

Parish of Newry

Sunday 27 March 2016
Easter Sunday

Some time after we have been bereaved, they tell us, we need "closure": that is, we need to leave the painful event in the past, and though we will never cease to love our departed relative or friend, we have to get on with our life. This process begins with the funeral; "we bring the body of our brother or sister to its place of rest," as the funeral liturgy says. In a strange way, that place of rest is a place of rest for us too. It is painful and yet it is a comfort to visit the grave: our sorrow is able to focus itself there. When for some reason there has been no funeral - when the person is "missing presumed dead" - there is a kind of unending pain that can never come to "closure".

What the disciples found on the first Easter Sunday morning was an empty tomb. There was to be no "closure": it was to become a matter of quite different significance. It was to be the beginning of a story, and not the end. The new story would not be, "He is dead," but "He is risen." Jesus would not belong just to the past, he would never be left behind while we go on with our lives. He is risen! He goes before us! It is not closure but opening to a new kind of life.

"Alleluia!" This has been the shout of Christians from the beginning and uninterrupted through the ages. They pronounce it differently in different places, but it is always the same Hebrew word. It means "Praise God!" It is an exclamation of joy. It's the word that expresses a Christian's fundamental outlook on life.

Is it realistic to be always positive and joyful like that? Surely there are times for sadness and dejection!

In answer, may I quote a passage from an address that Timothy Radcliffe made to a general assembly of Dominicans as Master of the order?

He took a verse from John's gospel (20:19): "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' And he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord." Then Fr Radcliffe said:

"It is the sight of the wounded Christ that frees the disciples from fear and makes them glad. It is the wounded Christ that transforms them into preachers. . . . When we see the wounded Christ, then we can face the fact that we are already hurt. Perhaps we have been hurt by our childhoods, by growing up in dysfunctional families, or by our experience of religious life, by botched attempts to love, by ideological conflicts in the Church, by sin. Every one of us is a wounded preacher. But the good news is that we are preachers because we are wounded. Gerard Vann, an English Dominican, was one of the most famous writers on spirituality in the English-speaking world since the Second World War. He struggled with alcoholism and depression all his life. That is why he had something to say. We have a word of hope and mercy because we have needed them ourselves. On my bookshelves I have a book written by an old French Dominican called Les Cicatrices, (The Scars). In this book he tells how he came to Christ through the hurts of his life. And when he gave it to me he wrote a dedication, 'For Timothy who knows that the scars can become the doors of the sun.'"

The wonder of the Resurrection is that everything, even our wounds and failures, becomes the stuff of new life.

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

The Cathedral of SS. Patrick & Colman, Hill Street

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

St. Brigid's Church, Rooney's Meadow

Saturday Vigil : 7.00pm
Sunday : 11.30am,
9.30am (po polsku)
Weekday Mass Times :
Monday, Wednesday &
Friday 7.00pm.

St. Mary's Church, Chapel Street

Saturday Vigil : 6.30pm
Sunday : 11.00am
Latin Mass : 9.00am
Weekday Mass Times :
Tuesday & Thursday
7.00pm.

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

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 138:18. 5-6

All: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING

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

All: **Amen**

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

All: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

Priest: Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All: **Amen**

THE 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 on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep

the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R v.24

**(R) This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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

Congregation stands

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
 Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
 Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
 Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
 The tomb the Living did enclose;
 I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
 The angels there attesting;
 shroud with grave-clothes resting.
 Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
 That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
 Victorious king, thy mercy show!

ACCLAMATION 1 Cor 5:7-8

All: Alleluia, alleluia!
**Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;
 let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20: 1-9
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stands

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Priest: Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried in Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

Priest: Do you renounce Satan?
All: **I do.**

Priest: And all his works?
All: **I do.**

Priest: And all his empty show?
All: **I do.**

Then the Priest continues:

Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?
All: **I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: **I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All: **I do.**

Priest: And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

The Celebrant sprinkles the people with the blessed water.

