

# Parish of Newry

Sunday 4 September 2016  
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I paid for a pencil in a shop in Paris the assistant said, "Merci infiniment!" There was no chance that she was infinitely thankful for the couple of centimes, but it was the polite thing to say. Literal translation can often sound absurd. Commentators rush to explain that the Semitic expression "hate father and mother" does not actually mean that in English. It means "to love less." So why do English translations still say "hate"?

The translator is a traitor, the Italians say: traduttore traditore. You can betray the original sense by going beyond it, or by not going as far as it. Either way there is a risk. I suppose translators of the New Testament feel that it would be a worse betrayal to water down the meaning of what Jesus said. You cannot ignore that word 'hate'; it forces you to think... and to ask what it might mean.

Discipleship, it implies, is deeper than family ties. Jesus is not just saying, "Love me more." He is saying that it is not just a matter of degree; it is sometimes either/or. To translate every choice into a matter of degree is to avoid choice. If we were to refuse to put our whole weight on one foot we could never walk. But this is just what we often try to do in other parts of our life: we vacillate and in the end we stay where we have always been.

"To another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead.'" (Luke 9:59). Apparently it does not mean that his father had died; it means that the man wanted to stay at home until his father died. He was mapping out his future; he would get around to discipleship later on. But Jesus made discipleship a matter of immediate urgency.

"Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." The cross stands for stark choice. Its very shape suggests contradiction. Jesus has the right to ask us to carry our cross because he carried his, and was broken by it. It was the Pharisees, not he, who liked to "tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; while they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them" (Mt 23:4). Our life's crosses will not look like his, but they will have the same logic – or rather (the opposite of logic) contradiction. It was prophesied about him that he would be a sign of contradiction (Luke 2:34); it is from this sign that we have our identity as Christians.

Perhaps we have been too much at pains to make our faith reasonable and intelligible. Were we to succeed, we would have turned it into a philosophy, a theory about life. St Paul tried the way of plausibility and found it false. This set him on his path. "The Jews demand signs," he wrote, "and the Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles" (1 Cor 1:22-23). It is not a religion of smooth continuity, it is a tragic religion. In the end, the clever answer has to be wrong, because it doesn't have the depth of paradox, it doesn't have the wisdom of Christ crucified.

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## Mass Times

### The Cathedral of SS. Patrick & Colman, Hill Street

Sunday Mass Times:  
Saturday Vigil : 6.00pm  
Sunday : 8.30am, 10.00am,  
12 noon, & 5.30pm  
Weekday Mass Times :  
Monday to Friday 8.30am,  
Monday to Saturday  
10.30am.

### St. Brigid's Church, Rooney's Meadow

Saturday Vigil : 7.00pm  
Sunday : 11.30am,  
9.30am (po polsku)  
Weekday Mass Times :  
Monday, Wednesday &  
Friday 7.00pm.

### St. Mary's Church, Chapel Street

Saturday Vigil : 6.30pm  
Sunday : 11.00am  
Latin Mass : 9.00am  
Weekday Mass Times :  
Tuesday & Thursday  
7.00pm.

### St. Catherine's Church, Dominican Priory, Dominic Street

Saturday Vigil : 7.30pm  
Sunday : 8.00am, 9.30am,  
11.00am & 12.15pm  
Weekday Mass Times :  
Monday to Saturday 7.30am,  
11.00am & 7.30pm

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Cathedral: Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday  
9.00am – 11.00am.  
Thursday 9.00am – 9.00pm  
Sunday 1.00pm – 5.15pm.  
St. Catherine's: Blessed  
Sacrament Chapel each day  
8.00am to 8.00pm.

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

All Baptisms, Marriages and appointments may be arranged by calling the Parish Office. A Priest is available in the Parish Office from Monday to Friday 1.00pm – 2.00pm and in the evening by appointment.

### OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT NUMBER FOR PARISH OFFICE

Opening Hours: 9.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon**

**Ps. 118:137. 124**

**All: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

## GREETING

**Priest:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

**Priest:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

**Priest:** Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen**

## THE GLORIA

**All: 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.**

## THE COLLECT

**Priest:** Let us pray.

*Pause for silent prayer*

**Priest:** O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons

and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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.

**All: Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Congregation Sits*

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom

9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God?  
Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
and our intentions unstable;  
for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.  
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,  
laborious to know what lies within our reach;  
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?  
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?  
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened  
and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.

**All: The word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R v.1

**(R) O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.**

1. You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. (R)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. (R)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. (R)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. (R)

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

9-10. 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been

deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

**All:** The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation stands*

**ACCLAMATION** **Jn 15:15**

**All:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.  
**All:** **And with your spirit.**  
**Priest:** A reading from the holy  
Gospel according to Luke 14:25-33  
**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciples unless he gives up all his possessions.'

**All:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Congregation sits*

## HOMILY

*Congregation stands*

## THE CREED

**All:** 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,**

*(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')*

**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

*Congregation sits*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

*The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body and blood are brought to the altar.*

*The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:*

**Priest:** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**All:** **Blessed be God for ever.**

*The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

**Priest:** By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*The celebrant then raises the chalice above the altar and says:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**All:** **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:*

**Priest:** With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

*Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:*

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice

and yours may be acceptable to God,  
almighty Father.

**All:** **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Priest:** O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

*Congregation stands*

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** **It is right and just.**

#### PREFACE (VI of Ordinary Time)

**Priest:** It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For in you we live and move and have our being, and while in this body we not only experience the daily effects of your care, but even now possess the pledge of life eternal.

For, having received the first fruits of the Spirit, through whom you raised up Jesus from the dead, we hope for an everlasting share in the Paschal Mystery.

And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

#### ACCLAMATION

**All:** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Congregation kneels*

**Priest:** You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and + Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR  
MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

**Priest:** The mystery of faith.

**All:** **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

**Priest:** Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs with Saint Patrick and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and N our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world. To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

**Priest:** Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.  
**All:** **Amen.**

*Congregation stands*

## THE COMMUNION RITE

**Priest:** At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All:** **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** **For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours now and for ever.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

*The celebrant may add these or similar words.*

**Priest:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All make a sign of peace, according to local custom.*

**Priest:** May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord  
Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

**All:** **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*Congregation kneels*

*The celebrant says quietly:*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,  
who, by the will of the Father  
and the work of the Holy Spirit,  
through your Death gave life to the world,  
free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood,  
from all my sins and from every evil;  
keep me always faithful to your commandments,  
and never let me be parted from you.

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All:** **Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**Priest:** May the Body of Christ  
keep me safe for eternal life.

**Priest:** May the Blood of Christ  
keep me safe for eternal life.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Cf. Ps 41:2-3*

**All:** **Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.**

*Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:*

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord,  
may we possess in purity of heart,  
that what has been given to us in time  
may be our healing for eternity.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Congregation kneels*

**Priest:** Let us pray.  
Grant that your faithful, O Lord,  
whom you nourish and endow with life  
through the food of your Word and heavenly  
Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's  
great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.  
**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** May God bless you with every heavenly blessing,  
make you always holy and pure in his sight,  
pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his glory,  
and teach you with the words of truth;  
may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation,  
and ever endow you with fraternal charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**All:** **Amen**

*Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the  
people, says:*

**Priest:** Go forth, the Mass is ended.  
**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH RENOVATION**

Following a site meeting on Thursday 5th May the design team provided the following figures. If any parishioners wish to make a donation, in whole or in part, for the refurbishment of any specific aspect of the refurbishment, I include the following list for your information. In the experience of the design team this worked very well in other parishes.

