

# Parish of Newry

Sunday 15 December 2019  
Third Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist is almost a New Testament figure; he is a kind of honorary member of the new community. The Church does not refer to Isaiah or Jeremiah or any of the great prophets as 'Saint', but we call John 'Saint John the Baptist'. Yet, as Jesus said to the crowd, "the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Do you feel greater than John the Baptist? Few in history could equal him for fire and passion. Jesus said of him, equivalently, that he was the greatest man who ever lived. But membership of the new community does not depend, it seems, on the qualities that John had to such an exceptional degree. What does it depend on, then?

John's 'persona' was 100% adult male; he was the original Iron John, hard and demanding. He lived on the edge of society, not integrated with it and perhaps not integrated in himself. There are many like him, there always have been. It is a straightforward, two-dimensional image, lacking in depth and humour. The essential missing ingredient is paradox. There are Christian preachers (especially on TV) whose persona is exactly John's.

Kierkegaard (1813-1855) identified three stages in the spiritual development of a human being: the aesthetic, the moral, and the spiritual. The first (the stage of beautiful thoughts and feelings) runs around after a time, and you grow (probably through crisis) into the second, the stage of responsibility and moral awareness.

But after struggling here a long time you come to know your own weakness and the ambiguity of your motives; you learn that it is impossible to be a moral person if you are attempting only to be a moral person. You realise that your religion has become self-righteous, judgmental, resentful, even hypocritical. This crisis opens you to deeper spiritual reality. When you can no longer disguise your failure, you learn the wisdom of failure; you learn the meaning of the Cross of Christ. God has to come to you from beyond all your efforts.

Jesus, like John, came from the desert and appeared at the edge of society. But unlike John, he came in and sat down with sinners and outcasts. He created a new kind of society in which the values of the old were inverted: success/failure, first/last, even death/life. If John had lived he would surely have embraced the new society and its paradoxes; he would not have run from Calvary as the others did; it was never in his nature to be a reed shaken by the wind. His raging fire would long since have been transformed into intense love, his judgments into compassion.

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## Mass Times

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

#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday (Vigil Mass):  
6.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am, 12noon  
& 5.30pm

#### Weekday Mass Times

Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday & Saturday 10.30am

Tuesday & Thursday

8.30am & 10.30am

Saturday Confessions

11.00am - 12noon

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

#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Evening  
(Vigil Mass): 7.30pm

Sunday: 9.00am  
(Po Polsku)

Monday: 7.30pm

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

Sunday 9.00am Mass

in Latin

Sunday 10.30am Mass

in English

Friday 7.30pm

### 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 - 6.00pm

Sunday 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

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.

### OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT NUMBER FOR PARISH OFFICE

Opening hours: 9am -1pm & 2pm -4pm Monday to Friday.  
A priest is always available during these hours.

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon**

**Phil 4:4-5**

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

## GREETING

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

**All: Amen**

**Priest:** 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 healed the sick:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All: Amen**

## THE COLLECT

**Priest:** Let us pray.

*Pause for silent prayer*

**Priest:** O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Congregation Sits*

### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah **35:1-6. 10**

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,  
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,  
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,  
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,  
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;

they shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,  
steady all trembling knees  
and say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

Look your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,  
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,  
everlasting joy on their faces;  
joy and gladness will go with them  
and sorrow and lament be ended.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 145:6-10. R cf. Is 35:4*

**(R) Come, Lord, and save us.**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R)**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James **5:7-10**

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

*Congregation stands*

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

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

## GOSPEL

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.  
**All:** **And with your spirit.**  
**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:2-11  
**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

**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:** May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,  
be offered to you unceasingly,  
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery  
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

*Congregation stands*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

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

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.  
**All:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All:** **It is right and just.**

### PREFACE (Advent I)

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

For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

### ACCLAMATION

**All:** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

### *Congregation kneels*

**Priest:** You are indeed Holy, O Lord, 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, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

**Priest:** The mystery of faith.

**All:** **Save us, Saviour of the world,  
 for by your Cross and Resurrection  
 you have set us free.**

**Priest:** Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs with Saint Patrick and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

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

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

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

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

### *Congregation stands*

## THE COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*The celebrant may add these or similar words.*

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

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

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

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

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

*Congregation kneels*

*The celebrant says quietly:*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you.

