

# Parish of Newry

Sunday 31 December 2017  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

"The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him." This shows that they had no hindsight; they thought of themselves in every way as normal people. This is their connection with us. Had they thought themselves special from birth, they would be as distant from us as a royal family. But we see them following the ordinary custom of presenting the child in the Temple, and their offering is the offering of the poor.

When something is actually happening we have no hindsight on it. Of course we see things more clearly with hindsight; hindsight is always 20/20, as someone said. But in a way it can be a false and garish light. It judges people in the light of events that they could not have known about; it allows them no future, no development, because we see their future already present in everything they do and say. It flattens out their life like a sheet of paper on which everything is visible simultaneously.

It was the hindsight of the Resurrection, of course, that enabled the disciples to see the life of Jesus in a new light. But this new light of faith did not and was never meant to nullify his earthly life. The early heresies of Docetism and Monophysitism fell into this very trap. Trace elements of these early heresies lived on in mainline theology, and many theologians of the past would have held that Jesus knew all human languages and every event in future history. If that were the case he could hardly be said to be like us in all things but sin: "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). This tendency can be seen in some popular devotions, and we have to be careful lest while stressing

the divinity of Christ we diminish his humanity and turn the events of his life into a melodrama. The teaching of the Church is that he is fully divine and fully human.

It is our family that makes and keeps us human. We were welded into it before we were born; it is our anchor in human history. Scholars believe that the gospel accounts (in Matthew and Luke) of Jesus' childhood were not in the original form of the gospels but were added on at an early stage because they were needed to keep the story of Jesus anchored in this life.

In the West we now tend to think of the family as the 'nuclear family': father, mother and child. Then we project this onto the family of Jesus. But an Eastern family, even to this day, comprises a hundred people or more (this is how the child Jesus managed to get lost in the Temple). In today's first reading, Abram complained to God of having no children. Then "God brought him outside and said, 'Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.... So shall your descendants be.'" Nothing nuclear.

Jesus too was part of an extended family. But that physical family was nothing compared to the spiritual family of disciples through the ages and through the whole world. We all have our part in extending it. Every time we extend a hand to a neighbour or a stranger we are extending that great family. With legitimate hindsight we can see his spiritual family continuing to extend till it includes the whole world.

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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.

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon**

**Lk 2:16**

**All:** **The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying  
in a manger.**

## GREETING

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

**All:** **Amen**

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

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

## PENITENTIAL ACT

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

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

## THE GLORIA

**All:** **Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the  
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

**Priest:** Let us pray.

*Pause for silent prayer*

**Priest:** O God, who were pleased to give us  
the shining example of the Holy Family,  
graciously grant that we may imitate them  
in practising the virtues of family life and in the  
bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house,  
delight one day in eternal rewards.  
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 **15:1-6; 21:1-3**

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R v.7-8

**(R) He, the Lord, is our God.  
He remembers his covenant for ever.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
O sing to him, sing his praise;  
tell all his wonderful works! **(R)**
2. Be proud of his holy name,  
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.  
Consider the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face. **(R)**
3. Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.  
O children of Abraham, his servant,  
O sons of the Jacob he chose. **(R)**
4. He remembers his covenant for ever,  
his promise for a thousand generations,  
the covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac. **(R)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews **11:8. 11-12. 17-19**

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his

descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

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

*Congregation stands*

## ACCLAMATION

**Heb 1:1-2**

**All:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
At various times in the past  
and in various different ways,  
God spoke to our ancestors through the  
prophets; but in our own time, the last days,  
he has spoken to us through his Son.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

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

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

**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke (Shorter Form) **2: 22. 39-40**

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

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

**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:** We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,  
humbly asking that, through the intercession of  
the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph,  
you may establish our families firmly in your grace  
and your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

## 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 (Nativity III)

**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 through him the holy exchange that restores  
our life has shone forth today in splendour: when  
our frailty is assumed by your Word not only does  
human mortality receive unending honour but by  
this wondrous union we, too, are made eternal.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels,  
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

### 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:** **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
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.

