

# Parish of Newry

Sunday 8 May 2016  
Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension does not receive even treatment in the gospels. It is not mentioned at all in Matthew's or in John's gospels. Mark mentions it, but the reference is in a portion of the gospel from a very late manuscript and it almost certainly relies on Luke's account. Luke is the specialist, giving two accounts of it: in his gospel, and in the Acts of the Apostles.

How are we to reach some understanding of the Ascension? There is often something rather forlorn about leave-taking, and the Ascension is a leave-taking. Yet this one seems different: "they returned to Jerusalem with great joy...." You might take leave of an enemy but how can you take leave of a beloved friend with joy?

It is true that John's gospel does not mention the Ascension, but in John's account of the Last Supper Jesus makes this paradoxical statement: "I am going away, and I am coming to you" (John 14:28). How is one to understand this?

"I am going away, and I am coming to you." It is a good thing indeed to have the mind stopped in its tracks: the mind is too clever by half, and it misses much by jumping to conclusions. That paradoxical statement makes us think about 'presence': what the word means for us. Seeing is really no guarantee of presence. If you doubt this, just think of the last person who looked right through you without seeing you. Many people looked right through Jesus. And many tried to look right through him - which is a way of wishing him absent. Seeing is capable of being a kind of presence, but that is all. Today our minds have become attuned to television; we want to 'see' everything. Yet, because television carries so much fictional material, when it portrays reality, reality becomes fictionalised. A phenomenon of our age is the number of actors who have become politicians. The distinction between dreaming and waking is no longer so clear.

We are increasingly conscious that 'The News' is never actually neutral; it is somebody's comment on what has happened. When you can move, within seconds, from witnessing an unspeakable tragedy to hearing the sports results, nothing seems quite real any more. Reality and entertainment are no longer separate categories. Seeing is no longer believing.

Jesus says he is going away and simultaneously coming. His going away is not purely and simply a separation; it is in some sense a coming nearer. How are we to approach this?

Every day we casually meet and part with many people, and for the most part it doesn't churn up any deep feelings in us. But when we part with someone we love, that person somehow becomes spiritually all the more present. Their very absence makes them more present in our spirit. It often happens that we appreciate someone only when they have gone away. When they were present every day we hardly noticed them, or what we noticed were insignificant passing details. But when they have gone away we see them whole. 'Not seeing' may be closer than seeing.

Love is not a slave to appearances; it does not cling to the thoughts and images by which we try to master one another. It sets the other free, and it can see the other in the invisible. Jesus is more present, not less, in being ascended to the Father.

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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,  
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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

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon**

**Acts 1:11**

**All:** Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, 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:** 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.

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## 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:** Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,  
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,  
for the Ascension of Christ your Son  
is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone  
before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.  
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

1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R v.6

**(R)** God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

- All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. (R)
- God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R)
- God is king of all earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. (R)

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.



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

*Congregation stands*

## ACCLAMATION

**Mt 28:19-20**

All: **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Go, make disciples of all the nations;**  
**I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.**  
**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy  
Gospel according to Luke

**24:46-53**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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: We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord,  
to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son:  
grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange  
we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms.  
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 (I Ascension)

**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 the Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of sin and death, ascended (today) to the highest heavens, as the Angels gazed in wonder.

Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before.

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 on which your Only Begotten Son, our Lord, placed at the right hand of your glory our weak human nature, which he had united to himself, 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; 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 this precious chalice, in his holy and venerable hands, and once more 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 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

Mt 28:20

**All:** **Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, 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.  
Almighty ever-living God,  
who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries,  
grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward  
to where our nature is united with you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

**Priest:** May almighty God bless you, for on this very day his only  
Begotten Son pierced the heights of heaven  
and unlocked for you the way to ascend to where he is.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** May he grant that, as Christ after  
his Resurrection was seen plainly by his disciples,  
so when he comes as Judge he may show himself  
merciful to you for all eternity.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** And may you, who believe he is seated with the Father in  
his majesty, know with joy the fulfilment of his promise to  
stay with you until the end of time.

