

# Parish of Newry

Sunday 9 January 2022  
The Baptism of the Lord

*As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

Jesus is there anonymously in the crowd, coming forward with the rest to meet the famous John the Baptist. It is impossible for us to see him as an anonymous person; to us he stands out from every crowd and from the whole human race: above them, beyond them; we can't imagine him not yet majestic. But there he is, the village man, Jesus, known only to his family and neighbours. He is not yet famous.

There is only one famous man there: John the Baptist. When you see a famous person among the crowds you notice that there is nearly always something false about it: he or she is looking for something, votes or applause or some other sort of ego-stroking. But John the Baptist wasn't looking for anything; he was delivering! He was delivering a verbal lashing of extraordinary severity, calling the crowd 'a brood of vipers.' Jesus is there, watching, listening, anonymous. He is indistinguishable from the brood of vipers. He is one of us. This is nothing new for him; this is how he has been all the thirty years of his life.

But this meeting with John the Baptist is a turning point. Something happened. He experienced the Spirit, and it is described in the kind of language that mystics have used throughout the ages to describe their union with God: 'You are my son, the beloved.'

Have you ever known that experience, in your very bones: God speaking to you (in some sense), 'You are my son, my daughter, the beloved?' If you experience God at all how could it be otherwise? God is love.

Even the thundering 19th-century preacher, Spurgeon, became quiet in front of today's gospel passage. He wrote: "The wings of the dove are as soft as they are swift. Quietness seems essential to many spiritual operations; the Lord is in the still small voice, and like the dew, His grace is distilled in silence." The unshakeable intimacy with his Father that Jesus demonstrated throughout the rest of his life bears witness to his experience of God's Spirit.

Was he now somehow 'above' the crowd? Would he no longer queue up with them? On the contrary. He was now more than ever one of them. He spent the rest of his life seeking out "the weak, the sick, the wounded, the strayed, the lost" (see Ezekiel 34). He was for the lost sheep, the outcast, the sinner. This has ever since been the mark of true greatness. Among us human beings (and not only in the farmyard) there is usually a well-enforced pecking order: people who climb up a step are sure to make it visible in some way, and sometimes they will even move into a different circle of friends and abandon the old circle. But Jesus never abandons the abandoned. Again the mighty Spurgeon: "Gentleness is a sure result of the Spirit's transforming power: hearts touched by Him are meek and lowly henceforth and for ever."

Can language convey this? I know a man who conveys it better than words ever could. When he is talking with you (or, much more often, listening) and someone interrupts, he totally ignores the interruption. His attention is unwavering. Nothing else exists for him at that moment, and you know that he would stop at nothing to help you, and there is not the slightest hint of ego in it - he has no agenda of his own. This is a rare quality. People know instinctively that he is a man of God. In case you've never met one, that's what meeting a saint is like.

If meeting a saint is like that, what must it be like to meet Jesus himself?

Fr Donagh O'Shea, O.P.,  
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Hill Street**  
Weekend Mass Times  
Saturday (vigil Mass)  
6.00pm  
Sunday: 9.00am, 12noon  
& 5.30pm  
Weekday Mass Times  
Monday – Saturday  
10.30am

**St. Brigid's Church,  
Rooney's Meadow**  
Weekend Mass Times  
Saturday Evening (vigil  
Mass) 7.30pm  
Friday: 7.30pm

**St. Mary's Church,  
Chapel Street**  
Tuesday: 7.30pm  
Sunday: 9.00am  
(Latin Mass)  
Sunday: 10.30am

**St. Catherine's Church,  
Dominican Priory, Dominic Street**  
Mon-Sat: 7.30am & 11.00am & 7.30pm  
Sunday Masses – VIGIL [SAT] 7.30pm  
8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Mt 3:16-17**

**All:** After the Lord was baptised,  
the heavens were opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my  
beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

## GREETING

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

**All:** Amen

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

**All:** And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

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

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

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

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

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

**All:** Amen

## GLORIA

**All:** **Glorify 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:** Almighty ever-living God,  
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River  
Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,

solemnly declared him your beloved Son,  
grant that your children by adoption,  
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,  
may always be well 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 prophet Isaiah

