

# Parish of Newry

Sunday 4 December 2016  
Second Sunday of Advent

The voice of prophecy had been silent for four hundred years. John the Baptist spoke with such fire that people believed God had now broken the long silence. Even many of the Pharisees and Sadducees were convinced, or at least willing to consider it. We are more aware of the Pharisees – they get such a bad press in the New Testament. It must have taken an immense force to lift their heads from their study of the Torah, the Law. The Torah was God's definitive word, according to their belief. But here they were, listening for a new word from God.

God's new prophet did not flatter them. "Brood of vipers!" Pit of snakes! Don't rely on your Scriptures, your past (he told them); God is able to do a new thing.

But in fairness to them, they had put aside their commentaries and come to listen. St Paul had been a Pharisee, and it took the power of God to cast out his old certainties. These other Pharisees seem more amenable. John could have thanked them for coming!

But he is a rough diamond, an uncut diamond. He has the hardness, but there is little beauty, and not much light coming through. Take away the rhetoric and his message is conventional: "Tax collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'" (Luke 3:12-14).

But there would be another diamond, an Immortal Diamond, and John's greatness was that he pointed to him. "He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire" – he, the Immortal Diamond formed in the crucible of earth's suffering. With him every mortal sufferer can be immortal diamond, can say with Hopkins: "I am all at once what Christ is, since he was what I am."

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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.

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Is 30:19. 30**

**All:** **O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.**

## GREETING

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

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ.

**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:** Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**All:** **For we have sinned against you.**

**Priest:** Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**All:** **And grant us your salvation.**

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

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

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

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Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

## THE COLLECT

**Priest:** Let us pray.

*Pause for silent prayer*

**Priest:** Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to his company.  
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 prophet Isaiah

**11:1-10**

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.  
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)  
He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,

and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.  
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless;  
his sentences bring death to the wicked.  
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together  
with a little boy to lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
into the viper's lair  
the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm,  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters swell the sea.  
That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. R cf. v.7*

**(R) In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.**

- O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. **(R)**
- In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R)**
- For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **(R)**
- May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

**15:4-9**

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was  
meant to teach us something about hope from the examples  
scripture gives of how people who did not give up were  
helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to  
give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following  
the example of Christ Jesus, so that untied in mind and voice  
you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat  
each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The  
reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not  
only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made  
to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to  
God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall  
praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

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

*Congregation stands*

**ACCLAMATION**

**Lk 3:4. 6**

**All:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Prepare a way for the Lord,  
 make his paths straight,  
 and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.  
 Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

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

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

**Priest:** A reading from the holy  
 Gospel according to Matthew

**3:1-12**

**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:  
 Prepare a way for the Lord,  
 make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** **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:** Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. 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 (Advent I)

**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, through Christ our Lord.

For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end 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:** **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

**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:** all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.  
**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

Bar 5:5; 4:36

**All:** **Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from 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.  
Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

**Priest:** May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** As you run the race of this present life, may he make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life when he comes again in majesty.

**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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

CONFIRMATION			FIRST HOLY COMMUNION			FIRST CONFESSION			
SCHOOL	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	DATE	TIME	CHURCH
Ballyholland P. S	1 <sup>st</sup> April	11.30am	Cathedral	13 <sup>th</sup> May	11.30am	St. Mary's	19 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	7.30pm	St. Mary's
Bunscoil	28 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm	Lurgan	27 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	St. Mary's	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2017	9.30am	St. Mary's
St. Clare's Abbey P.S.	29 <sup>th</sup> April	11.30am	Cathedral	6 <sup>th</sup> May	11.30am	St. Mary's	12 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	7.30pm	St. Mary's
St. Joseph's P.S.	8 <sup>th</sup> April	11.30am	St. Brigid's	6 <sup>th</sup> May	11.30am	St. Brigid's	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2016	7.30pm	St. Brigid's
St. Patrick's P.S.	31 <sup>st</sup> March	6.00pm	St. Brigid's	13 <sup>th</sup> May	1.00pm	St. Brigid's	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	2.00pm	St. Brigid's
St. Ronan's P.S.	24 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00pm	St. Brigid's	13 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	St. Brigid's	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2016	7.00pm	St. Brigid's

**Advent Carol Service  
Sunday 4th December at 7.00pm in the Cathedral**

The Annual Carol Service in the Cathedral provides each one of us with the opportunity to take time away from the hustle and bustle of the season to think about the significance of the birth of Jesus and its effect on the life of each one of us.

