

# Parish of Newry

Sunday 28th February 2016  
The Third Sunday of Lent

In today's gospel reading we are brought up against the fathomless problem of evil. Is there any answer to it? We are lost for words when tragedy strikes at us – or near us. We use a lot of words, certainly, but we know that they all fall short. It is similar in that respect to the dark mystery of God. On an ordinary day we can say pat things about God and about suffering and evil. But when we are touched by any of these we have to fall silent. Then the only word we have is the one word that expresses God and humanity to the full extent that they can be expressed in our flesh: Jesus, the Word made flesh. All the puffs of air that we call words are insubstantial beside him. He is present to us whether we are awake or asleep, whether speaking or silent, whether full of joy or full of pain.

The 13th-century mystic, Bl. Angela of Foligno, had a deep experience of God, and when her confessor asked her to tell him about it, she said, "Father, if you experienced what I experienced and then you had to stand in the pulpit to preach, you could only say to the people, 'My friends, go with God's blessing, because today I can say nothing to you about God.'"

This could be a remedy for the excessive fluency we have when we speak about God. The word comes tripping off our tongue as if it there were nothing mysterious about it at all. It was not so in the beginning. In the Old Testament God revealed his name to Moses: it was Yahweh. "That will be my name forever, and by this name they shall call upon me for all generations to come." The Jews regarded this name as so holy that it should never be pronounced. In Hebrew, vowels are not written – only consonants. So the name was something like YWH. When they came to this name in the Scriptures they said 'Adonai' instead (Lord). As time went by and no one had ever heard the word pronounced, no one knew any longer how it was meant to be pronounced. (Later, some people began to put the vowels of 'Adonai' with the consonants of YWH, and it yielded – more or less – the artificial name 'Jehovah'.)

It is somehow a wonderful thing to have a name for God that must never be pronounced. We Christians don't talk like that, but in fact we say something that is even more radical. For us it is not that there is some taboo word that must never be uttered, but that all words fall short of the mark. Use any words you like, we say, or as many as you like, but know that when you have said them all you have said nothing. This is something that is not stated clearly or often enough. So that you will be reassured that this is not some kind of trendy agnosticism, here are some brief extracts from the writings of St Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274) on this subject.

*"God is ultimately known as unknown, because then the mind knows God most perfectly when it knows that his essence is above all that can be known in this life of wayfaring."*

*"Whatever is comprehended by a finite being [that is, us] is itself finite."*

*"God is honoured by silence, not because we may say or know nothing about him, but because we know that we are unable to comprehend him."*

*"Neither Christian nor pagan knows the nature of God as he is in himself."*

*"We only know God truly when we believe that he is above all that human beings can think about God."*

God is a dark mystery. But isn't God light? "God is light and in him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). Yes, but excess of light, as St Augustine said, has the same effect as darkness.

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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.

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

All Baptisms, Marriages and appointments may be arranged by calling the Parish Office. A Priest is available in the Parish Office from Monday to Friday 1.00pm – 2.00pm and in the evening by appointment.

### OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT NUMBER FOR PARISH OFFICE

Opening Hours: 9.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

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## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands***Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon****Cf. Ps 24: 15-16**

**All:** **My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.**

## 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:** Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**All:** **For we have sinned against you.**

**Priest:** Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**All:** **And grant us your salvation.**

**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 COLLECT

**Priest:** Let us pray.

*Pause for silent prayer*

**Priest:** O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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 Exodus

**3:1-8. 13-15**

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the

wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R v.8

**(R) The Lord is compassion and love.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R)
3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R)
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R)

## SECOND READING

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

**10:1-6. 10-12**

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not

to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

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

*Congregation stands*

**ACCLAMATION** **Mt 4:17**

**All: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
 Repent, says the Lord,  
 for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.  
 Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

## GOSPEL

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

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**13:1-9**

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

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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.**

## 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:** Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. 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 (Lent I)

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

For by your gracious gift each year, your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure, so that, more eagerly intent on prayer and on the works of charity, and participating in the mysteries by which they have been reborn, they may be led to the fullness of grace that you bestow on your sons and daughters.