**Sponsorship List**

**Interior Works**

Glass Art Work	£ 5,000.00
Refurbish Pews	£ 200.00 (each)
Sanctuary Refurbishment	£10,000.00
Decorative Lighting Units	£ 2,500.00 (each)
Feature floor tiling 5 panels	£ 500.00 (each)
Graphics & Artwork	£10,000.00
Stations of the Cross	£ 1,000.00 (each)
Feature Glass Panels Stairs & doors x14	£ 1,000.00

**Exterior Works**

Repairs to Mosaics	£ 5,000.00
Repairs to Stained Glass Windows	£16,000.00
Additional Stained Glass Windows in Sanctuary	£ 2,000.00

**Exterior Doors**

Main Door	£ 3,000.00
Side Doors (2)	£ 2,500.00
Gallery Door (1)	£ 2,500.00

**Site Works**

Repairs to Cemetery Altar	£ 3,000.00
Marian Shrine	£ 5,000.00
Repairs to Crucifix in Cemetery	£ 1,000.00
Repairs to Calvary Shrine	£ 2,000.00

There is a series of photographs, reflecting the history of our parish, on display in the hall of Newry Parish Office, 38 Hill St. These photographs have been available for viewing on earlier occasions. In conjunction with the tour guides of the Cathedral this display is free and will be open to public viewing on **Sunday 11th September at 38 Hill Street, Newry, 2.00pm – 4.30pm.** In addition, photographs available during the guided tours of the Cathedral will also be on display. If anyone has old photographs of the Cathedral that may be of interest to the parish, please bring them with you as they can be copied and given back immediately.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) – new Volunteers welcome.**

Newry Cathedral CLW would like to invite further volunteers to join us in our ministry. Leaders and assistants are needed. Training provided.

**Requirements:**

- **An enthusiasm to work with children**
- **A desire to learn more about Scripture**
- **Leading/assisting Children's Liturgy of the Word once per month**
- **Attendance at the Parish Safeguarding training session.**

For further details email: eimearmac89@hotmail.co.uk

**Recently Baptised – We welcome into our community**

Leon Xavier Zyczko, 47 Kenard Villas  
 Rio Mikail Fegan, 5 Fairfield Heights  
 Hugh Bernard Wray, 8 The Blackthorns  
 Aidan Coffey, 10 Crieve Heights

**Lough Derg offers One Day Retreats** on 6th, 7th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 17th, 18th & 24th September. Places are still available on two alternative Special Retreat Days:

**'A Day of Friendship & Prayer'**

on Wednesday 14th September. Guest Speaker: Most Rev. Patricia Storey, Church of Ireland Bishop of Meath & Kildare

**'Living with Suicide'**

on Wednesday 21st September. This day offers those who have been affected by suicide in any way an opportunity for deeper understanding and support to 'make sense of it all'. Guest speaker: Conor McCafferty, ZEST – Healing the Hurt & Geraldine Kennedy, a personal experience.

Advance booking is essential for all Retreats. For further information contact Maureen or Lorraine on 00353 71 9861518. Or Email: info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

**Faith Development – Women's Programme**

As part of the wider Faith Formation & Development activities in the parish, we are now pleased to be able to offer an autumn programme for women entitled 'Women in Search of Wholeness'. This programme is designed to help women of all ages to grow spiritually and through this to help individuals to clarify their values, claim their own giftedness and invest their newly discovered qualities in family and community relationships. This challenging and revealing programme will be delivered over 8 weeks beginning on Wednesday 5th October 2016 and will be held in the Parish Centre 7pm-9pm each evening. An information session will be held on Wednesday 7th September in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Anyone interested may obtain an information leaflet from the Parish Office.

**Planning Application for Big Screen**

**Newry Mounre and Down District Council** has just made us aware that they are applying for planning permission to retain the big screen in its current position in Hill Street blocking the view of the Cathedral, a Grade A Listed Building. We are deeply grateful to those parishioners that signed the objection request before. If you have not signed an objection request and would like to do so, call into the parish office and do so. It is imperative that the screen is relocated in a position that is not causing obstruction to this beautiful Cathedral building. We appeal for your support in this matter and any influence you can bring to the planners so that planning is refused.

