

# Parish of Newry

Sunday 25 February 2018  
Second Sunday of Lent

In all three liturgical cycles we have the strange story of the Transfiguration on the second Sunday of Lent. What does it mean? In the second reading (Romans 8:31-34) St Paul writes that the Lord "will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body." The Transfiguration, then - whatever we discover it to mean - is not only about Jesus but about us. It is to make some discernible difference to us today.

There was the everyday Jesus who was well known to his friends; and then there was the moment when they scarcely recognised him, so transformed - transfigured - was he. Divinity shone through him, revealing depths that they had never imagined. Can this happen only to Jesus?

When the little girl was asked what a saint was, she replied (thinking of the stained glass windows in the church), "A person who lets the light through." Can this be more than an image? Can it also be a reality? Could you and I let the light through? We may be too aware of our wretchedness to feel at ease with thoughts like that. But it is just these "wretched bodies of ours" that are the material of transfiguration, according to Paul.

In a poem called The Sunrise Ruby, Jelaluddin Rumi (1207-1273) the Sufi mystic, imagines a girl speaking with her beloved.  
'Do you love me or yourself more?  
Really, tell the absolute truth.'  
He says, 'There's nothing left of me.  
I'm like a ruby held up to the sunrise.  
Is it still a stone, or a world  
made of redness?  
It has no resistance to sunlight.'  
There it is: in one way it is a stone, but in another it is a world of redness. This gives some impression of what transfiguration might mean. When you are completely absorbed and self-forgetful as you look at the sea, or the

night sky, or a friend, you are still yourself, of course; but you are also more than yourself. At any rate you are a kind of larger self, and not the small self that thinks before he speaks, and counts money, and always looks after his own interests.

But we would like to hear what Christian mystics have to say about it. Johann Tauler (1300 - 1361) wrote the following.

"God fires the spirit with a spark from the divine abyss. By the strength of this supernatural help the soul, enlightened and purified, is drawn out of itself into a unique and ineffable state of pure intent toward God. This complete turning of the soul toward God is beyond all understanding and feeling; it is a thing of wonder and defies imagination. In this state the soul, purified and enlightened, sinks into the divine darkness, into a tranquil silence and inconceivable union. It is absorbed in God, and now all equality and inequality disappear. In this abyss the soul loses itself, and knows nothing of God or of itself, of likeness to Him or of difference from Him, or of anything whatsoever. It is immersed in the unity of God and has lost all sense of distinctions."

Sadly, this aspect of the Christian faith is not as familiar to most of us as it should be. We have learned to settle for less. Most people believe that the best things are not for them. We are all called to deep enlightenment and union with God. Does this mean that we are to be somehow unreal and up-in-the-air? Hardly. Tauler and the people of his time had to be intensely practical. But his words live for centuries beyond the time he uttered them, because he was in touch with the living heart of our Faith. It is he, and the likes of him, who will lead us to the heart of God.

Fr Donagh O'Shea, O.P.,  
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## Mass Times

### The Cathedral of SS. Patrick & Colman, Hill Street

Sunday Mass Times:  
Saturday Vigil : 6.00pm  
Sunday : 8.30am, 10.00am,  
12 noon, & 5.30pm  
Weekday Mass Times :  
Monday to Friday 8.30am,  
Monday to Saturday  
10.30am.

### St. Brigid's Church, Rooney's Meadow

Saturday Evening  
(Vigil Mass) : 7.00pm  
Sunday : 9.30am  
(Po Polsku)  
Friday : 7.00pm

### St. Mary's Church, Chapel Street

Sunday : 9.00am  
(Latin Mass) & 11.00am  
Tuesday : 7.00pm

### St. Catherine's Church, Dominican Priory, Dominic Street

Saturday Vigil : 7.30pm  
Sunday : 8.00am, 9.30am,  
11.00am & 12.15pm  
Weekday Mass Times :  
Monday to Saturday 7.30am,  
11.00am & 7.30pm

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Cathedral: Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday  
9.00am - 11.00am.  
Thursday 9.00am - 9.00pm  
Sunday 1.00pm - 5.15pm.  
St. Catherine's: Blessed  
Sacrament Chapel each day  
8.00am to 8.00pm.

