

Parish of Newry

Sunday 18 December 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Like a planet in conjunction Isaiah looms very large in the Advent Liturgy. Many of his expressions could almost be from the New Testament. John the Baptist comes even closer. But in Mary the contact is made; the Presence has become a reality.

“She will bear a son” (Matthew 1:21), or “You will bear a son” (Luke 1:31). Matthew’s gospel tells the story from Joseph’s point of view, Luke’s tells it from Mary’s. But the story is the same: the Child will soon be born of her.

Christmas is now upon us. But December 25th was almost certainly not the day of his birth! That date was not chosen till the year 440 A.D. I remember being severely hassled on this very point by a Jehovah’s Witness. To him it summed up the tissue of lies that he took the Catholic Church to be. Would it affect your faith if you heard that Jesus was born in the middle of August, for instance, or at the end of February...? Would it at least ruin your Christmas? Would it shock you even more to know that scholars are not certain even about the year of his birth? But one thing is sure: he was not born in the year 0, because there was no such year! (1 B.C. was followed immediately by 1 A.D.) His birth is usually put at 3 or 4 B.C.

Scholars believe that December 25th was chosen because in Anglo-Saxon England the year began on that date. It is the winter solstice (more or less), the shortest day in the year.

Christmas festivals, generally observed by Christians since the 4th century, incorporate pagan customs, such as the use of holly, mistletoe, Yule logs, and so on. Many other things that we might have imagined deriving from Bethlehem itself are of much more recent origin. The Christmas tree is derived from the so-called paradise tree, symbolising Eden, of German mystery plays. In 1841 Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree custom to Britain, from where it spread to America.

Meanwhile, Dutch settlers in America had brought with them the custom of celebrating St Nicholas’ Day on December 6, and especially St Nicholas’ Eve, when gifts were given to children, of whom the saint was patron. British settlers there took over the tradition as part of their own Christmas Eve celebration. The English name of the legendary jolly, red-garbed man who delivers presents to good children at Christmas, Santa Claus, is derived from the name ‘St Nicholas’ (say it fast and you will see why).

If any of that information disappoints you, let me assure you that our faith doesn’t rest on dates or customs or folklore, but on the simple accounts of the life and death of Jesus that the gospels give us. It is true that St Luke takes great care to show that the events he is recounting are precisely located in history: “In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar - when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Tracoonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas...” (3:1). But it is enough to know that the Word became flesh in human history; we don’t need to put exact numbers on it.

Celebrating the birth of Jesus at the winter solstice has immense symbolic meaning, however, and that is why the date was chosen in the first place. When the days are shortest and it looks as if the sun is abandoning the world to darkness... suddenly the sun begins to return, and the days lengthen! The Sun is returning to us! It is the surprise of Newgrange, experienced since 3,200 B.C. But for Christians, symbolically it is the surprise of the Incarnation: the Light has come into a dark world.... “The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

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.

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**

Cf. Is 45:8

All: Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

GREETING

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

All: Amen

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

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

Priest: Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the
peace of God's kingdom:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: You came in word and sacrament to strengthen us
in holiness:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: You will come in glory with salvation for your people:
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 COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah **7:10-14**

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?
The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.
It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Emmanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:1-6. R cf. vv.7, 10

**(R) Let the Lord enter!
He is the king of glory.**

- The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R)
- Who shall climb the mountains of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R)
- He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans **1:1-7**

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

Mk 1:23

All: Alleluia, alleluia!
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy
Gospel according to Matthew

1:18-24

All: Gospel to you, O Lord.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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: May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,
just as he filled with his power the womb of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Congregation stands

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right and just.**

PREFACE (Advent II)

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 all the oracles of the prophets foretold him, the Virgin Mother longed for him with love beyond all telling, John the Baptist sang of his coming and proclaimed his presence when he came.

It is by his gift that already we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity, so that he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise.

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, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and + Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR
MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: **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 saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs with Saint Patrick and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and **N**our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world. To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: And with your spirit.

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

Is 7:14

All: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray.
Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,
we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our
salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all
the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the
mystery of your Son's Nativity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

Priest: May the almighty and merciful God,
by whose grace you have placed your faith
in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son
and yearn for his coming again
sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent
and enrich you with his blessing.

All: Amen

Priest: As you run the race of this present life,
may he make you firm in faith,
joyful in hope and active in charity.

All: Amen

Priest: So that, rejoicing now with devotion
at our Redeemer's coming in the flesh,
you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life
when he comes again in majesty.

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

This weekend is an important weekend in Newry Parish. At 3.00pm on Sunday 18th December, St. Mary's Church will be rededicated by Bishop John McAreavey. Those parishioners who attend St. Mary's Church on a regular basis will be pleased to be back in their church. The renovation has taken just over a year, beginning on 1st December 2015. For Pat Johnston and his team, it was difficult at times but their tireless efforts to do all things well have paid dividends. I wish to pay tribute to everyone who worked on the Church. Heartiest congratulations to the Architect, Mr Tom Delahunty.

To the many people who responded to the appeal for the necessary funds, I wish to express my sincere thanks. Without your support, this work could not have progressed. Your names will all be recorded in a book for generations of people who will acknowledge your generosity and sense of belonging to the parish. I appreciate the fact that the twelve schools in the parish are sending representatives to join with St. Mary's choir in the singing of the hymns of this joyful occasion.

You are welcome to the rededication Mass at 3.00pm. The Church accommodates in the region of 800 people, so we hope that it will be filled to capacity. May this newly refurbished Church enable us to nourish our faith in a new century and for generations to come.

