

# Parish of Newry

Sunday 17 December 2017  
Third Sunday of Advent

The first line of last Sunday's gospel reading introduced "Jesus Christ, Son of God." Today's readings (particularly the first, and also the responsorial psalm) show him as "Saviour". These together were the earliest affirmation of faith in Jesus: "Jesus Christ, Son of God and Saviour," in Greek, Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς Θεοῦ Υἱὸς Σωτὴρ - Iesous Christos Theou Uios Soter. The initial letters of these words taken together – ICHTHUS – happen to mean 'fish'. And so the fish became the secret sign of being a Christian in the times of persecution. It can be seen scratched on the walls of the catacombs in Rome.



John the Baptist was a rough-cut individual, appearing from the desert, fulminating against the people, and offering a "baptism of repentance." We mustn't think yet of Christian baptism. John's was a kind of moral baptism. They were turbulent times, and people were looking for a powerful and charismatic leader. John could be the one. The people thronged the him, wanting to signal their identification with him through a symbolic cleansing of sin: immersion in the Jordan (the word 'baptism' means 'plunging').

But John was clear about the limits of his own message. He pointed to another and greater leader to come. "I baptise with water... he baptises with the Holy Spirit" (Jn 1:26, 33). In other words, I plunge you in water, but he will plunge you in God's Spirit.

There is a world of difference between what we might call 'salvation from below' and 'salvation from above'. Today there is a great attraction in the first: our world has countless self-improvement programmes, and many people are greatly helped by this or that one. However, there is some built-in limitation in all of these. What if I were to succeed in improving myself, according to own view? It is always in danger of being a Pyrrhic victory, because the 'I' that is improving itself may be entrenching itself even deeper in itself. In Zen they call it 'polishing the tile', after an anecdote about a monk who was attempting to turn a tile into a mirror by polishing it. The best things, we discover, are given, not produced. In Christian terms we speak of the "grace of God". The word 'grace' means 'gift'. A gift is from beyond, so I can receive it in simplicity of heart, without the ego's double-binds. This is 'salvation from above'. Far from excluding the other, it comes most often when the other has been taken to its limit and has run aground. If I improve myself I can experience a certain satisfaction, but when the grace of God floods me I know what is meant by joy. Joy is from beyond.

The contrast between John the Baptist and Jesus is fascinating, and the Liturgy gives us many opportunities throughout the year to study it. Jesus once said, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (John 11:11; Luke 7:28).

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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

### 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**

**Phil 4:4-5**

**All: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.**

## 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:** Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your 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:** O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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 prophet Isaiah **61:1-2. 10-11**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives,

freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R Is 61:10

**(R) My soul rejoices in my God.**

1. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **(R)**
2. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. **(R)**
3. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians **5:16-24**

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

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

*Congregation stands*

**ACCLAMATION**

**Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)**

**All: Alleluia, alleluia!  
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

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

**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John **1:6-8. 19-28**  
**All:** **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

A man came, sent by God.  
 His name was John.  
 He came as a witness,  
 as a witness to speak for the light,  
 so that everyone might believe through him.  
 He was not the light,  
 only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:  
 Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

**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.**

## PRAYER 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,  
 the 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:** May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. 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 (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, 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:** **Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**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.

**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. Is 35:4*

**All:** Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

*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.  
We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our  
faults and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
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.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Gaudete Sunday: 17th December 2017**  
 'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice'.

**Blessing of Infant Jesus figurines or small cribs**

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. In Newry, as in Rome on this weekend, you are also invited to bring your Infant Jesus figurines or small cribs to be blessed by the Celebrant at the following Masses on the 16th and 17th December:

**Saturday Evening**

Cathedral: 6.00pm Vigil Mass and St. Brigid's Church: 7.00pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday Morning**

St. Mary's Church: 11.00am Mass and Cathedral 12 noon Mass

St. Catherine's Church: 11.00am Mass

Families are invited and encouraged to bring their Infant Jesus figurines or small cribs for blessings to one of these Masses. The cribs can be displayed in your homes and the Infant Jesus figurine 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.

