkus Meilutis, Zara Elizabeth McCabe and Rían James Sheridan **who were baptised in Holy Cross last weekend.**

Church Ministry Rotas July - December 2026 are available on the Parish Website, Sacristy, Church noticeboard and in the Parish Office. *If you are unable to fulfil your duty please arrange for someone to cover for you.*

International Welcome BBQ

Saturday 18th July 2026 at 7.00pm
St Ronan's Parish Centre, Lisnaskea

Aghalurcher Parish warmly invites everyone to our International Welcome BBQ as we celebrate the many people from different countries and cultures who have made our community their home.

Join us for an evening of food, refreshments, music, and entertainment as we extend a warm welcome and celebrate the diversity that enriches our parish. Everyone is welcome

Cemetery Weekend: 18th/19th July. Plots are on allocated next in line. You cannot purchase a plot in advance in either of our cemeteries.

Annual National Grandparents and the Elderly Pilgrimage in Knock Shrine, Sunday, 26th July starting at 2.30pm with the Anointing of the Sick.

Sacrament of the Sick and Mass will be made available for all those who need it on Saturday 22nd August at 12noon. All Welcome.

Vocations Society of St. Joseph **Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** this Saturday, 27th June. To book call Betty on 02866387643 or 07870735723.

Eucharistic Adoration and Lay Led Liturgies in both Churches (St. Mary's and Holy Cross) will cease for the months of July and August. Both of these Liturgies will commence again, in the week beginning the 1st September. Thank you, to the Teams who continue faithfully to provide this devotion for the Parish.

St. Pio Healing Mass at St. Tierney's Church, Roslea on Friday 26th June at the 7pm Mass. Exposition from 6pm to 7pm. Celebrant Fr. Bryan Shortall, OFM Capuchin. The St. Pio relic will also be there.

For all pilgrims travelling to Lourdes there will be meetings to collect your travel packs this **Wednesday 24th June** in Parish Centre, Lisnaskea at 8pm and on **Thursday 25th June** in St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Monaghan at 8pm. Tel. John Hueston at 028 67724329 for further info.

Parish Contributions - 14th June
First Sunday: £335

Offertory: €1624.39 & €115

Standing Orders for May: £5950

Many thanks for your continuous generosity.

'We need to find God, and God cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. We need silence to be able to touch souls.' ***MoTeresa***

In the Old Testament there is a story told in the Book of Kings about Elijah (1 Kings 19:11-16). He was a man in trouble and was running for his life. He was gripped by fear and terror and he was hiding in a mountain cave. Elijah is directed to step outside the cave where God promises to pass by. Elijah thinks God will definitely be found in the thunder or lightning but that wasn't to be. He didn't find God either in the earthquake or fire that followed. Interesting and significantly Elijah found God in the gentle breeze. God was found in a tiny whispering sound. There are lots of interpretations to the story but the simple message is that Elijah found God in silence.

The world we live in today is busy and noisy, from television, radio, phones, computers, traffic, machinery and the general hum of busyness. Today if we find ourselves in silence we are uncomfortable with it. We try and fill that silence with noise. So if God is to be found in the quieter moments of life, then finding God today is a real challenge in an often noisy world. Finding God in quieter moments is not something new. In the Psalms we have the beautiful words: *"Be still and know that I am God."* In silence we can hear the whisper of God.

Spiritually it is a beautiful gift but unless we make the time and space for silence, it simply won't happen. Long periods of silence can be frightening. The best place to start is by sitting quietly for one minute and then this can be stretched to a few when we get comfortable with it. A little each day can make such a difference, providing us the best chance to connect with God. You can call it quiet time, prayer, mindfulness, reflection, meditation or sitting quietly, it doesn't matter. It is the benefits of doing it, that make it so worthwhile.

This week's bulletin has been sponsored in memory of Bernard McKillion.