

# HOLYWOOD PARISH

Sunday 21st June 2026



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Dear friends

The Greek 'diaginóskó' is the origin of the English 'diagnosis' and 'diagnostic.'

It came to mind as I considered what to say about Thomas' moving on from Holywood this weekend. In its most literal translation it means 'to know thoroughly' or 'ascertain exactly.' You can see how that is helpful in both the medical and theological spheres.



In the book of Acts it is used negatively of the way in which the apostle Paul's critics tried to come up with ways to undermine him but there is a similar idea in a more positive verse in 1 Thessalonians 5 which tells us to test the things we hear and hold on to what is good.

If you have got to know Thomas and the Murray family during their short time among us you will have picked up the ways in which Thomas' medical training informs his approach. He approaches his communication and pastoral ministry with rigorous preparation. He thinks with regard to next steps as well as first steps! We will miss the Murray family as part of the life of Holywood Parish. Please pass on your thanks when you see them.

But as I have raised the idea of knowing thoroughly, testing what we hear and holding to what is good can I ask you to think about how you might use the forthcoming summer months wisely. With fewer church meetings, fellowship groups etc., there may be more time for good reading and informal activities; I pray it is a very fruitful season.

Yours in Christ, Gareth

## Thomas Murray's Institution

Thomas becomes rector of the grouped parishes of Castledawson and Ballyscullion on Tuesday 23rd June. The service of institution will take place in Christ Church, Castledawson at 7.30pm.



## Summer Madness

This is the final opportunity to join up with the group going to Summer Madness. This is the largest group for some years.



## Stellar Kids' Summer Club- July

The club is now booked to capacity. There is a waiting list and those interested should speak to Emily in case places become available.

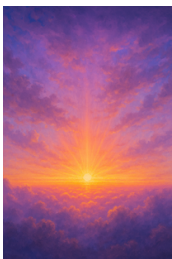
## Storehouse Appeal

Thank you for all the donations of cleaning products and toiletries. The focus now changes to tinned ready meals- including chunky chicken, chilli con carne etc. Thank you!



## PrayerLine

We have a group of intercessors which faithfully prays (in confidence) for issues brought to them. If you would like them to pray for you please contact the vicar or the parish office. Updates to prayer requests are particularly welcome too.



## Praying Together

Monday-Saturday	7.30am-7.45am	Morning Prayer
Monday Evenings	7.00pm	
Friday Mornings	8.45am	

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# Sunday and Midweek Services

## Sunday 21st June Third Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion Form 1
9.45am	Morning Worship
11.30am	Morning Prayer
5.30pm	Compline
7.00pm	Worship Night at St Brendan's, Sydenham

## Sunday 28th June Third Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion Form 1
9.45am	Morning Worship
11.30am	Morning Prayer
5.30pm	Compline
7.00pm	Evening Worship

### Prayer Focus

Pray for Thomas, Jodie and their family as they begin a new ministry in the parishes of Castledawson and Ballyscullion.

Pray for those attending Summer Madness next weekend.

**Midweek Communion: Wednesday Mornings at 10.30am**

Service recordings on downtoearth tv [here](#)

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# Volunteer Opportunities

Please contact the parish office

<b>Bellringing</b>	Practices are on Monday evenings in the bell tower from 6.30pm to around 8.15pm and full training would be given. If anyone would like to join Roger Parke is our secretary and his phone number is 07890 438080.
<b>Sound and Visuals</b>	If you would like to be trained in operating the church's AV setup- please speak to Simon or visit the folks at the desk on a Sunday.
<b>Sunday Morning Tea and Coffee</b>	Can you help us by preparing tea and coffee or assisting with clear up afterwards. Just let us know in the office.

## Financial Support

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Thank you for your financial support to the parish. If you like to discuss financial matters- standing orders, Gift Aid etc. please contact our Honorary Treasurer, David Clements, through the parish office (details below).

## Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a matter of safeguarding you can contact a member of our safeguarding panel in confidence.

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