**ARRANGEMENTS for the DISTRIBUTION of HOLY COMMUNION in the CATHEDRAL**

Recently we have introduced the following arrangements in the Cathedral to facilitate the smooth distribution of Holy Communion at all Masses. It would be greatly appreciated if everyone followed this guidance.

- People in the transepts should approach the altar in the usual way.
- People in each side aisle should approach the altar in a single line keeping along the wall of the Cathedral and return along the seats.
- People in the middle aisle should approach the altar in a single line on the left hand side and return to their seats in a single line on the opposite side. When you reach the top of the middle aisle please spread along both sides of the altar to receive Holy Communion. This system will allow you to receive Holy Communion in an orderly and reverential way and will reduce the current delay at the top of the middle aisle.

**The Legion of Mary** are saying the Divine Mercy Novena at 3.15pm, followed by the Rosary in the Cathedral every Saturday. All are welcome.

**Eucharistic Holy Hour** in honour of Jesus the Divine Mercy and Our Lady on Sunday 17th December at 3.00pm in the Cathedral. Come spend an hour with the Eucharistic Lord.

**SVDP ANNUAL APPEAL 16TH / 17TH DECEMBER**

The annual Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. For parishioners who may wish to gift aid their donation to the Society, envelopes are available at entrances / exits of the Church

**Christmas Concert** – led by St. Catherine's Band will take place in the Dominican on Friday 22nd December at 8.00pm. All welcome. The Sheridan School of Dance will perform the Christmas Pageant at the 7.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 23rd December.

**Advent Carol Service**

**Sunday 17th 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. Come along and join in the singing of your favourite carols.

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.

**Ballyholland Primary School**

Ballyholland Primary School Annual School Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 19th December at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church. All welcome.

**BAPTISMS**

Eimear Rose Brady, 65 Derrybeg Drive  
 Thomas Fearon, 6 Lisdrum Avenue  
 Cian John Weir, 184 Barcroft Park  
 Aria Mary Ferguson, 36b Cloughreagh Park  
 Odhrán John O'Hagan, 31 Knockdarragh

**We pray as a community for the Recently Deceased**

James McParland, formerly Fathom  
 Mark Leonard, Clonmore  
 Bridie Finnegan, Innisfree Park  
 Dessie Kearney, Brannock Heights  
 Colette Keenan, Barcroft Park  
 Agnes Mackin, O'Neill Avenue  
 Felix Gray, Daragh Park

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Sunday 10 December**

Parish Collection	£ 4897.90
Loose Plate Collection	£ 2140.00
Direct Debits	£ 454.70
	£ 7492.60

**TIMES OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS**

**Monday 18 December**

St. Catherine's  
 Extended Reconciliation Service & Individual Confession 7.30pm

**Tuesday 19 December**

Cathedral 11.00am – 12 noon  
 St. Catherine's 11.30am

**Wednesday 20 December**

Cathedral 11.00am – 12 noon  
 St. Catherine's 11.30am

**Thursday 21 December**

Cathedral 11.00am – 12 noon  
 St. Catherine's 11.30am

**Friday 22 December**

Cathedral 11.00am – 12 noon  
 St. Catherine's 11.30am  
 Reconciliation Service at 7.30pm

**Saturday 23 December**

Cathedral 11.00am–12.30pm 1.30pm–3.00pm  
 St. Catherine's 11.00am–1.00pm 3.00pm – 4.30pm

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Cathedral**

Christmas Eve 9pm (Carols 8.30pm), 12 midnight (Polish Mass)  
 Christmas Day: 8.30am, 10.00am & 12 noon

**PLEASE NOTE: NO 5.30PM MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL ON CHRISTMAS EVE OR CHRISTMAS DAY.**

**St. Brigid's Church**

Christmas Eve: 7.30pm ( Carols 7.00pm)  
 Christmas Day: 9.30am (po polsku) & 11.30am (Mass in English)

**St. Mary's Church**

Christmas Eve: 8.00pm (Carols 7.30pm)  
 Christmas Day: 9.00am (Latin) 11.00am in English

**St. Catherine's Church**

Christmas Eve: Midnight (Carols 11.30pm)  
 Christmas Day: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am & 12.15pm

**From Tuesday 26th December to Tuesday 2nd January**, Mass in the Cathedral will be at **10.30am** only, with the exception of the Vigil Masses and the Sunday Masses in all Churches. **8.30am & Evening Masses** will resume on Tuesday 2nd January.

## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 16 December</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Mary & Pat Lynch, Greenwood Villas   Patrick & Emily Woods, Church St & The Woods Family, Templehill Rd   Walter & Kathleen Kay, Daisyhill Gardens   Frank & Keith Murphy, O'Neill Avenue   Mark McDermott, Damolly Meadows   Elizabeth & Patrick McGivern, Nuala Larkin, Maureen Taylor & the Kimmins Family   Patsy Rowntree, O'Neill Avenue & deceased family members
<b>Sunday 17 December</b>	<b>8.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>12 noon</b>	Mary Rose & Pat Bannon, Armagh Road Brendan McFee, Ballyholland Park Margaret & Jim Keenan, John Mitchel Street & deceased family members & Evelyn Morton, Chapel Road   Michael & Betty Rafferty & the Crilly family, Rathfriland Road
<b>Monday 18 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Patrick Gerard Loughran, High Street   Gerard, Sarah & Gerard (Jun) Boyle, Killeavy Road & Pat & Molly McKee, Armagh
<b>Tuesday 19 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Kathleen Torley, St. Clare's Avenue   Teresa Garety, Irvinestown, formerly Clanrye Fold
<b>Thursday 21 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Rita & Edward Campbell & deceased members of Campbell & Kelly family, Drumgullion Ave
<b>Wednesday 20 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Anthony & Elizabeth Pettigrew, late of Erskine Street
<b>Saturday 23 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	Mary Samuels, Cherrywood Grove Frank & Una McLoughlin, Stream Street <b>Jim McGuirk, Ballyholland Park (M.M.) Willie Keenan, Ballyholland Park (M.M.)</b> Philip & Kathleen Donaghy & deceased family members, Bessbrook   Jim McKeivitt, Church Street May Murphy, Windmill Heights   Patrick, James & Catherine Murphy, Kiln Street   John & Alicia White, Pound Street
<b>Sunday 24 December</b>	<b>8.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b>  <b>12noon</b> <b>9.00pm</b>	John & Susan Murchan, Mullaghbawn Christine, William & Michael Nolan, Carrick-Ard   Bridget O'Hare, Upper Ballyholland Lauri Rafferty, North Street & deceased members of the Morgan Family, Lower Water Street Benny Connor, High Street Harry Shields, Cloughreagh Park

St. Mary's Anniversaries

<b>Sunday 17 December</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Jim & Edward Lavelle, Rostrevor   Paul Murtagh, Kilmorey Street   Sadie & John Jennings, Upper Chapel Street   Elizabeth & Eugene Hollywood, O'Neill Ave. & deceased family members
<b>Tuesday 19 December</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Paul Murtagh, Kilmorey Street   Betty McElroy, Mullavat Road   Thomas & Joan Harbinson, Hennessy Park   Johnny & Eileen Jane Heaney, Chapel Street   Ann Rice, Maura & Austin Slevin & Matthew & Margaret McAteer   Sean (Jun), Aidan & Rosena & Sean Kennedy, O'Neill Avenue Doreen & Kevin White, Henry Street
<b>Sunday 24 December</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>8.00pm</b>	Thomas & Hester Feenan, Chapel Street The Cunningham Family, Merchants Quay & The Bailey Family, Ayalogue   The Hughes Family, Grinan & Liverpool & the Ruane Family, Mayo & Liverpool   Dan Madden, Ravensdale Villas Billy & Evelyn Fegan, Hennessy Park & their son Gerald, late of Donegal