40:1-5. 9-11

‘Console my people, console them’  
says your God.  
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her  
that her time of service is ended,  
that her sin is atoned for,  
that she has received from the hand of the Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness  
a way for the Lord.  
Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert.  
Let every valley be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley;  
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up a high mountain,  
joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice,  
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.  
Shout without fear,  
say to the towns of Judah,  
‘Here is your God.’  
Here is the Lord coming with power,  
his arm subduing all things to him.  
The prize of his victory is with him,  
his trophies all go before him.  
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,  
gathering lambs in his arms,  
holding them against his breast  
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R v. 1

**(R) Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are.**

1. Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **(R)**
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servants. **(R)**
3. How many are your words, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.

There is the sea, vast and wide,  
with its moving swarms past counting,  
living things great and small. (R)

4. All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill. (R)
5. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. (R)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus 21:11-14; 3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

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

*Congregation stands*

**ACCLAMATION** Cf. Lk 3:16

All: **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Someone is coming, said John,**  
**someone greater than I.**  
**He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit**  
**and with fire. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy  
Gospel according to Mark 12:28-34

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

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

All: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Congregation sits*

## HOMILY

*Congregation stands*

## THE CREED

All: **I believe in one God,**  
**the Father almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth,**  
**of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**the Only Begotten Son of God,**  
**born of the Father before all ages.**  
**God from God, Light from Light,**  
**true God from true God,**  
**begotten, not made, consubstantial with the**  
**Father; through him all things were made.**  
**For us men and for our salvation**  
**he came down from heaven,**

*(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')*

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin**  
**Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,**  
**he suffered death and was buried,**  
**and rose again on the third day**  
**in accordance with the Scriptures.**  
**He ascended into heaven**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory**  
**to judge the living and the dead**  
**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of**  
**life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**  
**who with the Father and the Son is adored and**  
**glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic**  
**Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness**  
**of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of**  
**the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

*Congregation sits*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

*The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body and blood are brought to the altar.*

*The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:*

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

*The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

Priest: By the mystery of this water and wine  
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ  
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*The celebrant then raises the chalice above the altar and says:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

*Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:*

**Priest:** With humble spirit and contrite heart  
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,  
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day  
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

*Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:*

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and  
yours may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your  
hands for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Priest:** Accept, O Lord, the offerings  
we have brought to honour the revealing of your  
beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful  
may be transformed into the sacrifice of him  
who willed in his compassion  
to wash away the sins of the world.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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 (Baptism of the Lord)

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

For in the waters of the Jordan  
you revealed with signs and wonders a new  
Baptism, so that through the voice that came down  
from heaven we might come to believe in your  
Word dwelling among us, and by the Spirit's  
descending in the likeness of a dove  
we might know that Christ your Servant  
has been anointed with the oil of gladness  
and sent to bring the good news to the poor.

And so, with the Powers of heaven,  
we worship you constantly on earth,  
and before your majesty without end we acclaim:

### ACCLAMATION

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

*Congregation kneels*

**Priest:** You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
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: 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 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 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.**

**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 Jn 1:32. 34

**All:** **Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.**

*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. Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

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

**Priest:** May God, source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out his blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** May he give you integrity in the faith, endurance in hope, and perseverance in charity with holy patience to the end.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** May he order your days and your deeds in his peace, grant your prayers in this and in every place, and lead you happily to eternal life.

**All:** **Amen**

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

**All:** **Amen**

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

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

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

## Message from the Administrator

Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent to our Confession until the fall of the Temple in 70 A.D., it was common for Jewish people to use a special pool called a Mikveh – literally a ‘collection of water’ – as a means of spiritual cleansing, to remove spiritually impurity and sin. Men took this bath weekly on the eve of the Sabbath, women, monthly. Converts were expected to take this bath before entering Judaism. The Orthodox Jews still retain the rite. John preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continuing ritual into one single, definitive act by which we begin our life of Faith. In effect, He fused His Divine Essence with the water and the ceremony.