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All:** **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**Priest:** May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

**Priest:** May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Cf. Is 35:4*

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

*Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:*

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Congregation kneels*

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

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

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

**Priest:** May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** As you run the race of this present life, may he make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** So that you, rejoicing now with devotion at our Redeemer's coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life when he comes again in majesty.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**All:** **Amen**

*Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the people, says:*

**Priest:** Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Newry Parish Calendar of Events 2019**

**Saturday 14th /Sunday 15th December – The Blessing of Crib Figures of baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph will take place at all Masses**

**Sunday 15th December - 4.00pm Holy Rosary & Benediction followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until Mass at 5.30pm**

**Sunday 15th December – Carol Service in the Cathedral at 7.30pm**

**Sunday 22nd December - 4.00pm Holy Rosary & Benediction followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until Mass at 5.30pm**

**Tuesday 24th December – All Christmas Eve Masses will take place at 8.00pm in the Cathedral, St. Brigid’s and St. Mary’s**

**Wednesday 25th December: Christmas Day Masses:**

- 9.00am Mass in the Cathedral
- 9.00am in St. Brigid’s Church (Polish Mass)
- 10.30am Mass in St. Mary’s Church
- 10.30am Mass in St. Brigid’s Church
- 10.30am Mass in St. Joseph’s Church, Sheeptown
- 12noon Mass in the Cathedral

Please note: There will be **NO** 5.30pm Mass in the Cathedral on Christmas Day

There will be **NO** 8.30am Mass in the Cathedral after Christmas until Tuesday 7 Jan. Morning Mass continues each weekday at 10.30am

**Confessions in the Cathedral for Christmas**

- Saturday 21st December 11.00am – 12 noon
- Sunday 22nd December 4.30pm – 5.20pm (before 5.30pm Mass)
- Monday 23rd December after 10.30am Mass until 12 noon
- Tuesday 24th December after 10.30am Mass until 12 noon

**Eucharistic Holy Hour in Honour of Jesus the Divine Mercy and Our Lady**

on Sunday 15th December will commence at 3.30pm and will continue with the Holy Rosary at 4.00pm, Benediction and Confessions.

**S.V.D.P Church Door Collection**

S.V.D.P Church Door Collection will take place in the Cathedral & St. Mary’s Church this weekend 14th / 15th December.

**NEWRY CONFERENCE & BANQUETING CENTRE**

**The Mall, Newry.**

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Tuesday & Thursday at 11.15am

**BIBLE STUDY:** Thursday from 7.00pm – 9.00pm

**ST. PEREGRINE NOVENA: Monday in St. Brigid’s at 7.30pm.**

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Cathedral Thurs 11.00am-6.00pm

**RECENTLY BAPTISED IN NEWRY PARISH**

- Cayeden Michael Rice, 17 Federenagh Manor, Poyntzpass
- Tommy Philip Caherty, 15 Cloughreagh Park, Bessbrook

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
St. Joseph’s Conference, Newry**

As Christmas draws near, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is aware that it can be a time of additional pressure on people who already face financial difficulties in their lives. The local Conferences of the Society do not wish to see people troubled by the financial burden of Christmas when they are available and willing to help in many different ways. The Society does not want anyone to wait and worry about how they will provide for Christmas but asks that they approach the Society as soon as possible. Whether you have children, are single or elderly or whatever your particular circumstances and needs, the Society will do their best to assist. All requests for assistance will, as ever, be dealt with confidentiality. You are welcome to send us your details, using the slip below.

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**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 part of the new safeguarding process, new Safeguarding Awareness sessions were introduced in 2018 and all volunteers in the parish are fully briefed on the new procedures and also enable us, the safeguarding leaders to compile an accurate list of those active in ministry within the parish. Safeguarding Awareness is a continual process, it is 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 also. If you are a new or existing volunteer (who attended safeguarding awareness prior to 2018) please come to the next session on **Monday 16th December at 7.30pm in St. Catherine’s Hall, Dominic Street.**

The session will last for one hour approximately.