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

### ACCLAMATION

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

*Congregation kneels*

**Priest:** You are indeed Holy, O Lord, 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:** **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

**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.**

*The celebrant may add these or similar words.*

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

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

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

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

*Congregation kneels*

*The celebrant says quietly:*

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

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

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

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Cf. Ps 83:4-5*

**All:** **The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

*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.  
As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

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

### PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

**Priest:** Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour, they may fulfil the whole of your commands.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**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.**

Administrator's Message

St. Mary's Cemetery

Over the recent past, Parish Representatives have identified plots in St. Mary's Cemetery which might be allocated for new burials. These plots have been identified by white tape around the plots. In some instances it is possible that a family may have evidence that such a plot is an existing family burial place and if anyone has such evidence they should advise the Parochial House and provide this evidence. It is proposed that the Parish will proceed to allocate these plots to parishioners who put their names down with the Parish for a grave some years ago.

Canon Francis Brown

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CATHEDRAL DURING LENT

The Stations of the Cross will be recited after the 10.30am Mass each Friday morning by one of the Ministers of the Word who read at this Mass throughout the year. During this Holy Year of Mercy you are invited to make a special effort to pray the Stations of the Cross.

LECTIO DIVINA

During the season of Lent fast would you consider trying Lectio Divina as a Lenten observance? If interested, groups meet in the following locations at the following times:

- Newry: Parish Centre, Tuesday 11.15am, Parish Centre, Thursday 11.15am
Banbridge: St. Therese Church, Monday 10.40am
Lurgan: St. Paul's Church, Lower Sacristy, Wednesday 7.00pm

Newry Parish Paschal Meal Come and join in celebrating our Parish Paschal (Passover) Meal. Understand a little of the Jewish tradition and history out of which our faith grew. This celebration helps us to understand our religious roots, which are Jewish. The night before he died Jesus celebrated his last Passover with his apostles. During this meal, he instituted the Eucharist. As you take part in the Paschal Meal you will see the many similarities between Passover and our Mass. The Paschal Meal is an opportunity for us to celebrate our growth as a community and be together with families & friends at this most special time of Holy Week.

When: Wednesday 23 March 2016 at 7.30pm

Where: Newry Parish Conference & Banqueting Centre.

Tickets are available from Parish Office, Newry Conference & Banqueting Centre & VERITAS

Additional Volunteers required for the delivery of the Offertory Promise Envelopes for 2016/2017.

Would you be willing to assist anywhere in the parish with the delivery of the Parish Envelopes in week commencing Sunday 3rd April 2016.

Approximately one hour of your time would be required. If interested please leave your contact details in the Parish Office. Thank You Offertory Promise Committee.

PARISH FINANCE

OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION ENVELOPES 2016/2017

Like all parishes, Newry Parish depends on the contributions from our parishioners to maintain parish property and meet everyday expenses, including the payment of personnel. The proceeds of the weekly envelope collection (green envelope) go towards the running costs of the parish. The monthly collection for the priests and bishop (pink envelope) together with the collection at Christmas and Easter (pink envelope) go to pay the salaries of the four priests and our obligations towards the bishop's salary. The special collections (blue envelopes) are forwarded to the diocesan office and do not form part of the parish income.

In order to meet our ongoing financial obligations we need a regular financial commitment from our parishioners. We therefore appeal to ALL members of our community to play their part in this area.

The next series of parish envelopes commences on Sunday 10th April 2016. If you do not have a box of envelopes or have come to live in the parish and would like a box of envelopes please contact the Parish Office - details on the front page of this bulletin. Alternatively, you can fill in the slip below and return it to the Parish Office or in the collection baskets. A box of envelopes will be delivered to your home. Thank you for your help and support.

Newry Parish Offertory Promise Committee

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Sunday Evening Devotions in the Cathedral during Lent

Sunday 28th February

St. Mary's High School, 7.00pm

Sunday 6th March

Sr. Pam Thimes - Reflection on the forgiving Father at 7.00pm

Sunday 13th March

St. Patrick's Novena at 5.30pm

Sunday 20th March

Evening Prayer of the Church sung by St. Colman's College Choir at 7.00pm

Holy Thursday Evening

Washing of Feet: Volunteers sought

On the 24th March 2016, during the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday evening, Bishop McAreevey will continue the tradition of the ritual washing of feet of 12 members of the parish community. In the ancient world the washing of feet symbolised humble service as this task was always the responsibility of the lowest slave in the household.

When Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, who became the first priests, he said to them: 'if I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet, for I have given you an example that you should also do as I have done'. (Jn. 13: 14-15)

It is a privilege to be part of the Holy Thursday evening ceremony which celebrates the Institution of the Priesthood and the Eucharist.

Anyone, male and female, who would like to take part in this beautiful ceremony of the Washing of Feet, is invited to contact Newry Parish Office in person or by telephone at 302 62586 by Friday 4th March 2016 to leave their name, address and telephone number.

Mercy Night

Pope Francis has asked all Cathedral Churches to have a Mercy Night on Friday 4th March in preparation for the Feast of Easter. Thus we, in this celebration, are in communion with all the Cathedrals around the world. You are invited to a Mercy Night in the Cathedral beginning at 7.30pm with a service of preparation for confession. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until midnight and the opportunity to avail of the Sacrament of Penance at any time from 7.30pm until midnight. A book will be placed at the back of the Cathedral for those who wish to sign up for adoration at this time. Please write your name in the book and your telephone number.

Penitential Service for P7 Pupils and their Parents

A Penitential Service will be held in the Cathedral on Wednesday 2nd March at 7.30pm for all P 7 pupils and their parents in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Penance.

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS To prepare for the beautiful feast of Easter there will be PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS every FRIDAY EVENING during LENT in St. Clare's Convent, Ashgrove Avenue, 7.30pm - 8.30pm. All welcome.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into our community:

- Emma Zofia Murphy, 37 Crieve Court
Emily McLoughlin, 57 Main Avenue, Derrybeg
Ava Rose Mary McNally, 78 Second Avenue, Derrybeg
Callum Mark Breen, 64 Oaklands
Frank Charles McSherry, 127 Armagh Road

"Extraordinary Year of Mercy" Christian Meditation - through relaxation -

Reflecting the Mercy of God in the Scripture. Friday 4th March 2016 3.30pm - 4.30pm and 1st Friday of every month thereafter in the Parish Centre. All age groups, children in Primary 7 and above, young and old and all denominations are welcome! For further information contact Sr. Mary Jacob on 302 53880 or 302 52179.

## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

### Cathedral Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 27 February</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Brendan & Anita O'Neill, Magennis Villas   Oliver Mynes, Pound Street
<b>Sunday 28 February</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Josephine McAteer, Lower Ballyholland Road   Deceased members of the Craven Family, Dominic Street
	<b>12 noon</b>	Rosena & Johnny O'Hare, Drumcashel Villas
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Michael McKeon, Kildarragh Close (M.M)</b>   John Kelly, Kesh Road, Camlough
<b>Tuesday 1 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Pascal Moore, Cherrywood Grove
	<b>7.00pm</b>	May O'Callaghan, Windmill Road
<b>Wednesday 2 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Deceased members of the Purgatorian Society
<b>Saturday 5 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Martina Carroll, Parkhead Crescent
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Eugene Coffey, Dora Avenue   Raymond McGovern (Snr), Armagh Road & deceased Members of the McGovern & Martin Families.
		Thomas & Bernadette McNulty & Anne Butterly   The Crossey Family, Daisyhill Gardens
		Peggy McArdle, Grinan & Cathal McArdle, Kilkeel   Patsy Gallagher, Carlingford Park
		James Fitzpatrick, O'Neill Avenue   Charles Keenan, Courtney Hill
		Matthew & Vincent McAteer, Innisfree Park
<b>Sunday 6 March</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Leo & Bernadette Devine, Greenfield Park
	<b>12 Noon</b>	Krzentas Kasputis

### St. Mary's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 27 February</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Rose Treanor, North Street   Joseph, Kathleen & Paul Murtagh, Priory Crescent
<b>Saturday 5 March</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Mary Campbell, O'Neill Avenue   Cornelius, Mary & Peter Hart, Chapel Street
		John & Cissie Turley, Courty Hill

### St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 27 February</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Paul Hughes, Third Avenue, Derrybeg (M.M)</b>   Barry McCormack, Michael Mallin Park
		Jackie Crawley, Second Avenue, Derrybeg
<b>Sunday 28 February</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	William & Madge Hannigan, Fourth Avenue, Derrybeg
<b>Friday 4 March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Delia Gallagher, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg   Tom & Annie Gallagher & Patsy & Michael Gallagher, North Street & Derrybeg   Edward Fox, Mountainview Drive
<b>Saturday 5 March</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Anne & John Johnston, Emmet Street & deceased members of the Johnston & Butterfield Families.
<b>Sunday 6 March</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Bridget, Jimmy & Edward McLoughlin, First Avenue, Derrybeg

