

# Parish of Newry

Sunday 13 May 2018  
The Ascension of the Lord

Mark's gospel gives no detail at all about the Ascension: just a matter-of-fact statement that Jesus "was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God." It is like a description of someone who went upstairs to sit in his favourite chair. Is there still some trace in us of that childhood notion of heaven as the spacious upper storey of the world? It seems there is, because some people were surprised a few years ago when pope John Paul II said heaven was not a place. Only material objects can be said to be in place. Christ's glorified body after his Resurrection was not subject to material conditions: for example, he did not need to knock on the door nor use a key to enter the room where the frightened disciples had hidden themselves; instead "he came and stood among them" (Luke 24:36; John 20:19,26). At the Ascension he disappeared, or as Luke says, "he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven" (Luke 24:51). To say he ascended into heaven means that he returned to the Father. He came from the Father and now returned to the Father. This is the easiest way to say it; it avoids all spatial words.

This is how Jesus himself says it in John's gospel: "I am going to the Father" (14:12, 28; 16:10, 17, 28). We could also say that heaven is 'God's dimension', as someone put it – if that helps. Matthew, being Jewish, did not like to use the name of God (out of respect), so where the other gospel-writers more commonly say 'Kingdom of God' he says 'Kingdom of heaven'. (I saw a modern book by a rabbi who consistently wrote G-d for God.) But we can just say: Jesus came from the Father and returned to the Father.

We are to resist the temptation to think only of loss. This must have been the temptation of those first disciples when Jesus withdrew from their sight. "Why are you people from Galilee standing here looking into the sky?" (1st reading of today's Mass). The sequel says they returned to the city. Life goes on. From now on he will be closer to them than the eye can see.

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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**

**Acts 1:11**

**All:** **Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.**

## GREETING

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

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

## PENITENTIAL ACT

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

**Priest:** 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 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:** Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,  
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,  
for the Ascension of Christ your Son  
is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone  
before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.  
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 Acts of the Apostles

**1:1-11**

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9, R v.6

**(R) God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **(R)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R)**
3. God is king of all earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

**4:1-11**

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all. Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he

descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

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

*Congregation stands*

**ACCLAMATION** **Mt 28:19-20**

**All:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Go, make disciples of all the nations;  
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.  
**All:** **And with your spirit.**  
**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 16:15-20  
**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

**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,  
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 sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. 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 (I Ascension)

**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.

For the Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of sin and death, ascended (today) to the highest heavens, as the Angels gazed in wonder.

Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they 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 unailing 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, 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

Mt 28:20

**All:** **Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.**

*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.  
Almighty ever-living God,  
who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries,  
grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward  
to where our nature is united with you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

**Priest:** May almighty God bless you, for on this very day his only  
Begotten Son pierced the heights of heaven  
and unlocked for you the way to ascend to where he is.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** May he grant that, as Christ after  
his Resurrection was seen plainly by his disciples,  
so when he comes as Judge he may show himself  
merciful to you for all eternity.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** And may you, who believe he is seated with the Father in  
his majesty, know with joy the fulfilment of his promise to  
stay with you until the end of time.

**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.**

**Arrangements for the Distribution of Holy Communion  
In the Cathedral.**

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

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

**Leaflet with Hymns** - A leaflet with the processional and recessional hymns available in the three Churches of the parish. Please take one and join in the singing of the hymns. When Mass is over please leave Hymn Sheets at the end of seats.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society**

Collections are now taking place. The society is supporting 94 Irish students and 570 in Third World Countries. Prayers and inclusion in daily masses for all who contribute. We thank all who have already done so. Contributions to St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society can be given to any member or can be left into the Parish Office, Hill Street.

**Introduction to Lectio Divina for Pentecost**

You are invited to come along to an Introduction to Lectio Divina (Reading, Recognising, Responding, Resting In and Reflecting on the Sunday Gospel).

This will take place over 4 weeks. There will be a choice of 2 sessions. Either Wednesday 23rd May at 11.30am or Thursday 24th May at 8.15pm. Numbers are limited so if interested please contact Joan on 028 3026 2178 or email:- lectio@newrydominican.com. Venue: Lectio Centre, 35-37 Dominic Street, Newry.

**May Altar at Newry Cathedral – Come Visit**

“O Mary, we crown you with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May”

May is a special time in the church calendar when we honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus. This year, the parish is inviting the faithful to bring flowers to the Cathedral during the month of May, to decorate Our Lady's altar. Simply place your flowers in one of the provided vases at Our Lady's altar and say a prayer. Any flowers are welcome, but those from your own garden or window box might be particularly appropriate. Why not involve your children or grandchildren in gathering the flowers, placing them on the altar and praying together? Sit for a while and enjoy the Marian hymns. Fresh flowers are needed weekly throughout May. This would be a special way to share your faith with your family.

