

# Parish of Newry

Sunday 14 February 2021  
The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus speaks and it is done. It is like the word of God at the beginning of creation: "Let there be light, and there was light." His words are words of power, not commentaries and admonitions.

The ancient world was terrified of leprosy. By Jewish law the sufferer was isolated totally from society: "The leper... shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry, 'Unclean, unclean'. He shall dwell alone in a habitation outside the camp" (Leviticus 13:45f). The law specified further than a leper had to stay at a distance of two metres from other people, and if the other person was downwind from the leper the distance had to be fifty metres. ('Social distancing' is a very old precaution.) No leper would ever have approached an orthodox rabbi, but the leper in this story approached Jesus confidently for help. This was exceptional, but even more exceptional was what followed: "Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him..." That touch healed him – healed his disease, yes, but healed also his feeling that he not only had a disease but was a disease; it healed his isolation, his loneliness, his despair, his belief that he was cursed by God.... This is the God revealed by Jesus, a "Father of Mercies."

By touching the leper, Jesus was himself defiled in the eyes of Levitical law. The leper broke the Law in approaching Jesus, and Jesus in turn broke through the Law to reach and touch the afflicted man. "For our sake," wrote St Paul, "God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor 5:21). In the minds of many people, somehow, the bad news replaced the good news. The bad news is that we would need to be good before approaching the Lord. This is not the Gospel; it is approximately the religion of the Pharisees. The good news is that we can approach the Lord no matter what our condition or circumstances. Our Faith is more than a system of morality or a set of admonitions on how we should be; it is Good News, for that is what the word 'Gospel' means. It is a revelation of God, "the Father of Mercies." Jesus came to demonstrate what the Father is like. He could have behaved as a severe moral judge, condemning the sinful; in fact that was what was expected of a prophet: see John the Baptist. Instead he reached out in mercy to failures and outcasts. He could have invented any kind of parable to say what the Father was like; he invented the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15). Jesus reaches out and welcomes sinners while they are still in their sin. He reaches out to the afflicted and heals them.

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Saturday (vigil Mass)  
6.00pm  
Sunday: 9.00am, 12noon  
& 5.30pm  
Weekday Mass Times  
Monday – Saturday  
10.30am

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Mass) 7.30pm  
Friday: 7.30pm

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Tuesday: 7.30pm  
Sunday: 9.00am  
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Sunday: 10.30am

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 30:3-4**

**All:** Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

## 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.

**All:** I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*Striking your breast as you say:*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

**All:** Amen

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

## THE GLORIA

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

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

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

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

## THE COLLECT

**Priest:** Let us pray.

*Pause for silent prayer*

**Priest:** O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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 Leviticus

13:1-2. 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R v.7

**(R)** You are my refuge, O Lord;  
you fill me with the joy of salvation.

- Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. **(R)**
- But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.  
I said: 'I will confess  
my offence to the Lord.'  
And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. **(R)**
- Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. **(R)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

10:31 - 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

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

*Congregation stands*

**ACCLAMATION**

**Cf. Eph 1:17-18**

**All:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
 so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.  
 Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.  
**All:** **And with your spirit.**  
**Priest:** A reading from the holy  
 Gospel according to Mark **1:40-45**  
**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**All:** **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 this oblation, O Lord, we pray,  
 cleanse and renew us  
 and may it become for those who do your will  
 the source of eternal reward.  
 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 (III in Ordinary Time)

**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 we know it belongs to your boundless glory, that you came to the aid of mortal beings with your divinity and even fashioned for us a remedy out of mortality itself, that the cause of our downfall might become the means of our salvation, through Christ our Lord.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as 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:** **My Lord and my God.**

**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.**

**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 Cf Ps 77: 29-30

**All: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

*Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Congregation kneels*

**Priest:** Let us pray.  
Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** May God bless you with every heavenly blessing, make you always holy and pure in his sight, pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his glory, and teach you with the words of truth; may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation, and ever endow you with fraternal charity. Through Christ our Lord.

**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.**

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## Message from the Administrator

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus, in the Gospel this weekend, cures a leper by the healing touch of his hand. A leper was completely outcasted from society due to the huge stigma surrounding the disease, which was highly contagious but was also seen as a punishment from God in Jesus' time. Jesus moved with pity for this man and reaches out to him. Jesus sends the man to the priests, as a testimony to them. Jesus' 'pity' also conveys anger at the leper's situation. It is the religious hierarchy of Jesus' time who have alienated this man. What they are incapable of doing (healing him), Jesus has done by 'stretching out his hand' in love.

A question for us from this Gospel this weekend might be, who are those our society outcast? Who is alienated in our communities? What moves you with pity? Who is it that we need to reach out to at this time?