PRAYERS 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: Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Congregation stands

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

PREFACE (The Paschal Mystery)

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but on this day above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising, restored our life.

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

ACCLAMATION

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

Congregation kneels

Priest: To you, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer and petition through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord: that you accept and bless + these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices, which we offer you firstly for your holy catholic Church. Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world, together with your servant Francis our Pope and N our Bishop, and all those who, holding to the truth, hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your servants N. and N. and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.

Celebrating the most sacred day of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,

Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, and blessed Joseph, her Spouse, your blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, and all your Saints; we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended by your protecting help.

Therefore, Lord, we pray; graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family; which we make to you also for those to whom you have been pleased to give the new birth of water and the Holy Spirit, granting them forgiveness of all their sins; order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve this offering in every respect; make it spiritual and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, he took bread in his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father, 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: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

Priest: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of Christ, your Son, our Lord, we, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them, as once you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N., who have gone before us with the sign of faith

and rest in the sleep of peace.
Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ,
a place of refreshment, light and peace.

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners,
hope in your abundant mercies,
graciously grant some share
and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs:
with John the Baptist, Stephen,
Matthias, Barnabas, and all your Saints;
admit us, we beseech you, into their company,
not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon,
through Christ our Lord.

Through whom
you continue to make all these good things, O Lord;
you sanctify them, fill them with life,
bless them, and bestow them upon us.

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

1 Cor 5:7-8

All: **Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray.
Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and
favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

Priest: May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten
Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption
and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing.

All: **Amen**

Priest: May he, by whose redeeming work
you have received the gift of everlasting freedom,
make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.

All: **Amen**

Priest: Any may you, who have already risen with Christ
in baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this
earth, be united with him in the homeland of heaven.

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

Message from the Administrator

Easter, which celebrates Christ's resurrection from the dead, is Christianity's most important holiday. It has been called a moveable feast because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, as most holidays do. Christian churches in the west celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21st. Therefore, Easter is observed anywhere between the 22nd March and 25th April every year. Orthodox Christians use the Julian calendar to calculate when Easter will occur and typically celebrate the holiday a week or two after the Western Churches, which follow the Gregorian calendar. Easter is really an entire season of the Christian year, as opposed to a single day observance. The 50-day period following Easter Sunday is called Eastertide and includes a celebration of Jesus' ascension into heaven.

On behalf of Bishop McAreevey and the Priests of the Parish, I take this opportunity to wish you all a meaningful and joyous Easter. I extend a word of thanks to the many people who lend a helping hand in the Parish and are so generous with their time. Thanks to the Organists and Choirs in each of the Churches for your valuable contribution to the various liturgies: Mrs Florence McMahon, Mrs Alma Brown, Mrs Janice Gribben, Mr Dominic Wadsworth, Mr Sean Keenan, Mrs Kathy Colgan, Mr Gareth Hughes, Mr John Cosgrove, Mr Conor McGlone and Mr Enda McAleavy.

We appreciate the assistances of the Sacristans, the Altar Servers, the Adult Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, the Collectors, those who arrange the flowers and clean the Churches. We are deeply indebted to those who count the money on a weekly basis and the very many people in the various organisations who are so generous with their time. Both the Offertory Promise Committee and Parish Finance Council are committed in their service to the Parish and I thank them for their total commitment.