**BAPTISMS**

Kiah Havern, 15 Granite View  
Ashlynn Havern, 49 The Blackthorns  
Jay Michael Smith, 13 Flagstaff Court

**Newry Cathedral Parish**

**Attendance at the World Meeting of Families 2018 Final Mass**

**Sunday 26th August 2018**

**A bus will run from the Parish to the final Mass on Sunday 26th August 2018 at a cost of £10 per person, payable at booking. Bookings can be made in the Parish Office from Monday 30th April 2018.**

This event requires prior registration and a ticket issued free of charge from the World Meeting of Families, exclusive to each person which is non-transferable. **Tickets cannot be issued at Parish Level. Book your tickets on: [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration)**

- Congress Registration + Opportunity of booking tickets for Festival of Families and Final Mass
- Festival of Families tickets only
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**St. Mary's Cemetery Service**

St. Mary's Cemetery Service takes place **today Sunday 13th May at 3.00pm.** You are asked to bring with you a small container of water which will be blessed during the Service. Use this water to sprinkle your family grave at the appropriate time. The main gate into St. Mary's from Chapel Street will be opened for access to the Cemetery Service. A collection will be taken up before and after the Cemetery Service to support the renovation of St. Mary's Church.

**ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY VOCATIONS EVENT**

A special prayer event for vocations will be held in St Mary's Church Barr this Sunday 13th May 2018 commencing with Eucharistic Adoration from 10.45 up to 11.15am. The Celebration of the Eucharist will commence at 11.30am and will be followed by light refreshments. Please come, pray for vocations and become involved.

**Prayer for Exams**

Lord pour out your Spirit of wisdom on us: help us to remain calm, to attend carefully to the questions asked, to think clearly, to remember accurately, and to express ourselves well. We commend our studies to your powerful protection. We implore you to grant us a quick understanding, a safe judgement and a faithful memory. Grant that we may reflect the best of work we have done and the best of teaching that we have received.

Accept our best efforts in these examinations and in the great test of life on earth. May your love be upon us, O Lord as we place all our trust in you. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

**Every Success in your exams,  
and every blessing for the future.**

**2018 GUIDED TOURS OF NEWRY CATHEDRAL.**

Following the interest shown in the guided tours of the Cathedral over the past five years there will be a further series of guided tours of the Cathedral on the following dates:

- Wednesday 30th May 2018 – 7.00pm**
- Wednesday 27th June 2018 – 2.00pm**
- Tuesday 10th July 2018 – 2.00pm**
- Wednesday 25th July 2018 – 7.00pm**
- Wednesday 8th August 2018 – 7.00pm**

**Please note, the tour on the 8th August will focus only on the images in the stained glass windows of the Cathedral.**

**Wednesday – 29th August 2018 – 7.00pm**

Each Tour will take approximately 90 minutes.

Please meet at the main door of the Cathedral. You will hear the story of the building of the Cathedral, 1825 – 1829, and of the later extensions. The history of its stained glass, marble altars, sculptures and magnificent mosaics will also be explained.

There is no charge for these tours.

**Fr. Thady Doyle (Curate's Diary)** A special four days. We are blessed to have Fr. Thady visit us again in Newry. It is two years since he was last here. He will lead morning and evening Mass in the Cathedral for four days from Monday 28th to Thursday 31st May, including a day of Reconciliation (Confessions). Make a diary note. The Theme will be "Preparation for World Meeting of Families". More details next week.

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Sunday 6 May**

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## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

### Cathedral Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 12 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Paddy & Margaret Loy & deceased family members, Newry   Peter Cosgrove, Cedar Grove Brian & Helen McGeeney, Carnbane Gardens & Pat & Bridget Mulholland, Carnbane Gardens Kevin & Eilish McCormack, Grinan, baby John McCormack, Grinan, Geraldine Rodgers, (nee McCormack), Newcastle-upon-Tyne, John & Moira Fegan, Aughanmoira, Peadar & Kathleen McVeigh, Alesbury, Bucks   Matt & Ellen Keenan, Mourneview, The Commons John Grogan, High Street   Kathleen Persuad (nee McGivern), London, formerly Newry Rita McGrath, Templehill   Nellie & Michael John McAteer, Cronin Park. Annie McAleavey & deceased family members, Courtney Hill   Nellie & Patrick Murphy, Angelina & Eugene McMillan, Ellen & James Toner, Emily & Isadore Mathers & May Murphy
	<b>6.00pm</b>	
<b>Sunday 13 May</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	William & Minnie Murtagh & Family, Billy's Road Mary McAllister, Drumgullion Avenue Sadie Torley, Church Street
	<b>12 noon</b>	
	<b>5.30pm</b>	
<b>Wednesday 16 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Deceased members of the McNally family, Crobane Danny Doran, Loughview Park   Patsy Bentley, Greenfield Park   Lily White, Templehill Road Alice & Gerard McGrath   Mai Carey, Fethard, Co. Tipperary   Jack Gallagher & deceased family members, Ryan Road, Mayobridge   Josephine & James McKenna, Mary Street Joan Smith, Rosellen Smith & Joseph Smith, Marcus Street
<b>Saturday 19 May</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	
<b>Sunday 20 May</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Joseph & Sarah Moore, Dominic Street Marie McConville & deceased family members, College Gardens
	<b>12noon</b>	