**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

Bar 3:38

**All:** **Our God has appeared on the earth,  
and lived among 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.  
Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,  
most merciful Father,  
to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,  
so that, after the trials of this world,  
we may share their company for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

**Priest:** May the God of infinite goodness, who by the  
Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the  
world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this  
most holy day, drive far from you the darkness of vice  
and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** May God, who willed that the great joy  
of his Son's saving Birth  
be announced to shepherds by the Angel,  
fill your minds with the gladness he gives  
and make you heralds of his Gospel.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** And may God, who by the Incarnation  
brought together the earthly and heavenly realm,  
fill you with the gift of his peace and favour  
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.  
and give you his peace.

**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.**

## Message from the Administrator

We wish all parishioners a Very Happy New Year. May 2018 be a blessed year for everyone. Next Saturday, we celebrate the Epiphany. Epiphany is the Feast of all nations because on this day we celebrate the manifestation of Christ, the true light, to all nations, calling us to become more and more filled with this light and to labour to bring it to those who are still in darkness.

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great Feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (Magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the Magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

The word Epiphany means a revelation. Daily life is full of little epiphanies for those who have eyes to see and minds to reflect. They slip in through the cracks in our busy armour – a moment of peace, or of beauty, or of goodness.

On this day, the Feast of the Epiphany, there was a mysterious parting of the veil which enabled the Magi to catch a glimpse of the radiance of the child of Bethlehem. Some people looked at the Christ-child and saw just another child. Others, such as Herod, saw the child as a threat. But the Magi recognised the Christ-child as their Saviour. All those people had the same eyes, yet they did not see the same things with those eyes. It was faith which enabled the Magi to penetrate the veil and 'see' the reality beyond.

Yet for them too, the veil closed again, the star disappeared, and they had to return home. What difference did the experience mean to them? In one sense, it made no difference. They had to go back to their old lives, their old occupations, and so on. However, in another sense, one would like to think that it made the world of difference to them. They now had a new vision, and a new hope.

For them the Epiphany had been one of those moments which takes a short cut to truth. It was a flash of light that illuminated their lives, and invested every moment with significance. No doubt it took time and reflection for them to understand the meaning of what they had found at the end of their journey to Bethlehem. But on cloudy days they drew courage and hope from the Epiphany that had been granted to them.

Like the Magi, on this feast we have come to worship the Christ-child. And, again like the Magi, we have to go back to our homes and get on with our ordinary lives. But hopefully, we will see those lives differently, because we see ourselves differently. In the Divine Child, we see our own divinity. Because of the coming of Christ, we need no longer fear the darkness. A light has come into the world, a light that shines in the dark, a light that no darkness can overpower.

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**THE PARISH OFFICE** 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.**

### The Epiphany of The Lord – A Holy Day of Obligation Saturday 6th January 2018

#### Mass Times are as follows:

<b>Cathedral:</b>	8.30am, 10.30am & 1.15pm Please note: the 6.00pm Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday is the Vigil Mass for Sunday 7th January.
<b>St. Mary's:</b>	9.00am (Latin)
<b>St. Brigid's:</b>	Friday 5th January 7.00pm (Vigil) Please Note: the 7pm Mass in St. Brigid's Church on Saturday at 7.00pm is the Vigil Mass for Sunday 7th January.
<b>St. Catherine's:</b>	7.30am, 11.00am & 7.30pm Please Note: the 7.30pm Mass in St. Catherine's Church on Saturday evening is the Vigil Mass for Sunday 7th January.

#### 1st January – Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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On New Year's Day, the octave of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God. The divine and virginal motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a singular salvific event: for Our Lady it was the foretaste and cause of her extraordinary glory; for us it is a source of grace and salvation because 'through her we have received the Author of life' (Collect). The Solemnity of 1st January, an eminently Marian Feast, presents an excellent opportunity for liturgical piety to encounter popular piety; the first celebrates this event in a manner proper to it; the second, when duly catechised, lends joy and happiness to the various expressions of praise offered to Our Lady on the birth of her divine Son, to deepen our understanding of many prayers, beginning with that which says 'Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners'.

#### Application for Sick Pilgrims

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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**

#### Bible Study in the Parish Centre

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Bible Study each Thursday evening from 7.00pm – 9.00pm.  
Come along and join in reflections on the readings of the following Sunday.

