

Parish of Newry

Sunday 24 December 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent

When the prophets of Israel spoke of God's intervention in human history, they imagined it as another thunderous event like Exodus or Mount Sinai. No one imagined that it would be an event so hidden in ordinariness as the conception of a child.

There are many stories in world literature about the disappointment of expectation when the reality appears. The first play I ever saw in a theatre was called Professor Tim. The main character was an elderly and wealthy relative whose return from America was eagerly awaited by his family in Ireland. Their disappointment was extreme when he arrived. He staggered around day after day with a whiskey bottle, making caustic remarks about everybody. He was quickly ostracised by everyone (but perhaps there was one exception, probably a local down-and-out; I can't remember). At the end of the play he suddenly revealed that it was all an elaborate game to find out what they were really like. He disinherited the lot of them, and left all his wealth, I suppose, to the one person who didn't reject him.

All such stories have some resonance of the Incarnation. Some great religious happening on a mountain-top or in the skies would compel your attention; it would impress you greatly but would not sift your spirit or test your depth. It would match your expectation, and would therefore not bring you to a new awareness. It would be all 'out there', and to that extent only a spectacle. We have a great hankering for religious visions and transparent messages, even long after all the 'moving statues' have stopped appearing to move.

Our religious sensibility has been deeply affected by television and the cinema. But the Incarnation comes closer to us than any spectacle; it comes behind the eye, so to speak.

I spent some time a few years ago in a Cistercian monastery. Monks have many choral Offices throughout the day, three of them being at 6 am (not the first of the day!), noon and 6 pm. As they stood in choir, waiting, facing the altar, the Angelus bell was rung. I expected that they would recite the Angelus, but instead they stood there in silence for a couple of minutes. Somehow it was deeply affecting. The Word became flesh - this flesh. The Word entered our world silently, unobserved. "When peaceful silence lay over all, and night had run the half of her swift course, down from the heavens, from the royal throne, leapt your all-powerful Word" (Wisdom 18:14-15).

In Nazareth the Catholics indicate Mary's house as the place of the Annunciation, while the Greek Orthodox indicate the site of the village well. Nobody knows where it took place, but the symbolism of both places is very affecting. The kitchen and the village well are the most ordinary places in a most obscure village. "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip asked. Yes, the greatest 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
9.00am – 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

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Is 45:8

All: **Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.**

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: You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: You bring light to those in darkness:
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: Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your
Son was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
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 second book of Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:
'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you

from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-5. 27.29. R cf. v.2

(R) **I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that
your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R)**
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.' **(R)**
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

All: **Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

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

1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

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 Holy Spirit, O Lord,
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,
just as he filled with his power the womb of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.
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 II)

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 all the oracles of the prophets foretold him, the Virgin Mother longed for him with love beyond all telling, John the Baptist sang of his coming and proclaimed his presence when he came.

It is by his gift that already we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity, so that he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise.

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: **My Lord and my God.**

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 unfailing help.

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

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

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

All: **Amen.**

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

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

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: **And with your spirit.**

The celebrant may add these or similar words.

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

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

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

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

Congregation kneels

The celebrant says quietly:

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

Is 7:14

All: **Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

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. Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Cathedral

Christmas Eve: 9.00pm (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 (Mass 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 Monday 1st 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 Mass in the Cathedral & Evening Mass in St. Mary's Church will resume on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

Volunteers Required: Newry Parish are currently seeing voluntary sign language interpreters to assist at celebrations throughout the Liturgical Calendar. For further information contact Parish Office 302 62586.

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 2018. Anyone who is interested or would like information can contact the following: Martha McEvoy: 3026 7441, Phil Downey: 3026 3012, Deirdre Quinn: 3026 0893

We pray as a community for the Recently Deceased

Elizabeth (Betty) Jennings, formerly Chapel Street
Raymond Woods, Warrenpoint
Canon Desmond Knowles, formerly Newry Parish
Maeve McGarry, formerly Beechmount Park
Gary Gardiner, Rockfield Nursing Home

Christmas and New Year is often a time when we are reminded of our deeper selves and deepest hopes and deepest pain. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context, and who are seeking to explore the spiritual own relationship with God and spirituality, Towards Peace is here for you: www.towardspeace.ie

THE PARISH OFFICE – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 22nd December at 4.00pm and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January. As usual, a priest of the parish will be available, but for emergencies only. Priest –on-Call Tel: 302 62586.