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

All Baptisms, Marriages and appointments may be arranged by calling the Parish Office. A Priest is available in the Parish Office from Monday to Friday 1.00pm - 2.00pm and in the evening by appointment.

### OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT NUMBER FOR PARISH OFFICE

Opening Hours: 9.00am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 26:8-9**

**All: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.**

## GREETING

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

**All: Amen**

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

**All: And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

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

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you 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 have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 **22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said,

'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt-offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R Ps 114:9

**(R) I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.**

1. I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted.'  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful. **(R)**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R)**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

**8:31-34**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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

*Congregation stands*

**ACCLAMATION**

**Mt 17:5**

**All:** **Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**  
**From the bright cloud the Father's voice**  
**was heard:**  
**'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'**  
**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**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.**

**GOSPEL**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.  
**All:** **And with your spirit.**  
**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark **9:2-10**  
**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**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.**

**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 sa-ying:*

**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 this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,  
cleanse us of our faults  
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind  
for the celebration of the paschal festivities.  
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 (The Transfiguration of the Lord)

**Priest:** It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For after he had told the disciples of his coming Death, on the holy mountain he manifested to them his glory, to show, even by the testimony of the law and the prophets, that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection.

And so, with the Powers of heaven,  
we worship you constantly on earth,  
and before your majesty  
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:** **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

Mt 17:5

**All:** **This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.**

*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. As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

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

**Priest:** Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**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.**

**ST. PATRICK'S NOVENA**

The Annual Novena to St. Patrick begins in the Cathedral on the 8th March at 7.30pm. This year each of the Primary Schools in the Parish has agreed to participate in celebrating the Novena. Each Primary School has been asked to lead the prayer on one evening of the Novena and to address a particular theme. The pupils will do the reading, help with the singing of hymns, the Prayers of the Faithful, the Offertory Procession and will be actively involved in the celebration of Mass. Each school will share with us their understanding of the different aspects of St. Patrick's life. The themes are as follows:

<b>8th March</b>	<b>Patrick the Prisoner</b>	<b>St. Patrick's P. S.</b>
<b>9th March</b>	<b>Patrick, Man of Faith</b>	<b>St. Joseph's P. S.</b>
<b>12th March</b>	<b>Patrick, sharing the Faith and making disciples</b>	
<b>13th March</b>	<b>Patrick, a Leader</b>	<b>St. Ronan's P. S.</b>
<b>14th March</b>	<b>Patrick &amp; the Shamrock</b>	<b>St. Clare's Abbey</b>
<b>15th March</b>	<b>Patrick's example for us today.</b>	<b>Bunscoil an Iúir</b>
		<b>Ballyholland P. S.</b>

We ask parishioners' support on each evening of the Novena.

**Lenten Retreat Days in Dromantine**

Dromantine is offering two retreat days during Lent.

These will provide time and space to reflect and pray in the peaceful environment of Dromantine on important themes of Lent, and to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

**Dates: Saturday 10th March**, Led by Fr. Des Corrigan, SMA.

Time: 10.00am – 5.00pm. Cost: £25 / €30, including lunch, teas/coffee.

All are welcome. Bookings to: (028) 308 21964.

Email: admin@dromantineconference.com

**Dromore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes  
17th-22nd May 2018. Price: £610.00**

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

**Application for Sick Pilgrims**

Newry Lourdes Committee welcomes applications from any person who wishes to be considered as a sick pilgrim with the Dromore Diocese from the 17th – 22nd May 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**

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**DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The first meeting of the Society for 2018 will take place in St. Peter's Church Centre, North St, Lurgan on Monday 26 February at 7.30pm. Barry Sheppard, QUB School of Management will give a talk entitled "Solely in the Earth and its Fruits". The influence of the two Papal Encyclicals, "Rerum Novarum" & "Quadregesimo Anno" on eg workers' rights, Munitir na Tire, Young Farmers Clubs etc will be discussed in the context of the importance of Catholic Social Science principles in the factors, Catholic & National that shapes modern Ireland and Irish Society. All welcome.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE**