The people were searching, and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life’s journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?

The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you – either in the sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.

The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?

This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part his prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?

“The Lord was baptised, not to be cleansed himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism. (St. Ambrose 340-397).

Happy New Year to all parishioners. As we look ahead to the New Year, we implore God’s continued providential guidance and presence in our life. Sincere thanks to the many parishioners who helped at all the Masses over the Christmas period. We are indebted to you for your help and service given to the parish.

Canon Francis Brown

### Maintenance to the Cathedral

The Diocese has approved the Finance Council’s proposal to do vitally important maintenance work to the Cathedral to prevent the rain doing damage to the fabric of the building. This work will begin on Monday 10th January. It is expected to last for a period of six weeks. Consarc Architects have also been engaged to carry out the survey of the entire building to enable the parish plan further necessary maintenance work.

### Wearing of Masks

To ensure everyone’s safety and to remain safe yourself it is required that you wear a mask in all the parish churches for the entire celebration. Please wear your mask properly with nose and mouth covered at all times.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

#### Sunday 19 December

Parish Collection	£ 2673.13
Loose plate Collection	£ 410.38
Direct Debits	£ 1121.46
	£ 4204.97

Monthly Collection £ 652.00

#### Christmas Day Collection

Parish Collection	£ 2814.75
Loose Plate Collection	£ 813.60
	£ 3628.35

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#### Sunday 26 December

Parish Collection	£ 1269.37
Loose plate Collection	£ 535.27
Direct Debits	£ 1121.46
	£ 2926.10

#### Sunday 2 January

Parish Collection	£ 3188.88
Loose plate Collection	£ 587.17
Direct Debits	£ 1121.46
	£ 4897.51

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### HOW CAN I OFFER SERVICE TO MY PARISH?

Due to the differences made by the onset of COVID 19, the parishioners and priests need those who are willing to offer their service in a number of ways. We need more Stewards, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Collectors. Please consider offering your service in one or more of these areas of service.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first Sacrament we received. Because of COVID, the preparation offered to parents and sponsors had to stop. It is our hope to begin again in the month of February to offer an online course to parents and sponsors.

If you are considering having your baby baptised in March, consider signing up for the February course. More details will be available in the bulletin.

### RECENTLY BAPTISED

Fiadh Teresa Connor-McLaren, 21 Meadowbrook Park  
Phoebe Annie McGivern, 23 Carneyhough Court

### Church Collections

COVID has been with us for almost two years and is continuing. Our church collections have suffered accordingly. It is our plan to change the means of collection. Beginning in the New Year, it is our plan to have a basket at the doors of each church. We welcome back the collectors and ask for more volunteers to assist at each of the Masses. Please contact the Parish Office stating which Mass you can offer assistance. Please leave your telephone number and email address in the parish office.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

P J Cunningham, *Clanrye Fold & Chapel Street*  
Pat Roe, *Ballyholland*  
Dan Coyle, *Derry*  
George Yeates, *Main Avenue, Derrybeg*  
Martina McDonald, *Drumgullion Avenue*  
Jason O’Hanlon, *Bessbrook*  
Tony Rodgers, *Ashgrove Avenue*  
Pat Golding, *Elmwood Park*  
Jimmy Fearon, *Cole Court*

## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

### Cathedral Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 8 January</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Mary & Owen O'Gorman & deceased members of the McGowan Family, Bessbrook Charlie Madden, Forthill Road & Margaret Madden, Moorhill Road Stephen Woods, Craigmore Road   Bill O'Keefe, Clanrye Fold Margaret Hadden, Shandon Park   Nancy & Pat Joe McCann, The Manse
<b>Sunday 9 January</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>12 noon</b>	Rev. Edward Campbell   Elizabeth Casey, Mourneview Park Kathleen & Patrick McShane, Greenwood Drive & Elizabeth, John, Pat, Gerry & Margaret Fox, Galway   Paul Mullin, Killeavy Road
<b>Monday 10 January</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Rev. John Magee
<b>Tuesday 11 January</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Brian & Mary McAteer, Castle Street   Kevin Morgan, Flagstaff Court Patrick Smyth
<b>Wednesday 12 January</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Rose & Joseph Balance, Cochran Road & Margaret Curran, Maginnis Street
<b>Thursday 13 January</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Bridie Devine, Castle Enigan Road
<b>Friday 14 January</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Paddy McCabe, Mourneview Park
<b>Saturday 15 January</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Margaret Rose Boyd & Dr. Eamon Boyd, Newry, Omeath & Leixlip Gwen Reilly, Chestnut Grove
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Jim Matthews, Chapel Road   Patrick Burns, Damolly Meadows & Molly & Joseph Patterson, Dromalane Park   Joe & Mary Carlin, Water Street
<b>Sunday 16 January</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Oliver Magill, Ashfield Avenue   Felix Fegan, England, formerly Hennessy Park Maire O'Hare, Bettyshill Road & Brendan O'Hare, Meigh Audrius Bastus, Lithuania

### St. Mary's Anniversaries

<b>Sunday 9 January</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Bridget Murphy, O'Neill Avenue   Deceased members of the Pollock family, The Commons   Patrick & Mae Keenan, Courtney Hill & Peter & Mary Keenan, St. Clare's Avenue & Kerry   Michael, Christine, Dessie & Marie McAteer, Home Avenue & Lily McAnulty, Mountainview Drive   Willie Ryan, Carlingford Park. Oliver McEvoy, Chapel Street
<b>Tuesday 11 January</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	May & Ann Maguire, High Street
<b>Sunday 16 January</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Mena Fallon, Chapel Street & deceased members of the Duffy Family Brendan Murphy, O'Neill Avenue & deceased members of the Murphy Family, St. Patrick's Avenue   John, Margaret, Gerard & Patrick Fitzpatrick, Chapel Hill

### St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 8 January</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Eleanor Fegan, Dundalk (M.M)</b>   Dominic Fegan, Killeavy Road John & Elizabeth Magill, Hennessy Park   Gerry Carroll, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg Patricia Graham, Drumgullion Avenue Paddy Lundy, Slievegullion Road   Mary & Bobby McAleavey, Second Avenue, Derrybeg   Jane Smyth, Lisgullion Park May McEnteggart, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg Francis McDonald, Third Avenue & Brigid & James Fearon & deceased family members, Davis Street
<b>Friday 14 January</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Eileen Ruddy, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg   Vincent & Annie Trainor, Church Drive, Camlough Road
<b>Sunday 15 January</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Paddy White, Ashgrove Road   Ann Tomany & Mary Thomas Margaret Browne, Mourneview Park & deceased members of the Browne, Finlay & McDonald Families   Kathleen & Vincent Carroll, Second Avenue, Derrybeg

### St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 8 January</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	John & Kathleen Hollywood   Patricia O'Hare, John & Josephine McIlvenny & Madge, Patrick & Sean McGoldrick
<b>Sunday 9 January</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>12.30pm</b>	Sinead McKeown   Frank Matthews <b>Rita McAnulty (M.M)</b>   Benefactors of the Church & Priory   John McParland
<b>Monday 10 January</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Terry Hegarty Rose McAlinden & deceased members of the McAlinden & Nealon Families
<b>Tuesday 11 January</b>	<b>7.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Willie Hogan Phil Lynch
<b>Wednesday 12 January</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Rose Morgan <b>7.30pm</b> Briege Campbell
<b>Thursday 13 January</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	Maureen Murtagh
<b>Friday 14 January</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Malachy Byrne
<b>Saturday 15 January</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>7.30pm</b> <b>12.30pm</b>	Frank Moan Eileen McCourt & The McCourt Family   Bridie, Myles, Stephanie, Anna Marie, Paddy & Lorraine   Thomas & Mary Reilly & deceased family members Benefactors of the Church & Priory   Jim Gaffney

### **SYNOD Prayer**

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,

forever and ever. Amen.

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