

# Parish of Newry

Sunday 5 March 2017  
The First Sunday of Lent

A First Communicant, hands joined, white prayer-book, rosette, no front teeth: a very image of innocence. But it is only a moment, soon past. They grow teeth, in every sense. They become teenagers and adults. Yet somehow that early image persists, as if it represented some ideal state of humanity, and to grow up were to fall away from perfection. Whole civilisations have similar dreams of a past Golden Age, but it is never more than a dream.

“People who have not suffered, what do they know?” said Henry Suso in the 14th century. Suffering, in a broad sense, is just experience: in that sense, life is suffering. Life is a crucible of experience in which everything that is not real is burnt away. If Jesus was to be credibly human he had to suffer like us. He was not an eternal First Communicant; he was “made perfect through suffering” (Hebrews 2:1). The words of the Lord, the Psalm says, are “silver from the furnace, seven times refined” (Psalm 11); the Word made flesh was put to the test (“tempted”, in Scriptural language) in the fiery Judean desert.

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to find out what he was made of. Mark’s gospel puts it more strongly: “the Spirit drove him out into the desert” (1:12). The first temptation was “to turn these stones into loaves of bread.” A hungry man sees bread everywhere. An Indian poet who used to write beautiful poems about the moon lost all his talent when he became impoverished. He saw nothing but chapatti whenever he looked at the moon. Jesus was hungry, but he saw beyond his own hunger; he would become a provider of food for the hungry. (A good man is not tempted by evil but by goodness.) Soon however he saw that this was not exactly what God was asking of him.

The second temptation was to fame. Many false prophets had attempted to attract notice by doing spectacular feats. Jesus countered this by saying, equivalently, “One doesn’t play games with God.”

The third temptation was power. As a Jew he knew what power did to people; every day of his life he saw the Roman Empire at work. He knew that Roman emperors were ‘deified’ - proclaimed gods - after their death; to Jews, who had a profound sense of the unity of God, this practice was an abomination.

Jesus rejected all these possibilities. The gospel text doesn’t tell us at that point what he chose to do, but the rest of his life made it plain. He chose the way of love, which is deep, unspectacular, and powerless.

Every First Communicant is driven into the desert sooner or later and has to face these temptations. The Church at large has to face them and be tested by them. “In the evening of life you will be tested in love,” wrote St John of the Cross. That is the hardest test of all.

Fr Donagh O’Shea, O.P.,  
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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 Evening  
(Vigil Mass) : 7.00pm  
Sunday : 9.30am  
(Po Polsku)  
Friday : 7.00pm

### St. Mary’s Church, Chapel Street

Sunday : 9.00am  
(Latin Mass) & 11.00am  
Tuesday : 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**

**Cf. Ps 90:15-16**

**All:** When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

## GREETING

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

**All:** Amen

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

**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 are mighty God and Prince of peace:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:  
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 COLLECT

**Priest:** Let us pray.

*Pause for silent prayer*

**Priest:** Grant, almighty God,  
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,  
that we may grow in understanding  
of the riches hidden in Christ  
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.  
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 Genesis **2:7-9. 3:1-7**

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life

and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R cf. v.3

**(R) Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. (R)
2. My offences truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done. (R)
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R)
4. Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
(Shorter Form) **5:12. 17-19**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.

If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

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

*Congregation stands*

**ACCLAMATION**

**Mt 4:4**

**All:** Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
 Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that come from the mouth of God.  
 Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**GOSPEL**

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

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

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

**4:1-11**

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

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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:** Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

*Congregation stands*

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

**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 (Temptation of the Lord)

**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.

By abstaining forty long days from earthly food, he consecrated through his fast the pattern of our Lenten observance and, by overturning all the snares of the ancient serpent, taught us to cast out the leaven of malice, so that, celebrating worthily the Paschal Mystery, we might pass over at last to the eternal paschal feast.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, 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, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and + Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, 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, once more giving thanks, he gave it 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:** **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

**Priest:** Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and N our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**riest:** 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:*

May the receiving of your Body and Blood,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
not bring me to judgment and condemnation,  
but through your loving mercy  
be for me protection in mind and body  
and a healing remedy.