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### Primary Schools Admission September 2018

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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

<b>Saturday 30 December</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Noel McKeivitt, College Gardens (M.M.)</b>   Patrick McCoy, Cleary Crescent Gerry Donnelly, Upper Damolly Road   Pady McElroy, Old Warrenpoint Road
<b>Sunday 31 December</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>12 noon</b>	Bernadette, Hughie & William Carson, Belfast Kathleen Buchanan, Crieve   Jimmy McLoughlin, Bridge Street Patsy Crimmins, Ballinlare Gardens   William McKeivitt, Fourth Avenue
<b>Wednesday 3 January</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	The benefactors of Newry Parish
<b>Saturday 6 January</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Patrick Byrne, Grinan Road   Patrick & Nancy McCann, The Manse   John & Lily McGrath, Cronin Park & the McGrath family, William Street, the Byrne family, Kilmorey Street & Paddy & Kay Fitzpatrick, Carnmore
	<b>1.15pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	John Murphy, The Manse   Noel Vallely, Cedar Grove Stephen Woods, Craigmole Road   William & Christina Hughes, Daisyhill Gardens Martin Hegarty, Damolly Road   Hester O'Callaghan, Barcroft Park & Michael & Elizabeth O'Callaghan, Sean O'Neill Park
<b>Sunday 7 January</b>	<b>8.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	Elizabeth Casey, Mourneview Park   Fr. James Burke <b>Bridie Finnegan, Innisfree Park (M.M.)</b>   Gerard & Betty Connolly, Chestnut Grove

### St. Mary's Anniversaries

<b>Sunday 31 December</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Sarah Carr, Killeavy Road   James & Philomena Magee, Carnagh Park
<b>Tuesday 2 January</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Rita Sands, Innisfree Park (M.M.)</b>   Deceased members of the Purgatorian Society   Simon & John Kiley Chapel Street & deceased family members   Michael & Sheila Feraon, Commons Way
<b>Sunday 7 January</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Patrick Fox, Commons Way (M.M.)</b>   Nancy Keenan, Priory Crescent   Charlie Madden, Forthill Road & Margaret Madden, Moorhill Road   Willie Ryan, Carlingford Park Patrick & Mae Keenan, Courtney Hill & Peter & Mary Keenan, Kerry, late of St. Clare's Avenue Paul & Francis Pollock & deceased family members, The Commons   Edward Matthews, Mourneview, The Commons   Michael, Christine, Desmond & Marie McAtteer, Home Avenue & Lily McAnulty, Mountainview Drive   Jim & Nora O'Neill, Courtney Hill Kent Jensen, Cole Court

### St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 30 December</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Francie Loughran, Third Avenue (M.M.)</b>   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 Avenue Lucy Ryan, Main Avenue, Derrybeg   Magdalen Grey, Helen's Terrace Anna Rose Synnott, Parkhead Crescent & deceased members of Hansen family, Denmark Winifred & Michael Sarsfield & Peter & Teresa Devine, Slievegullion Road Mary McAleavey, Second Avenue, Derrybeg
<b>Friday 5 January</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Phil Daly, Upper Damolly   Gerry Carroll, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg   Eileen McCourt, Violet Hill Avenue   Bridie Kavanagh, Derrybeg Drive   Paddy Lundy, Slievegullion Road   Mary McEnteggart, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg   Patricia Graham, Drumgullion Avenue   Dominic Fegan, Killeavy Road   Mary & William McCracken, Ballinlare Gardens & the McGeoghegan & Grimes family & Eva Walsh, College Gardens
<b>Saturday 6 January</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	

### St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 30 December</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Patrick & Mary Ellen Blair & family members   Kathleen Quinn
<b>Sunday 31 December</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>12.15pm</b>	James & Bridget Reynolds   Bridget & Margaret Vallely & deceased family members <b>Mark Leonard (M.M.)</b>   Benefactors of the Church & Priory   Kathleen & Philip Rafferty
<b>Monday 1 January</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	McGuinness family Mamie Keenan
<b>Wednesday 3 January</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Damien Moore
<b>Thursday 4 January</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Sean Fee Doreen McMillan
<b>Friday 5 January</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Martin O'Reilly
<b>Saturday 6 January</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Michael & Mary Magee   Michael Campbell & daughter Mary
<b>Sunday 7 January</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>12.15pm</b>	Patrick & Florence O'Byrne   James & Bridget O'Byrne   John & Mary Murphy   John Byrne Benefactors of the Church & Priory

### **USEFUL PARISH TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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