**Newry Parish Feedback**

We welcome your comments on the Parish and its provision, so we are introducing a written feedback system, which will be piloted in the Cathedral over the summer months. You will find the feedback / volunteer cards and a collection box at the back of the Cathedral beside the picture of Pope Francis. We encourage you to take a card, think about the life of the parish and what it provides for the parishioners and give your thoughts, suggestions and changes that you would like to see take place. As always, more volunteers / helpers are required, so be aware that your assistance is very welcome. Your talents and generosity will assist in making Newry Parish a more vibrant community.

**Cathedral Senior Choir**

Members meet every Thursday night (September – June) from 7.30pm – 9.00pm in Newry Parish Centre (entrance from The Mall). **Practices resume on Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7.30pm.** In order to provide appropriate music to enrich the celebration of the 10.00am Mass each Sunday and all the special occasions that are celebrated in the Cathedral, we invite anyone, male and female, with an interest in singing, to consider making this contribution to the life of your parish. New members will be made most welcome.

As a member of the Cathedral Senior Choir you have the opportunity to offer your voice, your talent and time to this particular church ministry, contribute to, support and enrich the weekly Sunday liturgy at the 10.00am Mass and the other seasonal and special occasions that occur throughout the Church year. If you are interested in having more information about the choir, please contact Florence McMahon on 3026 4154.

**Cathedral Junior Choir**

Rehearsals resume on Sunday 11th September at 11.15am on the Choir Gallery in the Cathedral, after which the members sing at the 12 noon Mass each Sunday. The choir provides a great opportunity for young people to learn hymns, sing together and in some instances to sing solo in the Cathedral. New choir members, **boys & girls over the age of 7 years**, are needed and are most welcome as choir members. The parents of all new members must complete a simple application form which will be made available to the choir members at the first practice.

**Dromore Diocesan Historical Society**

**Monday 12th September 2016 @ 7.30pm In Newry Parish Centre**, to mark the centenary of Bishop Mulhern's consecration as Bishop of Dromore a lecture entitled "Bishop Edward Mulhern and his times: Sing a song to the Lord in a strange land" will be given by the Society's chairman Mr Martin Goss. The Society's AGM will precede the lecture @ 6.50pm. Members' attendance at the AGM will be helpful towards preparation for 2017, the Society's 40th Anniversary year. This lecture is open to all parishioners as are all events organised by the Society.

**Triduum to St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**

Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd September 2016 7.00pm each evening. The Shrine, Mass Rock Lane, Betty's Hill Road, Ballyholland, Newry. All welcome.

## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 3 September</b>	<b>10.30am 6.00pm</b>	Thomas McCabe, Linenhall Square   Patrick & Cecilia Campbell, Jack, Kathleen & Maureen <b>Teresa Hughes, High Street (M.M)</b>   John McKeivitt, Cronin Park Dympna Larkin, Ballyholland Road   Kelly Family, Clanrye Avenue & Doherty Family, Peter's Place   Patrick Havern (Jnr), Crieve Road   Jimmy McAnulty & Grainne Detamore Greenwood Drive.
<b>Sunday 4 September</b>	<b>8.30am 10.00am</b>	Most Rev. Dr. Francis Gerard Brooks James Kearney, Ballinaskeagh, Banbridge   Edward & Teresa McGuigan & deceased Family members, O'Neill Avenue
<b>Monday 5 September</b>	<b>12 noon 10.30am</b>	Teresa O'Connor, High Street Damien McAlinden, Rostrevor   Michael & Elizabeth Blair & deceased members of the Blair Family, St. Clare's Avenue.
<b>Tuesday 6 September</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Deceased members of the Purgatorian Society   Nora Coulter, Fifth Avenue
<b>Wednesday 7 September</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Benefactors of Newry Parish
<b>Thursday 8 September</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Frank, Molly, Brian & Tony McAvoy & Cathy McConville, Greenwood Drive
<b>Saturday 10 September</b>	<b>10.30am 6.00pm</b>	The Treanor Family, Grinan & Rose & John Connolly & Arthur Kelly Edmund Rocks, Dublin Road   Carol Fitzpatrick, Rathfriland Rd, Tommy & Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Rathfriland Rd   Andrew & Eileen Murphy, Cronin Park Desmond Turley, Ashgrove Road & James, Paul & Maureen McCoy, Ashgrove Park Mona O'Hagan, Innisfree Park   John Collins, Loughview Park   John & Maureen McHale, Carnagh Park   Veronica Treanor, Loughview Park   Patrick Kennedy, Castleowen John Lundy, O'Neill Avenue   Margaret McAleavey & Family, Courtney Hill
<b>Sunday 11 September</b>	<b>10.00am 12 noon</b>	Very Rev. Arthur Bradley   Roe Family, Ballyholland, McAteer Family, Lower Ballyholland Margaret Fitzpatrick, Chapel Hill Adele Heaney, Mountpleasant   Elaine Sheering, Essex, formerly Windsor Avenue Hugh & Alice Jordan, Limerick, formerly Carlingford Park John & Ivy McEvoy, O'Neill Avenue & deceased family members & Nicola Carroll Teresa Hanratty, Rockfield Heights