## 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

Mt 4:4

**All:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every  
word that comes forth from the mouth of 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.  
Renewed now with heavenly bread,  
by which faith is nourished, hope increased,  
and charity strengthened,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that we may learn to hunger for Christ,  
the true and living Bread,  
and strive to live by every word  
which proceeds from your mouth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

**All:** And with your spirit.

### PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

**Priest:** May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray,  
come down upon your people,  
that hope may grow in tribulation,  
virtue be strengthened in temptation,  
and eternal redemption be assured.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

**Priest:** May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit

**All:** Amen

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

**Priest:** Go in peace.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Message from the Administrator**  
**100 Years of Fatima: Centennial Pilgrim Statue to visit Newry Cathedral**

On 11th January 2017, Pope Francis blessed six statues of Our Lady of Fatima with a view to one of them being brought to each of the continents. He views this as an appeal for prayer and reparation for world peace and to promote the sanctity of family life in our world. One of those statues will arrive in Newry Cathedral on Monday 6th March at 12 noon approximately.

All parishioners are invited to come to the Cathedral and pray the Rosary before the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. A plenary indulgence is granted by Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year to those who pray before the statue.

Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday 6th March at 7.30pm followed by a short candle light procession. After the Mass there will be the opportunity for the Diocese to be consecrated to the two hearts of Jesus and Mary. There will also be an opportunity for those who wish to be enrolled in the brown scapular. The Cathedral will remain open until Midnight to give the opportunity for public veneration.

Canon Francis Brown

**St. Patrick's Novena**

Patrick is our parish patron Saint and the patron Saint of Ireland and as such we have a special connection to him. From February 25th until March 18th there will be music, singing, instruction, pilgrimage and prayer for all ages, reflecting on his critical contribution to Christianity in Ireland.

**St. Patrick's Novena, 8th – 16th March 2017**  
**Theme for each Evening**

<b>Wednesday 8 March</b>	Holy Ground: Lord that I may see – Sr. Anne
<b>Thursday 9 March</b>	Believing God: Lord, Help my belief – Sr. Anne
<b>Friday 10 March</b>	We have good news to share – Fr. Des
<b>Saturday 11 March</b>	God needs each one of us – Fr. Des
<b>Sunday 12 March</b>	We are 'entrusted with the mysteries of God' – Fr. Des
<b>Monday 13 March</b>	Called into family – Sr. Anne
<b>Tuesday 14 March</b>	Called into community – Sr. Anne
<b>Wednesday 15 March</b>	Called as Church – Sr. Anne
<b>Thursday 16 March</b>	We have been chosen, called and sent – Fr. Des

**Additional Volunteers required for the delivery of the Offertory Promise Envelopes for 2017/2018.**

Would you be willing to assist anywhere in the parish with the delivery of the Parish Envelopes in week commencing Sunday 2nd April 2017. Approximately one hour of your time would be required. If interested please leave your contact details in the Parish Office. Thank You Offertory Promise Committee.

**PARISH FINANCE**  
**OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION ENVELOPES 2017/2018**

Like all parishes, Newry Parish depends on the contributions from our parishioners to maintain parish property and meet everyday expenses, including the payment of personnel. The proceeds of the weekly envelope collection (green envelope) go towards the running costs of the parish. The monthly offering for the bishop and priests (pink envelope) together with the collection at Christmas and Easter (pink envelope) is submitted to the Diocesan Fund for the Support of Priests from which all priests in the Diocese receive a monthly stipend. The special collections (blue envelopes) are forwarded to the diocesan office and do not form part of the parish income.

In order to meet our ongoing financial obligations we need a regular financial commitment from our parishioners. We therefore appeal to ALL members of our community to play their part in this area. The next series of parish envelopes commences on Sunday 2nd April 2017. If you do not have a box of envelopes or have come to live in the parish and would like a box of envelopes please contact the Parish Office – details on the front page of this bulletin. Alternatively, you can fill in the slip below and return it to the Parish Office or in the collection baskets. A box of envelopes will be delivered to your home.