Sick / Housebound or parishioners in hospital

The Priests of the parish would appreciate being made aware of any parishioner that wishes to be attended on the First Friday visits in their home. Also, please let us know if a family member requires a visit whilst in hospital or when discharged. Please contact the Parish Office with this relevant information so a visit can be arranged. Tel: 028 302 62586.

World Meeting of Families (WMOF)

Family forms the basis of life and each of us belong to a family. Every three years a WMOF takes place in a different part of the world. Pope Francis has decided that the next WMOF will be held in Dublin in August 2018, with the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World". In preparation for this event, ongoing activities will take place within our parish. Information will be available on a dedicated noticeboard at St. Joseph's Altar in the Cathedral, The Sunday Bulletin & Parish Website.

Spiritual Direction, Guidance & Counselling

From time to time each one of us has questions about faith, spiritual wellbeing, prayer, doubts, uncertainties, relationship with God. We often ask, 'Where is God in my pain?' How can I reach God? How do I pray? Spiritual Direction provides a safe space and professional support helping us to deal with these questions and experiences. Within this space we are able to discern what God is inviting us to notice, both in our relationship with Him and ourselves. Spiritual Direction is now available in the Parish. If you feel that Spiritual Direction could benefit you, contact Michelle on 07706819472 or pick up a leaflet at Newry Parish Office.

"In love there is no more room for fear, but perfect love drives out fear..." John 4:18.

Trócaire's Christmas Appeal, 'Until Love Conquers Fear', is raising money to support people all over the developing world who face fear every day of their lives – like the fear of not being able to feed their children or the fear of having to flee their homes because of conflict. To find out more about the appeal visit www.trocaire.org

BAPTISMS

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Primary Schools Admission September 2018

Ballyholland Primary School, Newry	028 3026 3763
Bunsoil agus Naíscóil an Iúir, Newry	028 3026 0860
St. Clare's Abbey Nursery & Primary School, Newry	028 3026 2175
St. Joseph's Convent Nursery & Primary School, Newry	028 3026 3854
St. Patrick's Nursery & Primary School, Newry	028 3026 3466
St. Ronan's Primary School, Newry	028 3026 4996

Parents who wish to enrol their child in Nursery or P.1 for the new school year beginning September 2018 should contact the Principal or Secretary for an application form.

P. 1 – Any child whose 4th birthday falls on or before 1st July 2018 will have reached compulsory school age in September 2018 and must commence Primary Education Forms must be with school by noon on Wednesday 10th January 2018. Any application received after this date will be treated as a LATE APPLICATION and can only be considered if and when a vacancy occurs within the schools.

Nursery – A child born between 2 July 2014 and 1 July 2015. Some places may be still available for children born between 2 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

Our schools are willing to have you visit them. You are most welcome. Please contact the Principal of the school(s) you wish to visit. Please check school website for Christmas holidays.

NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Saturday 23 December	10.30am 6.00pm	Frank & Una McLoughlin, Stream Street Jim McGuirk, Ballyholland Park (M.M.) Willie Keenan, Ballyholland Park (M.M.) Rita Heaney, High Street (M.M.) Philip & Kathleen Donaghy & deceased family members, Bessbrook Jim McKeivitt, Church Street May Murphy, Windmill Heights Robert & Mary Mallon & deceased family members, Belfast Patrick, James & Catherine Murphy, Kiln Street John & Alicia White, Pound Street
Sunday 24 December	8.30am 10.00am 12noon 9.00pm	John & Susan Murchan, Mullaghbawn Bridget O'Hare, Upper Ballyholland Christine, William & Michael Nolan, Carrick – Ard Lauri Rafferty, North Street & deceased members of the Morgan Family, Lower Water Street Benny Connor, High Street Harry Shields, Cloughreagh Park
Monday 25 December	8.30am 10.00am	Oliver Casey, Mourneview Park John Mallon
Tuesday 26 December	10.30am	Canon Cathal Jordan Kathleen Mackin, Cloughreagh Park
Wednesday 27 December	10.30am	Alex & Cecilia McKinley, Water Street Harry Donnelly, Fairfield Heights O'Hagan family, Lisummon Albina, Matilda, Vitalija, Robertas Karolis
Thursday 28 December	10.30am	Jimmy & Lily McManus, Billy's Road
Friday 29 December	10.30am	John McGivern, Tullyah Road, Beleeks
Saturday 30 December	6.00pm	Noel McKeivitt, College Gardens (M.M.) Patrick McCoy, Cleary Crescent Gerry Donnelly, Upper Damolly Road Paddy McElroy, Old Warrenpoint Road Bernadette, Hughie & William Carson, Belfast
Sunday 31 December	10.00am 12 noon	Dan & May McCann, O'Neill Avenue, George & Bridget McGivern, High Street & May O'Hanlon Chapel Street Patsy Crimmins, Ballinlare Gardens William McKeivitt, Fourth Avenue, Derrybeg