During Advent we are usually so busy making practical preparations for Christmas, we can forget the real purpose of Advent which is to give us time to prepare and wait in joyful expectation for the coming of Jesus, the Word made flesh, to dwell among us. Let us make time during Advent to pray, prepare and give thanks for God's infinite love and humility in becoming Man to redeem and save us.

St. Catherine's Band will play a selection of Christmas music and the choirs present will lead the singing. Everyone attending is encouraged to take part in the Carol Service by joining in singing the carols.

**Mass Times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A Holy Day of Obligation)  
Thursday 8th December 2016**

**Cathedral :** 8.30am, 10.30am, 11.55pm & 7.00pm  
**St. Brigid's:** **Wednesday 7th December 7.00pm (Vigil)**  
**St. Catherine's:** 7.30am, 11.00am & 7.30pm

**ADVENT- Waiting in Joyful Hope**

To help us prepare for the beautiful feast of Christmas there will be a time of prayer in St. Clare's Convent, Ashgrove Avenue on Tuesday 6th, 13th & 20th December at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**St. Patrick's Primary School**

**St. Patrick's P.S. Christmas Fayre** – Sunday 11th December from 12noon to 5.00pm. All welcome.

**St. Patrick's P.S. presents The Nativity Story** – Tuesday 13th December at 7.00pm in St. Brigid's Church.

**P.I.P.S. Newry & Mourne** Christmas Service of Remembrance, Hope & Healing for families & friends of loved ones lost through suicide takes place at Sandy Street, Presbyterian Church, Windsor Hill on Sunday 11th December at 4pm.

Service includes: Memory Tree Ceremony, Candle Light Procession. All welcome. For further information Tel: 028 3026 6196 email: info@pipsnewryandmourne.org

**Eucharistic Holy Hour in honour of Jesus, the Divine Mercy and Our Lady** this Sunday 4th December at 3.00pm in St. Catherine's Church. All welcome.

**SVP Annual Appeal – The Annual Church Door Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be taken up at all Masses in the parish next weekend 10th/11th December.** Please give generously.

**St. Ronan's Primary School** will be holding a Carol Service on Thursday 15th December at 7.00pm in St. Brigid's Church. Come and join us as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord. All welcome.

**Called & Gifted Seminar** - What is a Charism? Who has them? What are my Charisms? If this is something that interests you, consider enrolling in the Seminar that will take place in Newry Conference Centre, The Mall on Saturday 10th December 10am – 8pm. It will be facilitated by Called & Gifted teams from the diocese of Armagh, Down & Connor & Dromore. For more information or to book contact Milanda Kelly at 00353 429336649 or email information@parishandfamily.ie Cost: £40 or €50, which includes lunch.

**OUR LADY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, CHEQUER HILL, NEWRY**

The Principal and Staff of Our Lady's Grammar School invite P. 7 girls and their parents/carers to an Open Evening on **Wednesday 7th December 2016**. The school will open at 7.15pm and the Principal will address visitors at 7.30pm & 8.30pm in the Assembly Hall. Students who are interested in applying for A level study in September 2017 are also most welcome to attend. **N.B. Entrance to the school will be via Chequer Hill & Catherine Street.**