The Parish Pastoral Council has done much invaluable work since Christmas. I commend them for organising a very successful Novena in honour of St. Patrick and I commend them also for the invitation to all Parishioners to become more involved in their Parish. The St. Patrick's Novena was very special this year. Each of the speakers enabled us to reflect on the richness of our heritage and the influence which St. Patrick had on us as a nation. We were invited to reflect on the great gift of faith brought to us by St. Patrick and to express our gratitude to him. The work of the Liturgy Committee, the Sacramental Team, the Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders, the Knights of St. Columbanus has been significant and they are making a big difference in the Parish. Sincere thanks to those members of the Parish Pastoral Council who have led different programmes in the Parish in the winter and spring terms; the Bible Study group, the Autumn and Winter programmes, the Lectio Divina, the Youth Alpha Programme, talks for parents in preparation for Confirmation, the Children's Liturgy of the Word, the Do This in Memory Programme, the Online Media Team. Many thanks to the teams who organised the Mercy Night and the Night Fever celebrations during the Season of Lent. Many graces were bestowed on our parish on both occasions. Thanks to John McClelland and Fred Hollywood for preparing the Mercy Trail in the Cathedral for this year of Mercy. Many people have benefited because of the generosity and commitment of these parishioners.

It is a great joy to us all that the restoration work has begun on St. Mary's Church. The work in progressing very well and should be completed in August. I thank parishioners for their generosity and I am delighted to say that we now have £573,126.32 already. With your continued generosity we will reach our desired target of £724,000.00. The parishioners will, I believe be very proud of their Church, the oldest in Newry Parish, once it has been restored.

May every parishioner have a grace filled Easter and have a heightened awareness of the presence of Christ in his/her life.

Canon Francis Brown

Trócaire Boxes

As we approach the final week of Lent you are reminded that your Trócaire Collection box should be returned to the Parish either by putting it in the collection baskets at Masses or by leaving it in the Sacristy or Parish Office. Please do not leave your Trócaire box in the churches.

Easter Holy Water

During the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses the blessing of Holy Water takes place. A limited supply of bottles of water will be blessed and distributed. To ensure that everyone has access to a supply of Easter Holy Water you are advised to bring your own bottle of water which will also be blessed during each Mass.

MASS TIMES FOR EASTER WEEK

Please note: NO 5.30pm Mass in the Cathedral on Easter Sunday.

NO 8.30am Mass in the Cathedral from Monday 28th March – Saturday 2nd April inclusive.

NO Evening Masses in St. Brigid's Church Monday – Friday inclusive of Easter Week. **Vigil Masses** as usual on Saturday 2nd April in all Churches.

NO 7.30am Mass in St. Catherine's from Monday 28th March – Saturday 2nd April 2016. The 7.30am Mass will resume on Monday 4th April 2016.

Newry Parish Family Ramble – Sunday 24th April 2016 at 1pm

A 5km walk starting from the Parish Office, Hill St around the city, linking all our Churches and back to the Parish Centre, The Mall for light refreshments. This walk is planned by our Parish Youth Leaders as a Fund raising event to support the many parish activities and programmes that they offer our young people. Come along and join the adventure, it is not a rae, it is for everyone, the young, parents, older parents, grandparents too, it is for everybody. You can register on the morning of the walk from 11am until 12.45pm or by collecting a form from the Parish Office, cost only £5 per person, family rates will apply. More information on registration forms and on website.

Dromore Diocese has registered with the Charities Commission. The Diocese has registered as a single donation charity encompassing all previous parish trusts. When you receive the new box of envelopes for weekly contribution you will notice this change as each envelope will carry the name of the Dromore Diocesan Trust (charity no. XT27177). Envelopes previously endorsed for Bishop & Priests are now entitled '**Monthly Offering**'. Gift Aid can now be claimed for all collections. The envelope is also marked with the parish's name so that all contributions to parish continue to remain within the parish.

Parish Office Opening Hours

The Parish Office will be closed for the Easter Holidays from 2.30pm on Good Friday and will re-open on Monday 4th April at 9.00am. If you require a priest in an emergency please Telephone: 302 62586.