Jesus, in Mark's Gospel is forever asking people to keep quiet and not tell anyone about what he does. Yet, after such a radical encounter with God, which frees this man from all that keeps him trapped, of course he wants to shout from the rooftops. Why would Jesus want his miracles to be kept a secret? Jesus wants to be able to fulfil his mission without attracting the wrong kind of attention. Eventually, those who are against him will use encounters like this one to compile evidence against him. For now, the less they know the better. We might think today of those who bravely speak out, even if it means they are punished in some way. May all of us have the courage, like the man who is healed in the Gospel today, to proclaim the truth, even if it cost us.

*"There is need for paths of peace to heal open wounds. There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter". (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 225).*

Canon Francis Brown

**Grace & Growth through the Scripture.** Join in this exciting programme via zoom each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. To receive an invitation to join this programme, email Fred and he will send you an invitation. The talk for the next six weeks will be focused on the season of Lent and its significance for us. The email address is: [fred@newrycathedralparish.org](mailto:fred@newrycathedralparish.org)

**YOUTH SPACE** – *Join us for fun, faith, and friendship!* Lockdown can be a challenge for all of us. We are offering a chance to come together to socialise, learn more about our faith and ourselves, talk about the challenges we face, and build new and important connections. Each Monday, for eight weeks, we will be joined by a range of inspirational guest speakers from a range of backgrounds. Give it a go, join us for the first session via Zoom on **Monday 15th February 2020 at 7.30pm.** details and for more information Email [dromoreyd@btconnect.com](mailto:dromoreyd@btconnect.com)  
*JPII Award participants: this programme can count towards your hours for the Award.*

**Lectio Divina:** You are welcome to join Lectio Divina on Tuesday mornings at 11.00am via zoom. To receive an invitation to join, please email Fred. His email address is [fred@newrycathedralparish.org](mailto:fred@newrycathedralparish.org)

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### Last Will & Testament

*"As a parishioner of Newry Parish have you considered remembering your parish in your last will and testament?"*

### Lent

Wednesday 17th February is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Ash Wednesday is a Fast Day, that means no meat on that day. This year, because of the current restrictions, there will be no distribution of ashes. There is, however, a prayer service on the website and on Facebook for use in the family. Please mark the beginning of Lent with this prayer service in your home.

### Novena to St. Peregrine

Continues each Friday at 7.30pm in St. Brigid's Church.

### PARISH FINANCES

Please post your parish envelopes either in one the boxes in the Cathedral or through the letter box in the Parochial House. Your generosity is needed at this time to support the parish. If anyone wishes to pay by direct debit, please telephone the Parish Office (028 302 62586) and it will be set up for you. It might be easier for you at this time as it is difficult for some people to deliver their envelopes.

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Dorothy McKeown, *formerly Ballinlare Gardens*  
Anne Campbell, *formerly Bridge Street*  
Anne Clarke, *Thomas Street*  
Paul Giles, *Rostrevor*  
Oliver McCoy, *Chestnut Grove*  
Damien Kenny, *Toll House Park*  
Annie Morgan, *Hawthorn Hill*

### Funerals in Newry Parish

Currently only 25 adults are permitted into our Churches for a funeral. This is not easy for any family but the parish has to abide by the regulations laid down for it. With your funeral director, decide on the 25 people being admitted to the Requiem Mass. The authorities expect that in the graveyard social distance is maintained to ensure everyone's safety.

### ST. JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE SVP

St. Joseph's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul wish to thank the people of the Parish for their magnificent response to the Annual Christmas Appeal. In the difficult circumstances of Covid-19 and with reduced attendances at Mass the Conference was prepared for a reduced collection and although the collection after Masses was reduced for obvious reasons the collection was augmented by donations from business, individuals, and sport clubs. The Conference is delighted to report that the total for the Annual Christmas Appeal came to £48,657 which is a record for the Conference. At a time when the Conference income is drastically reduced with no Church collections and the Thrift Shop remains closed in accordance with current regulations this collection will be used for the immediate future to deal with the many demands we meet. In the period from November past to January the Conference received 473 requests for help. The Conference provided £9,820 in vouchers, £15,850 in cash and heating oil to a value of £7,331. In addition, toys for Christmas were distributed to 249 children in the town with toys donated by the Newry Business community. Our local schools also contributed 130 beautiful hampers which we distributed to local families. The Conference plans a major upgrade of the Drop – in Centre in Mill Street which prior to closure, as required by public health regulations, was dealing with over 50 callers a day. The Drop – in Centre is a unique facility providing a warm and welcoming meeting place, but the volume of users has exceeded our expectations and we need to refurbish the Centre to ensure it is fit for purpose. This will require a major financial commitment and the Conference will rise to the challenge. We thank you for your continued support which makes possible our contribution to the life of the Parish.

## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 13 February</b>	<b>10.30am 6.00pm</b>	James & Maisie Keenan, Mourneview, Ballyholland Angela O'Reilly, Ballsbridge, formerly Cedar Grove Rosita Monaghan, Mountainview Drive   Josephine McEvoy, Mountainview Drive John & Madeline Treanor, Lower Water Street Bridget & James Blackart, Carnbane Gardens   Bridget & Robert Caldwell, Vimy Terrace
<b>Sunday 14 February</b>	<b>9.00am 12 noon</b>	<b>Kathleen Creaney, Murphy Crescent (M.M)</b>   Tony Kelly, Scotland Tony & Rita Izz, Glasgow <b>Oliver Magill, Ashfield Avenue (M.M)</b> Bernard & Rose Creaney, Davis Street & deceased family members Kevin McFee, Larchmont, formerly High Street
<b>Tuesday 16 February</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Leon Gaillard, Oaklands   Noel Vallely   Fr. Michael Seery   Bridget Murphy Oliver Magill   Deirdre McCullough
<b>Wednesday 17 February</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Dean Anthony Davies P.E., Clonduff (M.M)</b> Michael & Brenda Rafferty & deceased members of the Crilly Family, Rathfriland Rd Marian O'Hare, Greenan Road
<b>Thursday 18 February</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Mary McCreran
<b>Friday 19 February</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Noel Keenan, St. Clare's Avenue   Paula Larkin, Shandon Park & Joe & Kay McAnoy, Beechmount Park   Patrick Healey & Lundy Family, Violet Hill Avenue
<b>Saturday 20 February</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Bridie Moore, Ballyholland Park   Eddie McFee, High Street Teresa Moody, Carrick Ard Annie McLoughlin, Bridge Street
<b>Sunday 21 February</b>	<b>12 noon 5.30pm</b>	

St. Mary's Anniversaries

<b>Sunday 14 February</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>James Matthews, Chapel Road (M.M)</b>   May & Jim Collins, Clanrye Avenue Peter, Sarah & May Shields, O'Neill Avenue & Peter Shields (Jnr), Ballyholland Park John McParland, Warrenpoint Road   Larry McArdle, Carlingford Park Pamela Dixon, Caiseal Court, Ballyholland Peter & Josephine Devlin, Drumgullion Avenue & Phyllis & Frank Devlin, Derrybeg Pk
<b>Tuesday 16 February</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Lily & Dessie McKeivitt, Derrylecka   Louis Spencer, Edward Street
<b>Sunday 21 February</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Peter McManus, Carnagh Park & Jack & Gertie McManus, Chapel Street Deceased members of the Mulholland family & Eileen Cowan

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 13 February</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Eileen Ruddy (M.M.)   Margaret Browne, Mourneview Park (M.M.)</b> John & Margaret Craven, Raymond Kelly Park & Annie & John Toman, Chapel Street   Cyril Connor, Cherrywood Grove John (Jackie) Lucas, Iveagh Crescent   Paddy & Mary(Mona) Mallon, Drumgullion Ave Seamus & Doreen Mallon, Orior Road   James & Margaret Mallon, Rooney's Terrace William & Bridget Quinn, St. Clare's Avenue
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<b>Saturday 20 February</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Matt & Molly Griffin, Orior Road   Patrick Bagnall, Springhill Drive Paddy Rafferty, Ballinlare Gardens   Joe & Lewis Dixon, Lisdrum Avenue Danny Murphy, Fifth Avenue Pat & Ruth Magill, formerly Derrybeg

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 13 February</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Bridget & Rosaleen Clarke   Patrick O'Keeffe   Sr. Bridget Mulligan Jackie, Kathleen, Mary & Gregory Mooney
<b>Sunday 14 February</b>	<b>8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 12.30pm</b>	<b>Michael Rice (M.M.)</b> <b>Dr. Subir Banerjee (M.M.)</b> <b>John Fox (M.M.)</b>   Frank Moan (M.M.)   Bridget, Patrick & Thomas Mooney Bernard, Delia, Paul & Martin Trodden   Kevin Murtagh   Colum & Dermot Murtagh Benefactors of the Church & Priory   <b>Malachy Byrne (M.M.)</b> Patrick & Rose McLoughlin   John & Rose Devlin   Carmel Tumilty
<b>Monday 15 February</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	Woods family <b>11.00am</b> Joe McParland <b>7.30pm</b> Matthew Naughton
<b>Tuesday 16 February</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 17 February</b>	<b>11.00am 7.30pm</b>	Bernard & Rose Madigan & the Moran family John & Bridget McKeivitt
<b>Thursday 18 February</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Luke Byrne
<b>Saturday 20 February</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	James & Rose Gallogly & deceased members of the Gallogly & McGeough families
<b>Sunday 21 February</b>	<b>11.00am 12.30pm</b>	Moir & Imelda Campbell   Evelyn Carnegie Benefactors of the Church & Priory   Marie Cole   Maria Coffey Mary, David, Jack & Marie Watson

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Please contact Louise if you wish to participate in the circle or if you have an intention that needs prayerful support. All intention requests are confidential. The members in the circle will be informed by email or telephone of the request but not be supplied with any personal details. Telephone number: 07761648145 and e-mail is mlshields@btinternet.com

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