**Gaudete Sunday: 11 December 2016**

**'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice'.**

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday and 'gaudete' means 'rejoice'. The Priest wears rose coloured vestments on this day in contrast to the violet or purple coloured vestments he wears on all the other days of Advent. We rejoice on this Sunday because we know that the birth of Jesus, our Redeemer and Saviour, is near. Each year, on Gaudete Sunday, the children in Rome bring their figurines of the Infant Jesus to St. Peter's Square to be blessed by the Pope. At all the Vigil and Sunday Masses on Gaudete Sunday the Celebrant will bless your Infant Jesus figurines or small cribs. Families are invited and encouraged to bring their Infant Jesus figurines or small cribs to one of the weekend Masses so that they can be blessed. The infant Jesus figurine is only placed in the family crib on his birthday, Christmas Day. What a wonderful way to remind us that Jesus is, and should always be, at the centre of our lives.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul | St. Joseph's Conference, Newry**

As Christmas draws near, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is aware that it can be a time of additional pressure on people who already face financial difficulties in their lives. The local Conferences of the Society do not wish to see people troubled by the financial burden of Christmas when they are available and willing to help in many different ways. The Society does not want anyone to wait and worry about how they will provide for Christmas but asks that they approach the Society as soon as possible. Whether you have children, are single or elderly or whatever your particular circumstances and needs the Society will do their best to assist. All requests for assistance will, as ever, be dealt with confidentially. You are welcome to send us your details, using the slip below.

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## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 3 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Bridget & Peter Woods, Ashtree Cottages & Bridget & John Carroll, Sheeptown Patricia Dolaghan, Belfast
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Daniel & Mary Ellen Murphy & deceased family, Ballymoyer   John & Florence McAllister & deceased family members, Erskine Street   Frank McElroy, Fullerton Road   Bridget & William Quinn, St. Clare's Avenue   Joseph O'Driscoll, Liverpool   Teresa & Patsy Keenan, Mountpleasant   Margaret Davidson, Crieve Court & Rose McAteer, London Molly & Joe Patterson, Dromalane Park   Paddy & Nellie McAleavey, Loughview Park & Nellie McAleavey, Courtney Hill & deceased family members   Frederick, Mary & Joe McDermott, O'Neill Avenue & Kathleen McDermott, Cedar Grove & Sydney McGovern, O'Neill Avenue Pat & Annie Rafferty, Canal Street   Irene Campbell, Oaklands   Frank & Keith Murphy, O'Neill Ave & deceased family members   Peggy Carr, Greenisland, Warrenpoint Road   Peggy Swindell, Bellmawr, New Jersey
<b>Sunday 4 December</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	Michael Torley, Yew Tree Park
	<b>10.30am</b>	Terry Murphy, Ashfield Avenue & deceased members of the Murphy Family, Dublin
	<b>12 noon</b>	Gerry & Rosina Cunningham, Drumgullion Avenue   Andrew & Rose McParland & family, Glenn John McAleavey, Lisdrum Avenue   Marie Ward, Ashtree Cottages
	<b>5.30pm</b>	Patrick & Eileen Crinion, Canal Street
<b>Monday 5 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Peter Kerr, Boat Street & O'Hanlon Family, Boat Street & Chapel Street
<b>Tuesday 6 December</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Deceased members of the Purgatorian Society
<b>Wednesday 7 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	The Murphy & Lennon Family, St. Clare's Avenue
<b>Thursday 8 December</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Mary & Robert Loughran & deceased family members
<b>Friday 9 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Benefactors of Newry Parish</b>
<b>Saturday 10 December</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Patrick O'Loughlin, Carnagh Park   Bridget, Hugh, Jeff, Sally O'Hare, Patrick Street Patrick & Elizabeth McGivern, College Gardens, Nuala Larkin, Maureen Taylor & Sr. Rosaleen Kimmins   Deceased members of the Magee Family, Violet Hill Avenue & Michael John Magee, Dominic Street   Geraldine Hollywood, Loughview Park & deceased members of the Mallon Family, Blaney Crescent   Mary Connolly, Carlingford Park   Kathleen Savage, Innisfree Park Jim, Theresa, Michael & Pat Cunningham, St. Clare's Avenue Frank & Keith Murphy, O'Neill Avenue & deceased family members
<b>Sunday 11 December</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Joe, Teresa, Roisin & Mark Cullen, Tandragee
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Raymond Mullen, Mountpleasant (M.M.)</b>   Siobhan Small (nee Armstrong), Carney Hall   Norah McMahon, Chapel Street   Frank & Bridie Keeley & Ray & Eilish Gaffney, Magennis Villas   Patrick Smith, Greenlawn, Armagh Road   John McAleavey, Lisdrum Avenue   Paul McKeown, Courtney Hill