The Feast of the Divine Mercy will be celebrated in St. Catherine's Church on Sunday 3rd April, 2016, commencing at 2.00pm – 2.50pm: Adoration & Confessions (anyone who has been to confession for Easter this confession will suffice for Mercy Sunday). 3.00pm-4.00pm – Mass. All welcome

The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday 24th April 2016

The launch of a National Crusade of Prayer for Vocations will take place at the 3.00pm Mass. Bus leaves Newry Gateway at 7.30am Deposit £10 secures a place. Breakfast & Evening Meal €25. To book please contact: Fr. Tony, Parish Office, Newry.

In preparation for the Feast of Mercy on Sunday 3rd April 2016 a 9 day Novena in Honour of Jesus the Divine Mercy will be celebrated in the Cathedral commencing **Good Friday**.

1st Day of Novena (Good Friday), at 2.50pm before Stations of the Cross.
2nd Day (Holy Saturday, 26th March) – 3.00pm
3rd Day (Easter Sunday, 27th March) – after 10.00am Mass
4th -8th Day (Mon, 28th March – Fri 1st April) – after 10.30am Mass
9th Day (Saturday 2nd April) at 8.45pm before the Easter Vigil

Knights of Columbanus CK10 Newry

Knights of Columbanus CK10 Newry are holding their Annual Coffee Morning on **Saturday 9th April 2016** in Newry Conference & Banqueting Centre, The Mall, Newry, from 10.00am – 2.00pm. All donations will be used for the purchase of IPADS or Wi-Fi Kindle for the sick & infirm at home so they can link to Newry Cathedral, St. Brigid's, St. Catherine's, St. Mary's (on completion of renovations) for daily Mass. Please support this event.

Recently Deceased

Alice Blakemore, Fern Court
Gerry Carolan, Clanrye Fold
Tom Reilly, O'Neill Avenue

NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Sunday 27 March	10.00am	Canon Pat McAnuff John Declan Bennett, Barley Lane Nicholas & Kathleen Shevlin & Deceased family members Sean Burke, Sandy Hill Pat Burke, Springhill Drive
	12 noon	William Sheehan, Ashgrove Road Bernadette Mulligan, O'Neill Avenue Patrick J & Mary A Quinn, Dora Avenue
Monday 28 March	10.30am	Paddy & Margaret O'Neill, Killeavy Road Robert & Annie Fegan, Stream Street
Tuesday 29 March	10.30am	Clare & Patrick Hanna, Murphy Crescent
Wednesday 30 March	10.30am	Michael Kerr, Well Lane
Thursday 31 March	10.30am	Leo & Michael Barry, Downshire Road
Saturday 2 April	10.30am	Maura McAteer, O'Neill Avenue (M.M) Francis & Patricia Campbell, Forthill Road, Temple Hill Ann & Patrick Rooney, Dora Avenue & Thomas Crilly, Dora Avenue
	6.00pm	Maureen Taylor, McManus Court (M.M) Bob Henry, Newry (M.M) George McIver, Mourneview Park (M.M) Michael & Margaret Keenan & deceased family members, Orior Road Patrick & Bridget Fitzpatrick & Susan McGurk, High Street
Sunday 3 April	8.30am	Kathleen & John Smith, Plunkett Street John & Brigid Casey, Mourneview Park, Edward, Sarah & Kevin McCamley, Murphy Crescent, Mary Ann & Andrew Smith, Erskine Street Teresa & John Cunningham, Cherrywood Grove Josie & Jim Campbell, England Rosie & John McCann, England Ruddy Family, Casey Family, Smith Family, McKeown Family Grace & Colman McEvoy, Rathfriland Road
	10.00am	Joseph & Sarah Moore, Dominic Street Edward (Eddie) McAteer, Mountainview House, Billys Rd
	12 noon	Patsy Farrell, Windsor Avenue The Magee Family, Carnmeen, Carnbane Catherine Corrigan, Willow Grove