Medjugorje Pilgrimage for young people 18 plus to 25+ Sunday 29th July to Sunday 5th August - an opportunity to join 30'000 plus young people from every culture and country, many from Ireland with the desire to meet like minded young people and develop their faith. This Pilgrimage offers you all the traditional pilgrimage activities, recreational and social time/activities. Total cost of £579 covers almost everything, Flights/Insurance, transport to and from the airport, Accommodation, breakfast and an evening meal. This can be paid over the next 6 months -We need expressions of interest by Monday 12th March and first deposit of £100 by 28th March. To register email dromoreyd@btconnect.com or for more information phone 028 30833898 - check our facebook Dromore Diocese Youth Com.

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

The Stations of the Cross will be recited after the 10.30am Mass each Friday morning, by one of the Ministers of the Word who read at the weekday Masses. On March 2, 9, 16 and 23, you will have the opportunity to join in the recitation of the Stations of the Cross in response to the words of Pope Francis. This year, Pope Francis reminds us that 'Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our lives'.

**APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER** - The Apostolate of prayer will meet each Wednesday at 11.15am – 12.15pm in the Parish Centre.  
See website for more information. "myprayer.ie"

**World Meeting of Families**

The next talk for the World Meeting of Families will take place in the Parish Centre, The Mall on Wednesday 1st March at 7.30pm.  
Talk entitled: "The Christian Vision for the Family".

**Removing the Past out of the Present.  
Ancestral, Personal & Historical Healing**

By Fr. Jim Cogley Friday 2nd March 7.00pm – 10.00pm & Saturday 3rd March 10.00am – 1.00pm in Newry Conference & Banqueting Centre, The Mall, Newry.

**YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE MANY QUESTIONS**

It's hard to find time to think and talk about the big questions in life. Youth Alpha is a series of interactive sessions giving young people in Years 11 & 12 an opportunity to explore their faith, ask questions and share thoughts and ideas in a friendly, open and relaxed environment. The programme will run for six weeks starting on Wednesday 21st February 2018 in Newry Parish Centre, 7.30pm – 9.00pm. Cost £3 per session. Places are limited. #TryAlpha for more information. To confirm your son/daughter's attendance please text Cairiona on 07833 668617 or Dara 07766446737.

**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.

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

Josephine McEvoy, Mountainview Drive  
Charlie Taylor, Hennessy Park  
Patrick O'Keefe, Monaghan Row  
Very Rev. Canon Jarlath Cushenan, former P.P., Clonduff  
Bridie Moore, Ballyholland Park  
Tony O'Hare, formerly Chestnut Grove.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

One to one Bereavement Support – confidentiality assured. Appointment not necessary (no cost involved). Thursday mornings 10.30am – 12.30pm in Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Magnet, The Demense, Dundalk.  
Enquiries tel: 0035342 9336393 10.00am – 2.00pm.