**Dromore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes  
12th – 17th May 2020. All-in fare £660.**

As we will be celebrating the 50th year of our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes it is advised to book early as places are limited,.

**Application for Sick Pilgrims**

Newry Lourdes Committee welcomes applications from any person who wishes to be considered as a sick pilgrim with the Dromore Diocesan Pilgrimage from the 12th – 17th May 2020. Anyone who is interested or would like information can contact the following:

**Martha McEvoy: 3026 7441, Phil Downey: 3026 3012,  
Deirdre Quinn: 3026 0893**

**GIFT programme** - Year 8 & 9’s welcome - continues on Wed 11th and Wed 18th Dec - lots of fun & games, plus pizza, Join us in Newry Parish Centre on the Mall, 7.00 pm to 8.45 pm - more activities after Christmas plus a trip and Summer Camp opportunity. Young adults - 20 -30 year olds (married, single - all welcome) - want a new challenge? - come and join others - do ALPHA together, go on a Pilgrimage (Camino & Lourdes) or do something to help another.....perhaps you have ideas? Register your interest by emailing us at dromoreyd@btconnect.com and join us for coffee in Café Krèm on the Mall on Sunday 15th December @ 1.00pm.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Arthur McKeown, Third Avenue, Derrybeg  
Leo Lambe, Old Warrenpoint Road

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
Sunday 8 December**

Parish Collection	£ 3098.80
Loose Plate Collection	£ 1974.50
Direct Debits	£ 454.70
	£ 5525.00

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## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 14 December</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Paul Murtagh, Kilmorey Street   Patrick & Emily Woods, Church Street, the Woods family, Templehill Road & Walter & Kathleen Kay, Daisyhill Gardens   Elizabeth & Patrick McGivern, College Gardens, Nuala Larkin & Maureen Taylor & Sr. Rosaleen Kimmins   Mark McDermott, Damolly Meadows   Robert & Nellie Lundy & deceased family members, Church Street
<b>Sunday 15 December</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>12noon</b>	James & Rose Doyle, Daisyhill Gardens & Catherine Trainor, Killeavy Road Deceased members of the Traynor family, Corry Square   Brendan McFee, Ballyholland Park <b>Maura McQuaid, Damolly Road (M.M.)</b>   Marguerite & Jim Keenan, John Mitchel Street & deceased members of the Keenan family   Frank & Bridie Keeley & Eilish & Ray Gaffney, Magennis Villas   James McClelland, U.S.A., formerly O'Neill Avenue
<b>Monday 16 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Jonas Antanina Regina Antanas
<b>Wednesday 18 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	John Mallon (Jnr) & deceased members of the Mallon Family, Blaney Crescent & Mary Cannon
<b>Saturday 21 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Kathleen Torley, St. Clare's Avenue   Anthony & Elizabeth Pettigrew, Erskine street
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Matthew & Mary J McAteer, & Ann Chambers & deceased family members, Innisfree Park, Mourenview & McAteer Villas   Frank & Una McLoughlin, Stream street
	<b>6.00pm</b>	John & Alicia White, Pound Street
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Mary & Pat Lynch, Greenwood Villas   Martin, Philomena & Patrick McEvoy, The Manse
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Raymond Price, Ashbrook Mews   Sean (Jnr), Rosena, Sean & Aidan Kennedy, O'Neill Avenue
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Brenda McKeivitt, Cronin Park
<b>Sunday 22 December</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>12 noon</b>	Lauri Rafferty, North Street
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Charles Warner, Damolly village (M.M.)</b>   <b>Tony Fee, formerly Derrybeg Drive (M.M.)</b> Jack & Mary Elmore, Newry   Michael & Betty Rafferty & The Crilly Family, Rathfriland Road Jimmy McLoughlin, Bridge Street Jim McKeivitt, Church Street