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 3 December</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Ronnie Benson, Clonmore & Malachy, Alice Crummy & Patsy Crummy, Cloughreagh P J Hanratty, Derrybeg Drive   Eileen Coffey, Orior Road   Joe McParland, Killeavy Road Sean Murtagh, Ballinlare Gardens
<b>Sunday 4 December</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Elizabeth Curran, Violet Hill Avenue   Eithne McAteer, First Avenue, Derrybeg
<b>Wednesday 7 December</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	John & Nellie McAteer, Cronin Park   Maura McDermott, Killeavy Road
<b>Friday 9 December</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Patrick & Josephine Coyle, Cleary Crescent
<b>Saturday 10 December</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Lily Conn & Marcus Conn (Jun), Killeavy Road   William, Catherine & Bridie McCaul, High Street
<b>Sunday 11 December</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Patrick, Theresa & Gemma Murphy, Clanrye Ave   Patrick Gerard McGrath, Fifth Ave, Derrybeg Michael & Caroline Mathers, Orior Road & deceased family members

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 3 December</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Phil & Patsy Downey   Eva & Tommy Connell   Yvonne Burke   The Lynch Family & deceased family members   Paddy & Marie McArdle   Catherine & Joseph Connell   Joseph Lincoln Gareth Murphy   Kevin Cahill
<b>Sunday 4 December</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ted Curran & deceased family members   Josie Keenan   Susan Matthews
	<b>11.00am</b>	Angela McLearnon   Frederick, Mary, Joe & Kathleen McDermott   Josephine & Denis Hogan
	<b>12.15pm</b>	Deceased benefactors of Church & Priory   Joseph Martin   Kevin Bradley   Deceased Members of Mullan family, Carnagat
<b>Monday 5 December</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Dan & Hilda McGroarty   Eileen Fee   Brian Duffy & Justin Todd   Edward, Thomas, Michael & Helena Larkin
<b>Tuesday 6 December</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Ellen Noade & deceased Noade, Mallon & Ferris families   Sean Markey   Frank McDonald
	<b>11.00am</b>	Philomena & Patrick Boyle   Philomena Heatley   Cantrell family
<b>Wednesday 7 December</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Michael Crawley   John & Margaret Haughey & deceased members of Haughey & Fearon family
	<b>11.00am</b>	Byrne family   Kate Rice
<b>Thursday 8 December</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>7.30pm</b> Caolan McGreevy   Jim O'Doherty   Charlene McCoy
	<b>11.00am</b>	Martin Jenkins   Bridie & Joseph Rice
<b>Saturday 10 December</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Alfie & Lily Smartt   Dan & Susan Ryan   Bride McMahan   James & Mary McGaw   Patsy, Phelim, Paddy & Annie Shields
	<b>11.00am</b>	Caolan McGreevy   Jim O'Doherty   Charlene McCoy
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Marie Zordan   James & Bernadette Canavan   Ann McLoughlin   Brenda Powell
<b>Sunday 12 December</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Mary Ann Ferrigan   Elizabeth, John, Ambrose & Peter McParland   Curran & Power families
	<b>12.15pm</b>	Mary O'Hare & deceased members of McCauley family   Maura McArdle Michael, Bridget, Fred & Ellen Woods   Margaret McGovern   Kathleen McDermott Deceased benefactors of Church & Priory   Tom Dillon   John Francis Hughes

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

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Iona Theresa Eileen Loughran, 55 Main Avenue  
Ethan Patrick Kearney, 19 Tobar Blinne, Meigh  
Ava Teresé Kearney, 1 Cloverdale  
Sophie Rose Magill, 40 Aughan Park, Poyntzpass  
Brendan Thomas Lennon, 244 Barcroft Park  
Ellen Rose Torley, 26 Rockfield Heights

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