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## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 24 February</b>	<b>10.30am 6.00pm</b>	Marie, George, Dan & Monica O'Hare, Killeavy Road <b>Glyn O'Connor, O'Neill Avenue (M.M)</b>   Noel Keenan, St. Clare's Avenue Peggy McArdle, Grinan & Cathal McArdle, Kilkeel   Pascal Moore, Cherrywood Grove Lily O'Hanlon, Liverpool   Charles Keenan, Courtney Hill   James & Mary McPhillips & Patricia & Michael McKearney   Brigid & James Blackart, Carnbane Gardens & Bridgid & Robert Caldwell Vimy Terrace
<b>Sunday 25 February</b>	<b>8.30am 10.00am 12 noon</b>	Fr. James Fitzpatrick Josephine McAteer, Lower Ballyholland Road <b>Pat McElroy, Cronin Park (M.M)</b>   Brendan & Anita O'Neill, Magennis Villas Teresa Hollywood, Newry
<b>Monday 26 February</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mary Murdock, Stream Street (M.M)</b>   Cora Shirley (nee Mullan)
<b>Tuesday 27 February</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Margaret O'Hanlon, Cullyhanna   Elizabeth Galvin, Kenmare
<b>Wednesday 28 February</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Ann McKeown
<b>Friday 2 March</b>	<b>8.30am 10.30am</b>	Lily Gallen, Kitty Quinn, Hugh John, Mary & Patrick Kelly, Hilltown Eugene Coffey, Dora Avenue   Patrick & Agnes McPhilemy & Mary McKeivitt Elizabeth Quinn, Cookstown   John Keenan, The Commons
<b>Saturday 3 March</b>	<b>10.30am  6.00pm</b>	<b>Josephine Mallon, Orior Road (M.M)</b> Thomas & Bernadette McNulty & Ann Butterly   The Crossey Family, Daisy Hill Gardens Alice & George Blakemore, Fern Court   Winifred Woods, Blaney Crescent Raymond McGovern, Armagh Road & deceased members of the McGovern & Martin Families Brigid, Edward & Jimmy McLoughlin, First Avenue, Derrybeg
<b>Sunday 4 March</b>	<b>8.30am 10.00am 5.30pm</b>	John (Sonny) & Brigid Casey, Mourneview Park Peter Keenan, Derrylecka, Brigid O'Rourke, Clanrye Park & Joseph Marner, Aghagallon Edward Fox, Mountainview Drive

St. Mary's Anniversaries

<b>Sunday 25 February</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Oliver Kelland, Commons Way (M.M)</b>   Peter McManus, Carnagh Park Rita Lutton, Brannock Close
<b>Tuesday 27 February</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Anna Devlin, Glenvale Villas
<b>Sunday 4 March</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	John Taggart, Toragh Park   Jim Fitzpatrick, O'Neill Avenue   Gerald Turley, Innisfree Park

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 24 February</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Doreen Doherty, Second Avenue (M.M)</b>   Margaret McCabe, Second Avenue, Derrybeg David & Mary Watson & Jack & Marie Watson, Killeavy Road   Gerald McGuigan, Slievegullion Road & deceased family members   John Fearon, Parkhead Crescent   Sean McEvoy, Killeavy Road   Donna Keddle, Drumgullion Avenue   Felix & Elizabeth Fegan, Orior Road
<b>Saturday 3 March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Delia Gallagher, Fifth Avenue & the Martyrs of the 20th & 21st Century Tom, Annie & Michael Gallagher, North Street & Patsy Gallagher, Main Avenue, Derrybeg Brea McMillan, Clanrye Fold   Bridget & Desmond McGennity, Second Avenue, Derrybeg

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 24 February</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Pat Kearns   Joe & Sylvia Crowley   Kathleen & Peter Jennings   The Leneghan Family Pat McParland   Catherine & Joseph Connell
<b>Sunday 25 February</b>	<b>9.30am 11.00am 12.15pm</b>	Myles Loughran <b>Rosaleen Byrne (M.M)</b>   The Murphy Family Benefactors of Church & Priory
<b>Tuesday 27 February</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	John Mallon   Raymond Woods   Leslie Donnelly   Dan Spires   Hughie Carr   Harry Wright Tom McGuigan   Sean McAleenan
<b>Wednesday 28 February</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Steven & Vera Morley
<b>Thursday 1 March</b>	<b>7.30pm 11.00am</b>	Brendan Byrne   Phyllis Kimbley   Sheila Fegan <b>Catherine Demaio (M.M)</b>   Eiver & Sadie Monaghan
<b>Friday 2 March</b>	<b>7.30pm 11.00am</b>	Aloysious & Margaret McGrath   Bridget & Thomas Shields   Dessie Mathers   Kathleen McCamley Gerard Boyle   Eileen & Paddy Morgan
<b>Sunday 4 March</b>	<b>7.30pm 12.15pm</b>	Tess Thompson   John & Rose O'Hare Benefactors of Church & Priory

**Pilgrimage of Families to Krakow: 27 – 31 May 2018**

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