St. Mary's Anniversaries

<b>Sunday 15 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Jim & Edward Lavelle, Rostrevor   James & Maeve McGarry & Anita McCourt Deceased Members of the Rowntree family, Newry & extended family circle   Sadie & John Jennings, Upper Chapel Street   Felix Gray, Daragh Park   Keith Murphy, Derrybeg & Frank Murphy, O'Neill Avenue
<b>Friday 20 December</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Josie Carr, Carnagh Park (M.M.)</b>   Betty McElroy, Mullavat Road
<b>Sunday 22 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Patrick, May, James & Catherine Murphy, Windmill Heights   Thomas & Hester Feenan, Chapel Street & Patricia Mann, Oaklands   Mary Connolly, Carlingford Park

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Sunday 15 December</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Mary Rose Bannon, Armagh Road   Annie Fitzpatrick, Violet Hill Avenue Michael & Alice McKeown & Michael Rooney, Catherine Street   Patrick Loy, Violet Hill Avenue Margaret & Kathleen Fegan, Francis Street   Eileen Jones, Third Avenue, Derrybeg
<b>Monday 16 December</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Sean Murtagh, Ballinlare Gardens
<b>Saturday 21 December</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Alberto & Elejio Bhainting, The Phillipines   Maurice Cooney (Sen), Mountainview Drive <b>Lilian Glymond, Second Avenue (M.M.)</b>   <b>James Campbell, Killeavy Road (M.M.)</b> Stephen & Philip Craven, Barcroft Park   Kevin & Doreen White, Henry Street Mena Magee, Derrybeg Drive   Bridie McGrath, Orior Road   Margaret Rice, Ballinlare Gardens Brigid, James & Matthew McGivern, Bessbrook   Bridie Bannon, Iveagh Crescent Dominic Spencer, Killeavy Road & deceased members of the Spencer Family, St. Patrick's Ave

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 14 December</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Mary Ann Ferrigan & family   Eva & Tommy Connell   Yvonne Burke   Jim McParland Curran & Power families   Maureen Keenan   John Francis Hughes   John Markey Patsy Rowntree
<b>Sunday 15 December</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	James & Elizabeth McCreesh Annie & Dessie Keenan   Michael, Margaret, Hugh & Leo Doran   Johnny, Rita & Ciaran McKeown Sean & Mary Rose McDonnell   Damien Grant   Caroline Maginn (nee Grant)   Peter Garvey Fred & Ellen Woods   Margaret McGovern
	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Veronica Reavey (M.M.)</b> Benefactors of the Church & Priory   Tom Dillon   Michael Pearce Patrick Davey
<b>Monday 16 December</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Michael, Mary, Anthony, Mary Teresa & Carmel Tumilty   Martin Dillon Peter Campbell   Kathleen McDermott   Brian Neely   Patrick Finn Imelda & Jack Mullan & deceased members of the Mullan & White Families
<b>Tuesday 17 December</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Molly, Tommy & Gerry McComiskey   Chrissie & Margaret Matthews
<b>Thursday 19 December</b>	<b>7.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Sarah Boyle   Pat & Molly McKee   Kathleen Fox Josie McClelland
<b>Friday 20 December</b>	<b>7.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	John & Bridget Maguire   James & Bridget Fallon   The Mallon Family Kevin & May Little   Peggy & Joe Callan Dean Manners
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Kane Family   Margaret Reilly   Sean & Owen Gribben   Peggy & Gerry Cosgrove
<b>Saturday 21 December</b>	<b>7.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Ambrose & Kathleen Walls   Tommy Kennedy   Patrick & Catherine Walls Bernie & Ethan Rodgers   Kathleen Doyle
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Kearney & Bannon Families   Alice Connolly   Patrick (Snr) & Patrick (Jnr) Gray
<b>Sunday 22 December</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Edward Grimes & deceased members of the Grimes Family   James & Brigid Reynolds Bridget Vallely & deceased family members   Loughran & Mory Families <b>Noel Paul Moan (M.M.)</b>   Benefactors of the Church & Priory   William & Catherine Quinn Mary & Eugene O'Leary   Peggy Murphy   Rose & Stephen Murphy   Eddie McGrath

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