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

### Message from the Administrator

On Sunday 8th May we have the blessing of the graves in St. Mary's Cemetery. During the entire year this in one of the largest gatherings of people in the parish. It is a great day for the parish to come together and for people to come from outside the parish. Each year we take up a collection at this prayer service. For the past two years this collection has been kept aside to build up the necessary resources to refurbish St. Mary's Church. This year I am appealing to everyone who comes to St. Mary's Cemetery to be that little bit more generous so that we can raise the money necessary to complete the project. To date we have £576,818.82 and our target for the project is £724,000.00. Many parishioners have been extremely generous already and I thank them once more for their generosity and support of the project. There will be two collectors at each of the eight entrances / exits to the cemetery. I am most grateful to the Knights of Columbanus for assisting us with the collection this year and for their work generally in the parish.

Every effort is being made to have cemetery in very good condition for the blessing ceremony. Once again I appeal to you to take any old wreaths away with you and to avoid leaving them in the cemetery. If there is a grave near your own that needs attention, it would be appreciated if you would assist in any way you can. The resting place for our loved ones is a sacred place.

You are asked to bring a small container of water with you which will be blessed during the service. Use this water to sprinkle your family grave at the appropriate time

Canon Francis Brown

**Pilgrim Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Pilgrimage to the Cathedrals of Ireland Celebrating 150 years with the Redemptorists.**  
The Icon will be in Newry Cathedral on Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th May 2016.

**Tuesday 10th May 2016**

**7.30pm** Mass of Welcome  
Celebrated by Bishop McAreavey  
**9.00pm** Healing Service  
**11.00pm** Prayer around the Icon

**Wednesday 11th May 2016**

**8.30am** Mass  
**10.30am** Mass  
**11.30am** Prayer Service for Primary Schools

**FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**Lection Divina:** The Spring Session led by Teddy Fearon will continue each Tuesday in the Parish Centre after the 10.30 Mass. New members are welcome to this opportunity to find a deeper personal experience and understanding of the Gospel.

**Bible Study:** The very successful Bible Study programme will continue on Thursday evenings commencing 7th April in the Parish Centre at 7pm. The spring schedule is as follows:

**12th May – Luke & Acts (2)**

**19th May – Letters of John**

**26th May – Revelation**

The facilitating team will be delighted to see faces new and familiar at any or all the sessions.

**Knights of Columbanus** present

An Exhibition of Floral Art by Fr. Sean McEvoy  
Friday 20th May at 8.00pm in the Conference & Banqueting Centre  
The Mall, Newry. Admission: £7.50 in aid of local charities.  
Light refreshments will be served.

**The Rosary** will be recited at Church Street Shrine at 7.00pm weekdays  
Monday – Friday during the month of May. All welcome.

**Karl Jenkins – THE PEACEMAKERS**  
**Presented by the South Down Choral Society**  
In the Cathedral of Ss. Patrick & Colman, Newry  
on Friday 13th May at 8.00pm  
Admission: £10 which includes programme

**Recently Deceased**

Sheila Cunningham, Mullavat Road  
Rhoda Hollywood (nee Kennedy), Beechmount Park  
Damian Crilly, London, formerly Dromintee Road, Meigh  
David Hanna, 84 Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**Sunday 1 May**

Parish Collection	£ 4570.13
Loose Plate Collection	£ 1661.28
Direct Debits	£ 454.70
	£ 6686.11

**Monthly Offering** £ 3720.03

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**St. Mary's Cemetery Service**

St. Mary's Cemetery Service takes place today, **Sunday 8th May at 3.00pm.**  
You are asked to bring with you a small container of water which will be blessed during the Service. Use this water to sprinkle your family grave at the appropriate time. The main gate into St. Mary's from Chapel Street will be opened for access to the Cemetery Service. A collection will be taken up before and after the Cemetery Service to support the renovation of St. Mary's Church.