Thank you for your help and support.

Newry Parish Offertory Promise Committee.

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**Devotions during Lent in the Cathedral at 7.00pm**

5th March	- St. Mary's High School, 7.00pm
12th March	- St. Patrick's Novena, 5.30pm
19th March	- The Voice of the Irish Concert, 7.30pm
26th March	- St. Joseph's High School, 7.00pm
2nd April	- Our Lady's Grammar School, 7.00pm
9th April	- St. Colman's College Choir will sing Evening Prayer of the Church 7.00pm

On Saturday 1st April the Sacred Heart Grammar School Choir will sing at the Mass at 6.00pm in the Cathedral.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CATHEDRAL DURING LENT**

The Stations of the Cross will be recited after the 10.30am Mass each Friday morning, with the exception of St. Patrick's Day, by one of the Ministers of the Word who read at the weekday Masses. This year, Pope Francis reminds us that 'Lent is a favourable time for deepening our spiritual life'. On March 3, 10, 24, 31 and April 7 you will have the opportunity to join in the recitation of the Stations of the Cross in response to the words of Pope Francis.

**PARISH PASTORAL WORKERS**

The Diocese is planning a programme to train lay people as parish pastoral workers for the delivery of the following ministries: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, lead Communion Services, Bereavement Team, Baptism Team, RCIA, Visiting the Sick & Nursing Homes to meet the growing needs of individual parishes. This programme will include instruction in Pastoral development, Spiritual development, Human development and Academic development. You are invited to a meeting in the Parish Centre on Monday 20 March from 7.30pm - 8.30pm for further information.

**GIFT PROGRAMME**

Our new Gift Up programme for third and fourth year students begins 8th March and will run every Wednesday for 6 weeks in Newry Conference & Banqueting Centre, The Mall, Newry, from 7.15pm – 9.15 pm each Wednesday and will cost £3. It will combine a different fun activity and theme each week - Introductory games, zumba, art and pizza and much more. These are just some of the activities planned so if you are a third or fourth year student and are interested in trying new things and meeting new friends come along. Or if you are over 18 and would like to be a leader for the Gift please contact the Parish Office at office@newrycathedralparish.org First evening starts at 7.00pm.

**Lenten Retreat Days in Dromantine.** Dromantine is offering two retreat days during Lent. **Dates: Saturday 11th March**, led by Fr. Des Corrigan, SMA. **Saturday 1st April**, led by Fr. Aodhán McCrystal, SMA. **Time:** 10.00am – 5.00pm. Cost: £25 including lunch, teas/coffee. Bookings to (028) 308 21964 or Email admin@dromatineconference.com

**Dromore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**  
**17th-22nd May 2017. Price: £595.00**

Bookings are now being taken for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Application forms are available from the Parish Office, Hill Street.

**APPLICATION FOR SICK PILGRIMS**

Newry Lourdes Committee welcomes applications from any person who wishes to be considered as a sick pilgrim with the Dromore Diocese from the 17th – 22nd May 2017. Anyone who is interested or would like information can contact the following:

**Martha McEvoy: 302 67441 Phil Downey: 302 63012.**  
**Sean Traynor: 302 67377**

## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

### Cathedral Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 4 March</b>	<b>10.30am 6.00pm</b>	Eugene Coffey, Dora Avenue   John Keenan, The Commons The Crosse Family, Daisyhill Gardens   Charles Keenan, Courtney Hill Alice & Peter Keenan, Bingian Terrace   Raymond McGovern (Sen), Armagh Road & the deceased members of the McGovern & Martin Families
<b>Sunday 5 March</b>	<b>8.30am 10.00am</b>	Jimmy Heaney, Carrick Ard, Fullerton Road Bridget, Eddie & Jimmy McLoughlin, First Avenue, Derrybeg
<b>Monday 6 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	George McIvor, Mourneview Park
<b>Tuesday 7 March</b>	<b>8.30am 10.30am</b>	Philip & Gertrude Campbell, New Street Charles, Bridget & Michael McGovern, High Street   Andrew Maguire Boyd, Newry & Omeath
<b>Wednesday 8 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Joe O'Driscoll, Liverpool
<b>Thursday 9 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	The deceased members of the Kenny Family, Home Avenue Jim Mallon & deceased members of the Mallon Family, Blaney Crescent & Mary Cannon
<b>Friday 10 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Sean Burns, Drumliss Court
<b>Saturday 11 March</b>	<b>10.30am 6.00pm</b>	Mary Patricia Patterson, Ganna Way, Warrenpoint <b>Oliver Kenny, Patrician Park, formerly Pound Road (M.M)</b> Thomas & Bernadette McNulty & Anne Butterly   Frank Manly, Church Street Rose & Joe McManus, Derrylecka   Robert, Kathleen & May White & Mary Russell, Church Street   Matthew McAteer, Innisfree Park   Annie & Leo Burns, Patsy & Martin & Leo (Jnr) Burns, Downshire Court   Sean Burns, Drumgullion Avenue   John & Cissie Turley, Courtney Hill
<b>Sunday 12 March</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Kathleen & Tommy Fitzpatrick, Rathfriland Road   Frank & Kathleen McElherron & Deirdre Sheeran & Annie Ryan

### St. Mary's Anniversaries

<b>Sunday 5 March</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Teddy Fearon, Carnagh Park (M.M)</b> <b>Vera Reid, Windmill Road (M.M)</b> , Bobby Reid, Windmill Road   Jim Magee, Windsor Ave Patsy Gallagher, Carlingford Pk   Henry, Ellen, Bridie & Sr. Mary Colette Lambe, Home Ave Gerald Turley, Innisfree Park   James Fitzpatrick, O'Neill Avenue   Lillian Murtagh, Derrylecka Sally Keenan, School Road, The Commons
<b>Tuesday 7 March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Deceased members of the Purgatorian Society
<b>Sunday 12 March</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Molly Maguire, The Manse   Jean McGovern, Ballyholland Road

### St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 4 March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Delia Gallagher, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg   Brea McMillan, Clanrye Fold Geraldine Fitzpatrick, Canal Street   Patsy Gallagher, Derrybeg & Tom, Annie & Michael Gallagher, North Street   Anna & John Johnston, Emmet Street & deceased members of the Johnston & Butterfield families
<b>Friday 10 March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Joe Kavanagh, Derrybeg Drive & Annie & Joseph Kavanagh, John Martin Street James McKeown, Main Avenue, Derrybeg
<b>Saturday 11 March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Paddy Syddall, Violet Hill Avenue (M.M)</b>   Peter & Sarah Sarsfield, St. Clare's Avenue Patrick Rice, Ballinlare Gardens   John Ryan, Killeavy Road   Patrick Carroll (Sen) & Patrick Carroll (Jun), Tullydonnell

### St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 4 March</b>	<b>11.00am 7.30pm</b>	May Serridge Eileen, Susan & Thomas Mulholland & deceased family members   Connor Hill Anna McCann   Rose O'Hare
<b>Sunday 5 March</b>	<b>8.00am 11.00am 12.15pm</b>	Robert Hughes James & Nancy Hollywood Benefactors of Church & Priory
<b>Monday 6 March</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Tom, Hanna & Margaret McGreevy   Brigid & Jim Fallon
<b>Tuesday 7 March</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Thomas Conor Maguire
<b>Friday 11 March</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Anna Henry
<b>Saturday 12 March</b>	<b>11.00am 7.30pm</b>	Mary McClorey   Mary & Michael Mallon   Maureen & Dominic Donnelly Dominic & Vera Doran   Pat & Kathleen Kenna   Michael & Agnes Watters & deceased family Marie & Paddy McArdle   Gerry Morgan

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

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Harry James McMahon, 12 Derrybeg Drive

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#### **Holy Hour in Honour of Jesus the Divine Mercy and Our Lady in**

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