### St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 27 February</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Peter Paul Mulholland (M.M)</b>   Patrick John McParland & deceased family members
		Pat Kearns   Joe & Sylvia Crawley   Brendan Byrne   Arthur Brady
<b>Sunday 28 February</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Thomas Byrne
	<b>11.00am</b>	Sheila Fegan
	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Rosaleen McCaul (M.M)</b>   Benefactors of Church & Priory
<b>Monday 29 February</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	Shanley Family
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Stephen & Vera Morley   Thomas & Mary Markey
<b>Tuesday 1 March</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Andrew Maguire Boyd   John Mallon   Tom McEvoy   Leslie Donnelly   Dan Spires
		Hugh Carr   Harry Wright   John McGuigan   Sean McAlenan
		Aloysius & Margaret McGrath   Dessie Mathers   Bridget & Thomas Shields
<b>Wednesday 2 March</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Gerard Boyle
<b>Thursday 3 March</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Rose O'Hare & Anna McCann
<b>Friday 4 March</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Rita Heaney
<b>Saturday 5 March</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Robert Hughes   Mary Serridge
<b>Sunday 6 March</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Kathleen & Nicholas Shevlin & deceased members of Shevlin Family
	<b>9.30am</b>	Dora, Lily & Gertie Mullan
	<b>11.00am</b>	Seamus O'Hare
	<b>12.15pm</b>	Benefactors of Church & Priory   Br. Patrick Griffin   Patrick Campbell

### NEWRY PARISH TRIP

We are currently making final arrangements for the Annual Parish Trip in August/September. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office for further details Tel: 302 62586.

#### Dominican Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy

20th -27th September 2016 Spiritual Director Fr. Cesare OP Price €1,069 per person sharing for further details please contact the Priory Tel: 302 62178 2.30pm – 4.30pm Tuesday & Thursday only.

### FAITH DEVELOPMENT

#### Understanding the Bible

The Autumn session of Faith Development /Bible Study provided popular and was well attended. Our plan is to continue with a Winter programme continues at 7.15pm in the Parish Centre. Our programme is as follows:

03/03/2016 The Bible as Prayer.

Come along and join us on any or all of these evenings to share the word and deepen our relationship with God.

#### Called & Gifted (Two Day Conference)

Friday 11th March & Saturday 12th March

9.30am – 4.30pm, Dromantine Conference Centre

Fee: Early Bird £35, Standard £40 including lunch & Materials

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### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

#### Sunday 21 February

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Direct Debits	£ 454.70
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Weekly Maintenance of Parish: £10,913

#### Recently Deceased

Eileen McKay, Crannard Gardens  
Sean McEvoy, Killeavy Road

#### 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

#### APPLICATION FOR SICK PILGRIMS

Newry Lourdes Committee welcomes applications from any person who wishes to be considered as a sick pilgrim with the Dromore Diocese from the 17th – 22nd May 2016. Anyone who is interested or would like information can contact the following:

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**Fri 11 March** Bart Players, Belfast "Rumours" by Neil Simon.
   
**Sat 12 March** The Palace Players, Co. Cork "The Gigli Concert" by Tom Murphy.
   
**Sun 13 March** Gorey Little Theatre, Wexford "The Birds" by Conor McPherson.
   
**Mon 14 March** Ballyshannon Drama Society "Old Times" by Harold Pinter.
   
**Tues 15 March** Newpoint Players, A Time for Remembering" by Sean Treanor.
   
**Wed 16 March** Rosemary Drama Group, Belfast "Kindertransport" by Diane Samuels.
   
**Thurs 17 March** Lifford Players, Co. Donegal "A Crucial Week in the Life of a Grocer's Assistant" by Tom Murphy.
   
**Fri 18 March** Dundalk Theatre Workshop "Glengarry Glen Ross" by David Mamet. (this play contains strong language)
   
**Sat 19 March** Prosperous Dramatic Society, Naas Co. Kildare "One Man Two Guvnors" by Richard Bean.

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