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 3 September</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	George Allen, Killeavy Road   Doyle Family, Wexford   Marian Devine, Forthill Road & James Kearney, Ballinaskeagh, Banbridge   Joe Barron, Orior Road
<b>Sunday 4 September</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Madge Carroll, Drumgullion Avenue   Joe & Moninna Donnelly, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg
<b>Monday 5 September</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	John Henry, Mary Conway, Lurgan & deceased members of the Conway Family
<b>Wednesday 7 September</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Joseph Hadden & deceased family members, Mourneview Pk   Aidan Warner, Fifth Ave, Brian & Mona Keenan, Iveagh Crescent
<b>Friday 9 September</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Alice O'Callaghan, Grinan Road   Malachy Mathers, Derrybeg Drive
<b>Saturday 10 September</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	John Henry & Mary Conway, Lurgan & deceased members of the McAlinden Family, Lurgan Eddie Hughes, Killeavy Road   Finola McCaul & deceased members of the McCaul Family, St. Clare's Avenue   Martin Winters, Orior Road

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 3 September</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Tommy Wright (M.M)</b>   Matt & Agnes Kelly   Jim Doherty   Alice Crawley   Sean Dillon Peter Murtagh (Jnr) & Peter Murtagh (Snr)
<b>Sunday 4 September</b>	<b>11.00am 12.15pm</b>	<b>Hann Curley, nee McConville (M.M)</b>   Owen McLoughlin   Paul Hughes & Family Gerard McKeivitt Benefactors of Church & Priory   Denis Ward   Michael & Elizabeth Ashe Hugh & Margaret Toner   Gabriel O'Hanlon
<b>Monday 5 September</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Edward, Rose & Gerard McAlinden   John Magennis   John McAlinden
<b>Wednesday 7 September</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Charlie & Florence McDonald   Michael & Alice McKeown & deceased family members
<b>Thursday 8 September</b>	<b>7.30am 11.00am 7.30pm</b>	Patrick & Madeline Crilly The Mahon Family <b>Jimmy Downey (M.M)</b>
<b>Friday 9 September</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Leo & Marie Smyth   Frank, Sheila & Marie Ann McCaul
<b>Saturday 10 September</b>	<b>7.30pm 11.00am 7.30pm</b>	Anne Rushe   Mary & Patrick McMahan   Nuala Power   Michael & Mary Turley Ellen Gainford Brian O'Hare   David McCartan   Mary Livingston   Mary & William McCann Alice O'Hare & Owen Connolly   Peter & Kathleen Campbell   Josie McCann & McCann Family
<b>Sunday 11 September</b>	<b>11.00am 12.15pm</b>	Judith McNamee   Annie Curran & deceased family members   Leonard Andrews & Deceased family members   Charlie McCormack   Austin Kane   Alice & Daniel Kennedy William & Margaret Feely   Brigid McMahan   Rosaleen McParland   John McGivern

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