**BAPTISMS IN NEWRY PARISH**

Baptisms in Newry Parish are held at 12.30pm every Sunday in St. Brigid's Church. St. Catherine's Church is on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month only. Please contact the parish two weeks before the baby is due to be baptised.

**2016 Guided Tours of Newry Cathedral**

Following the interest shown in the guided tours of the Cathedral in 2013, 2014 and 2015, there will be a further series of Guided Tours of the Cathedral on the following Wednesdays:

**18th May at 7pm; 29th June at 2pm; 27th July at 7pm;**  
**17th August at 2pm; 31st August at 7pm.**

The tour will take approximately 1 hour 30 minutes. Please meet at the main door of the Cathedral. You will hear the story of the building of the Cathedral 1825 – 1829 and the later extensions as well as the history of the stained glass, marble altars, sculptures and magnificent mosaics. There is no charge for tours.

**ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION**

This year the Corpus Christi Procession will begin at St. Catherine's Church at 3.00pm **Sunday 29th May 2016** continuing down Patrick Street, Monaghan Street, Merchants' Quay, Sugar Island, Kildare Street, Hill Street ending at the Cathedral for Benediction and Blessing. It is hoped that residents along the route of the procession will display papal flags and we invite the children and the parents of those children who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion & Confirmation to come along and if they would like to wear their Holy Communion and Confirmation outfits.

**Recently Baptised - We welcome** into our Community:

Alanna Saiorse Bannon-Kegeci, 104 Knockdarragh  
Aoife Aideen Rowland, 23 Barcroft Park  
Sarah May Murphy, 92 Shandon Park  
Oskar Dominik Burzynski, 4 Erskine Place



## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 7 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Matthew, Elizabeth, Mary & James McAteer & deceased family members, Upper Ballyholland Gene Fegan, Chapel Street
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Michael Nolan, Carrick Ard (M.M)</b>   Winnie Murtagh & Madden Family, Billy's Road Seamus Keenan, Warrenpoint   Carmel O'Hanlon, Forest Hills   Annie McAleavey & deceased Family members, Courtney Hill   Mortimer & Doris Madigan, Esther Cowan & Eddie Madigan John Grogan, High Street & Kathleen Persaud (nee McGivern), London Kieran Hollywood, Dublin Road   Ronan Treanor, Grinan Road   Kay O'Hare, Keady
<b>Sunday 8 May</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Michael & Elizabeth Blair & deceased family members, St. Clare's Avenue
<b>Tuesday 10 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Paddy & Margaret Loy, Newry   Peter Cosgrove, Cedar Grove   George Gracey, Chestnut Grove
<b>Thursday 12 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	The Sheridan Family, Cronin Park   Rhoda Manley & Margaret & Mary O'Brien
<b>Friday 13 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Mary McAllister, Drumgullion Avenue   William & Minnie Murtagh & Family, Billy's Road
<b>Saturday 14 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Malachy & Kathleen Cunningham, Monaghan Row
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Frank Monaghan, the Manse   Alice & Gerard McGrath   Ellen & Matthew Keenan, Mourneview The Commons

St. Mary's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 7 May</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Frank & Bernadette Keenan, Darragh Park   Edward (Sen), Margaret & Edward (Jnr) Turley, Church Street   Terry Kane, Commons Way & Harry, Emily & Annie Kane, Clanrye Avenue & Luke & Brigid Carr & deceased family members, Hennessy Park   Billy Keenan, St. Clare's Ave
<b>Sunday 8 May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Norah McAteer, Mourneview, The Commons   Lily Power & deceased members of the Keenan Family   Peter & Annie McAteer, Derrlecka   Jim McAteer, Templehill Road.
<b>Saturday 14 May</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Patsy Ruddy, Carlingford Park   Charlie Madden, Moorhill Road   Charles & Eileen McQuillan, Old Warrenpoint Road & Edward & Elizabeth O'Hare, Catherine Street
		Mary, Patrick & Margaret Ruddy, O'Neill Avenue, Mona Cooke, England & Dominic & Rose Gaffney, Cochran Road   Moira & Peter Woods, Commons Hall Road
<b>Sunday 15 May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Ann Boyle, Ashgrove Road   Kevin Whyte & Edward & Molly McAteer, Upper Chapel Street