### St. Mary's Anniversaries

<b>Sunday 13 May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Gerry Matthews, Chapel Road (M.M.)</b>   Charlie Madden, Moorhill Road   Patsy Ruddy, Carlingford Park   Lily Powell & deceased members of the Keenan Family, Church Street   Kevin Whyte & Edward & Mollie McAteer, Upper Chapel Street   Hannah, Peter & Gerry Doran, Greenwood Drive   Leo Cunningham, Chapel Street
<b>Tuesday 15 May</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	John Magee, Abbey Heights   Charles & Eileen McQuillan, Old Warrenpoint Road & Edward & Elizabeth O'Hare, Catherine Street   Sheridan family, Cronin Park, Margaret & Mary O'Brien, Boat Street & Rhoda Manley, Hospital Road   Alice & Bernard Connor & deceased family members, High Street   Alice & Francis O'Hagan & Deceased family members, High Street George Moore, Old Warrenpoint Road
<b>Sunday 20 May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Rose & Tom McCann, McCann's Corner & deceased family members Margaret Keenan & deceased family members, Chapel Street

### St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 12 May</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Sharon McCrink, Clonmore (M.M.)</b>   Eleanor Fegan, Killeavy Road   Michael Byrne, Vimy Terrace   Imelda McCusker, College Gardens   Lewis Murphy, Rostrevor & Patsy & Mary Murphy Ardcarne Park   Emma, Peter & Peter (Jnr) Murtagh, Shandon Park   Annie & John Toman, Chapel Street   Philomena Craven, Violet Hill Avenue   Patsy Mallon, Orior Road George Cionnamond, Third Avenue, Eileen Delaney (née Cinnamond) & Declan Delaney, Third Avenue   Patrick & Sarah McCaffrey, Lisnaskea Freda McKeivitt, College Gardens   Eithne Quinn, Derrybeg Cottages
<b>Friday 18 May</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	
<b>Saturday 19 May</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	

### St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 12 May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Peter Duffy   Leo Vint   Billy Campbell   Ron, Grace & Keith Holman   Christina Crawford Ann & Frank Blair   Patrick & Kathleen Lane   Hester Murphy Maureen Graham   Benefactors of Church & Priory
	<b>11.00am</b>	
<b>Monday 14 May</b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	Grace McEvoy   Helen, Patsy, Edward, Thomas & Michael Larkin Matt, Annie, Seamus & Michael McMahon   Maureen McDermott Colman Rowntree Caroline & Michael Mathers
	<b>11.00am</b>	
<b>Tuesday 15 May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Josephine McKervey Meade Theresa & Edward Barr   William & Philomena Gray Ted Lennon   Madge & Eddie Lennon   Margaret Butler
	<b>11.00am</b>	
<b>Wednesday 16 May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Patsy McKeown (M.M.)</b>   Jim McMillan   Bernadette O'Hanlon Benefactors of Church & Priory
<b>Friday 18 May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	
<b>Saturday 19 May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	
	<b>12.15pm</b>	

### Safeguarding Awareness

Safeguarding Awareness is an evolving area and is continuously being improved throughout the Church. We all strive together, clergy and laity to ensure that our safeguarding policies and procedures inform and support the very important work within our parish. As such Safeguarding Awareness should not be seen as a burden or a hurdle but rather as a continual process there to assist, strengthen and enrich the work of all especially our volunteers. As part of the training and induction process all new volunteers taking up a position within the parish must attend a Safeguarding Awareness Session. Any current volunteers currently working in ministry within the parish must have attended a Safeguarding Awareness Session also. If you are volunteering and have not attended an Awareness Session please come to the next session on **Tuesday 15th May at 7.00pm** in the Parish Centre, The Mall, Newry.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Angela Smyth, Glenpatrick Lawns  
Toirdealbhach Larkin, 8B Dominic Street  
Darren Cunningham, Oaklands

### DROMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Sunday 20th May 2018 at 3.00pm, Note change of date:** Field trip led by Brother Monaghan to Killeavy Churches near Meigh. The site is closely associated with Saint Monnina whose marked grave rests just within the entrance to the enclosure. For 1000 years Christian worship and dwelling took place here. The two churches and the surrounding burial ground continue to draw people to explore and reflect on the heritage of an age of great spiritual growth. Arrangements have been made for the address to be given in a nearby church in the event of inclement weather. All members, parishioners and friends are most welcome.

### World Meeting of Families

Rosary with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Clare's Convent, Ashgrove every Sunday until August, continues on Sunday 3.00pm.  
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### LECTIO DIVINA

The Lectio Divina gathering continues in the Parish Centre, each Tuesday & Thursday at 11.00am

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