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 27 March	11.00am	Edward Lavelle, Rostrevor Dan & May McCann, O'Neill Avenue, George & Bridget McGivern, High Street & May O'Hanlon, Chapel Street Teresa Bannon, Barley Lane Jean O'Flaherty, O'Neill Avenue
Saturday 2 April	6.30pm	Richard, Annie & Paddy Stokes & Colm Rafferty, Priory Crescent
Sunday 3 April	11.00am	Rita & Dan Madden, The Commons

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Sunday 27 March	11.30am	Arthur & Kathleen McGuigan, Castle Street Sean Donohoe, Derrybeg Cottages Sally & John Pearce, Second Avenue, Derrybeg & deceased members of the Pearce & Bagnall Families, Newry & Glenn Frances Magee, Slievegullion Road. Liam Magee, Derrybeg Drive, James & Mary Leontia Magee & deceased family members, Canal Street Thomas & Mary Hughes & Family & the Hayes Family, John Martin Street Rose Boyle, Millvale Road
Saturday 2 April	7.00pm	Mary & John Henry Conway, Lurgan & deceased members of Conway Family, Lurgan Ethel & Robert McDonald, Derrybeg Drive
Sunday 3 April	11.30am	Margaret & John Collins, Violet Hill Avenue James Craven, Second Avenue, Derrybeg

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Sunday 27 March	8.00am	Dessie McCabe	9.30am	Joseph Duggan Thomas Mary Noel & Kieran McNally
	11.00am	Magdalene & Michael Matthews Rose & Patrick Morgan William McCloyre & Alice Grant Pauline & Frank McConville Eugene Markey & deceased family members Benefactors of Church & Priory		
Monday 28 March	7.30am	Shanley Family	11.00am	Fr. Michael Boyd Patrick McAnulty
	7.30pm	Phyllis Kimbley (M.M) Deceased members of the Boden & Lyons Families		
Tuesday 29 March	7.30pm	Maureen McNeill (M.M) Michael Clarke		
Wednesday 30 March	11.00am	Bridie Rice		
Thursday 31 March	7.30pm	Jerome McAteer		
	7.30pm	Lilia McCormack Bernard & Bridie McCabe		
Friday 1 April	7.30pm	Patrick Fegan		
Saturday 2 April	7.30pm	Philomena O'Neill		
Sunday 3 April	9.30am	Michael Watters		
	11.00am	John Campbell & Kathleen Dodds Alice McKay Celine Hollywood Grace McAvoy		
	12.15pm	Benefactors of Church & Priory Arthur Carruthers Kevin & Susan Toner		

Recently Baptised**We welcome into our community:**

Lucy Ellen Kay, 25 Rathdallan
Eliza Radlak, 2 Baggot Street
Charlie George Hughes, 4 Chequer Hill

"Extraordinary Year of Mercy"

Christian Meditation through relaxation, reflecting the Mercy of God in the Scripture. Friday 1st April 2016 in the Parish Centre, The Mall at 3.30pm – 4.30pm. For further information Tel: 302 52179 or 07707312536.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday 20 March

Parish Collection	£ 5556.00
Loose Plate Collection	£ 1857.23
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	£ 7867.93

Newry Parish is a Registered Charity - Charity No: XN48113
Weekly Maintenance of Parish: £10,913

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 4th April 2016 @ 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Primary School, Castlewellan Road, Hilltown. A newly researched lecture, 'Dromore Diocesan Priests as Catholic Chaplains in World War 1' to be given by Mr Francis Keenan. Hilltown is the final resting place of Fr. Patrick Keenan, former PP Clonduff, and uncle of this evening's lecturer. Fr. Keenan was a World War 1 Army Chaplain. The lecture will focus on the background to the Great War, and the attitude of the Catholic Church to it. Francis Keenan will consider the response of the Irish Church to this devastating conflict, a response that culminated in the eventual participation of priests from our diocese as Army Chaplains

Dromore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
17th-22nd May 2016. Price: £550.00

Bookings are now being taken for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Application forms are available from the Parish Office, Hill Street. Price £550.00

Dominican Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy,

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