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 7 May</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Robert Ferguson, Downshire Court   Bernard Larkin, Slievegullion Road & Bernard Larkin (Snr) The Meadow   Imelda McCusker, College Gardens   Desmond Lambe, Raymond Kelly Park Peter Morrissey, Church View, Dromiskin   James & Josephine McKenna, Derrybeg Drive & David & Francis McKenna, Belfast.
<b>Sunday 8 May</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Rose & Tom McCann, McCann's Corner, Armagh Road & deceased family members William Taylor, Derrybeg Drive   Moninna & Joe Donnelly, Fifth Avenue James Fegan, Violet Hill Avenue
<b>Monday 9 May</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Hugh McKeown, Main Avenue, Derrybeg   Brendan Fegan, Helen's Terrace
<b>Wednesday 11 May</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Christina Crawford, Mourneview Park   Marian McLoughlin, Main Avenue, Derrybeg
<b>Friday 13 May</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	William & Teresa Jenkins, Lisgullion Park   The deceased members of the Toal & Murphy Families, Patrick Street   Philomena Craven, Violet Hill Avenue
<b>Friday 13 May</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Patsy Mallon, Orior Road   Nellie & Michael John McAteer, Cronin Park   McCaffrey Family, Lisnaskea
<b>Saturday 14 May</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Alice, Seamus & Rita Sheridan, College Gardens & Gerry & Teresa Grant, Cecil Street Patricia McLoughlin, Violet Hill Avenue   Matt & Sally McAteer, Matt, Mary & Sean McAteer & Michael & Maura Keenan, Mass Rock Lane & Dominic & Kathleen Doyle, Aughnamoira.
<b>Sunday 15 May</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Francis Henry Curran, Hennessy Park (M.M)</b>   Eleanor Fegan, Killeavy Road Freda McKeivitt, College Gardens   Eithne Quinn, Derrybeg Cottages Michael Byrne, Vimy Terrace

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 7 May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	William Taylor   Brian, Moya & Conor Vint   <b>Canon Pat O'Hare (M.M)</b>
<b>Sunday 8 May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Hester Murphy   Gene Fegan   Vincent Kelly (M.M)</b>   Molly Byrne
	<b>12.15pm</b>	Pat & Kathleen McLogan   Benefactors of the Church & Priory
<b>Monday 9 May</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	Shanley Family
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Matt, Annie & Seamus McMahon   Michael McMahon   Maura McDermott   Annie & Tom Morgan Jimmy Fegan
<b>Tuesday 10 May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Matsy Cregan
<b>Wednesday 11 May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	William & Maureen McCullough
<b>Friday 13 May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Patrick & Kathleen Lane
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Frank Lennon   Philomena O'Hare & Deceased family members
<b>Saturday 14 May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Leo Vint   Peter Duffy   Mary Carr   Hugh & Mary Carragher
<b>Sunday 15 May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Michael & Angela McCrink   Billy Campbell   Christina & Peter Tumilty
	<b>12.15pm</b>	Benefactors of Church & Priory   Colman Rowntree

## PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

Presentation of membership pins, silver and gold pins and Fr. Cullen medals (60 years a pioneer) will take place at 7.30pm in the Cathedral on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday 3rd June. All parishioners please note that, if you are already a pioneer, are thinking of becoming a pioneer or would like information about the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, please leave details of your name, address and Telephone number into the Parish Office, Hill Street, so that you may be contacted.

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