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 24 December	11.00am 8.00pm	Thomas & Hester Feenan, Chapel Street The Cunningham Family, Merchant's Quay & The Bailey Family, Ayalogue The Hughes Family, Grinan & Liverpool & the Ruane Family, Mayo & Liverpool Dan Madden, Ravensdale Villas
Monday 25 December	11.00am	Billy & Evelyn Fegan, Hennessy Park & son Gerald, Donegal Jim McGovern, Greenwood Drive Lynda Hughes, Ashgrove & Jaqui Sturgent, Belfast Dan & May McCann, O'Neill Avenue, George & Bridget McGivern, High Street & May O'Hanlon Chapel Street
Sunday 31 December	11.00am	Sarah Carr, Killeavy Road James & Philomena Magee, Carnagh Park

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 23 December	7.00pm	Patrick Joseph Bannon (Sen), Drumgullion Avenue Bridie McGrath, Orior Road Mena Magee, Derrybeg Drive Linda Larkin, Slievegullion Road
Sunday 24 December	7.30pm	Paddy McAteer, Slievegullion Road & Mary Nicholls (née McAteer), Bedford
Monday 25 December	11.30am	Rita Downey, Violet Hill Avenue
Saturday 30 December	7.00pm	Francie Loughran, Third Avenue (M.M.) Gerard Brady, Monaghan Row Peter McCann, Derrybeg Drive Betty Traynor, Cloughenramer Road Dominic Spencer, Killeavy Road & deceased members of the Spencer family, St.Patrick's Ave Lucy Ryan, Main Avenue, Derrybeg Magdalen Grey, Helen's Terrace Anna Rose Synnott, Parkhead Crescent & deceased members of Hansen family, Denmark

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 23 December	7.30pm	Gene Poucher (M.M.) Deirdre Rushe, née Carragher Sean McVeigh Mary O'Hanlon Michael & Maureen McGuigan Robert & Maureen McAteer Joseph Green Jason McClenaghan
Sunday 24 December	8.00am	Magee family Devine family Rodgers family Opfer family Magill family
	9.30am 11.00am	Catherine & Thomas McLoughlin Liam Patrick McMahan Kathleen & George Lyons Maureen Boden Thomas & Margaret McArdle Eithne Mallon Jean McKeivitt Benefactors of the Church & Priory
Tuesday 26 December	12.15pm 11.00am 7.30pm	Detta Matthews Kerry Fleming Josie McClelland Mary Joe & Michael Lynchehaun
Wednesday 27 December	11.00am	James Coghlan & deceased members of the Coghlan family
Thursday 28 December	11.00am	Michael Sands
Friday 29 December	11.00am 7.30pm	Terence Curran & deceased family members Molly & Pat McKee Bridget Harper Dessie Quinn Frederick, Mary, Joe & Kathleen McDermott Patrick Gray
Saturday 30 December	7.30pm	Patrick & Mary Ellen Blair & family members Kathleen Quinn
Sunday 31 December	9.30am 12.15pm	James & Bridget Reynolds Bridget & Margaret Vallely & deceased family members Mark Leonard (M.M.) Kathleen & Philip Rafferty Benefactors of the Church & Priory

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