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 16 December</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Traynor Family, Corry Square   Eileen Jones, Third Avenue, Derrybeg   Annie Fitzpatrick, Violet Hill Avenue   Margaret Rice, Ballinlare Gardens   Maurice Cooney, Mountainvie Drive   Patrick Loy, Violet Hill Avenue, John, Connie & James McGovern, Moorhill Road, Teresa McGovern, Moorhill Road, John & Margaret Mallon & Patrick Shields, Erskine Place & Louise Mallon, Warrenpoint
<b>Friday 22 December</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Stephen & Philip Craven, Barcroft Park   George & Maisie McCaul, Magennis Street Brigid & James McGivern & Matthew & Eleanor McGivern   Mary Connolly, Carlingford Park Dessie & Gerard McAleavey & Mary & Bernard McAleavey, Violet Hill Avenue   Margaret, Patrick & Emmett McCamley, Clanrye Avenue & Josephine Fowler & Mrs Simpson
<b>Saturday 23 December</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Patrick Joseph Bannon (Sen), Drumgullion Avenue   Bridie McGrath, Orior Road Mena Magee, Derrybeg Drive   Linda Larkin, Slievegullion Road

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 16 December</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Noel & Mary Teresa Mallon   Alice Connolly   Jim McParland   Harry Mullan (Jun)
<b>Sunday 17 December</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b>  <b>12.15pm</b>	James & Elizabeth McCreesh   Peter, Dora, Theresa, Lily & Gertie Mallon Declan Bell   Matt Moan   Michael, Margaret, Hugh & Leo Doran   Johnny, Rita & Ciaran McKeown Sean & Mary Rose McDonnell   Fred & Ellen Woods   Margaret McGovern & Kathleen McDermott Benefactors of the Church & Priory   Sarah Boyle   William & Catherine Quinn   Mary & Eugene O'Leary   Peggy Murphy   Patrick & Theresa Davey   Teasie Dillon & deceased family members Teresa & Danny Bennett   Peter & Lizzie McParland   Tom & Mary Murphy
<b>Monday 18 December</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Jim, Molly & Gerry McComiskey
<b>Tuesday 19 December</b>	<b>7.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Kathleen & Patrick Donnelly   Margaret & Kathleen Fegan   Loretta Hughes & deceased family Art O'Hagan John & Bridget Maguire   Kathleen & Peter McNulty   Barney & Peter McNulty
<b>Wednesday 20 December</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Harry Morgan
<b>Thursday 21 December</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	James & Brigid Fallon   Mallon family   Bernadette Rodgers   James & Mary McGaw   Phelim Shields Kane family   Margaret Reilly   Sean Gribben   Kathleen & Ambrose Walls   Tommy Kennedy Patrick & Elizabeth Murphy
<b>Friday 22 December</b>	<b>7.30am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Art O'Hagan <b>11.00am</b> Edward & Joseph Rooney   Arthur Scullion <b>Caroline Monaghan (M.M.)</b>   Edward Grimes & family   Eddie McGrath   Joseph & Thomas Stokes   John & Francis Monaghan
<b>Saturday 23 December</b>	<b>7.30am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Kevin & Mary Little   Joe & Peggy Callan <b>11.00am</b> Laurence Rushe <b>Gene Poucher (M.M.)</b>   Deirdre Rushe, née Carragher   Sean McVeigh
<b>Sunday 24 December</b>	<b>8.00am</b>  <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>12.15pm</b>	Mary O'Hanlon   Michael & Maureen McGuigan   Robert & Maureen McAteer   Joseph Green Jason McClenaghan Magee family   Devine family   Rodgers family   Opfer family   Magill family Catherine & Thomas McLoughlin   Liam Patrick McMahan   Kathleen & George Lyons Maureen Boden   Thomas & Margaret McArdle   Eithne Maoon   Jean McKeivitt Benefactors of the Church & Priory

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