Watch at Home: Our new webcam will broadcast the rededication Mass live via the parish website.

www.newrycathedralparish.org

Monday Night Open Night: Come along at any time on Monday 19th December between 7pm & 9pm to view the church.

Tuesday Night Mass: Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Tuesday, 20th December. Everyone is welcome

Very Rev. Canon Francis Brown

**Associate Knights of St. Columbanus
Rekindling faith in the Housebound**

The Youth branch of the Knights of St. Columbanus in Newry, the Associate Knights have launched a scheme to supply ill or housebound parishioners with Amazon Kindle tablet computers. This allows people to watch Mass from home via the church webcams. Application forms are available at all churches, so please if you or someone you know could benefit from this fill out a form and deliver or post it back to Newry Parish Office, Hill Street. We are always looking for help from 16-21 year old men, if you would like to help out find us on Facebook at facebook.com/Newry.Associates.

Recently Baptised – We welcome into our community

Keagan Leonard Mulholland, 37b Ballyholland Road
Lorcan Thomas McCall, 40 Cherrywood Grove
James Óg Barry, 11 Glen Mill, Rathfriland

Recently Deceased

We pray for the repose of the souls of

Danny Murphy, Grinan Road
Paddy Larkin, Hilltown Road
Raymond Hughes, Oaklands
Olive Devine, Ballinlare Gardens
Jordan Matthews, Lisdrum Avenue

Congratulations to Fr. Damein Nejad who was ordained to the priesthood on Sunday 11th December. We wish him well in his ministry.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral on Sunday 18th December.

ADVENT- Waiting in Joyful Hope To help us prepare for the beautiful feast of Christmas there will be a time of prayer in St. Clare's Convent, Ashgrove Avenue on Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Joseph's Conference, Newry**

As Christmas draws near, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is aware that it can be a time of additional pressure on people who already face financial difficulties in their lives. The local Conferences of the Society do not wish to see people troubled by the financial burden of Christmas when they are available and willing to help in many different ways. The Society does not want anyone to wait and worry about how they will provide for Christmas but asks that they approach the Society as soon as possible. Whether you have children, are single or elderly or whatever your particular circumstances and needs the Society will do their best to assist. All requests for assistance will, as ever, be dealt with confidentially. You are welcome to send us your details, using the slip below.

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TIMES OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Monday 19th December

Cathedral 11.00am – 12 noon
6.00pm – 7.00pm (Polish Confessions)
St. Brigid's 6.30pm – 7.00pm
St. Catherine's after 11.00am Mass

Tuesday 20th December

Cathedral 11.00am – 12 noon
St. Catherine's after 11.00am Mass & 3.00-5.00pm
Reconciliation Service 7.30pm

Wednesday 21st December

Cathedral 11.00am – 12 noon
St. Catherine's 11.30am – 1.00pm

Thursday 22nd December

Cathedral 11.00am – 12 noon
St. Catherine's after 11.00am Mass

Friday 23rd December

Cathedral 11.00am – 12.00pm
St. Catherine's 11.00am – 1.00pm
Reconciliation Service at 7.30pm

Saturday 24th December

Cathedral 11.00am – 12.30pm
1.30pm – 3.00pm
St. Catherine's 11.00am – 1.00pm & 3.00 – 5.00pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Cathedral

Christmas Eve 9pm (Carols 8.30pm) 12 midnight (Polish Mass)
Christmas Day 8.30am, 10.00am & 12 noon

PLEASE NOTE: NO 5.30PM MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

St. Brigid's Church

Christmas Eve 7.30pm (Carols 7.00pm)
Christmas Day 9.30am(po polsku)& 11.30am (Mass in English)

St. Mary's Church

Christmas Eve 8pm (Carols 7.30pm), 11.00am

St. Catherine's Church

Christmas Eve Midnight (Carols 11.30pm)
Christmas Day 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am & 12.15pm

From Monday 26th December to Monday 2nd January, Mass in the Cathedral will be at 10.30am only, with the exception of the Vigil Masses and the Sunday Masses in all churches. 8.30am & Evening Masses will resume on Monday 2nd January with the new Mass arrangements.

Bite and Banter at Christmas in Gateway Club from 1pm – 5pm on Christmas Day for anyone who may otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. Transport can also be arranged. Further details Tel: 07783 671217 or 07894 746940. Come and enjoy the craic.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday 11 December**

Parish Collection	£ 5036.45
Loose Plate Collection	£ 2137.00
Direct Debits	£ 454.70
	£ 7628.15

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NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Saturday 17 December	10.30am	Matthew & Mary Josephine McAteer & deceased family members, Innisfree Park & Mourneview Betty McElroy, Mullavat Road Patrick McPhilemy & Mary McKeivitt Martin, Kathleen & Maura Maginn, Violet Hill Avenue Bridie & Eddie Diamond, Drumgullion Ave John & Kathleen Higgins, Belfast
	6.00pm	John McGovern, Moorhill Road & Connie & James McGovern, Moorhill Road & John & Margaret Mallon, Erskine Place & Patrick Shields, Erskine Place Mary & Pat Lynch, Greenwood Villas Patrick & Emily Woods, Church Street & The Woods Family, Templehill Road Philip & Kathleen Donaghy, Bessbrook & deceased family members Thomas & Joan Harbinson, Hennessy Park Elizabeth & Eugene Hollywood, O'Neill Avenue Patsy Rowntree, O'Neill Avenue Kathleen & Patrick Byrne, John Martin Street Mary & Jack Elmore, Newry Tony & Annie Marron, Cloughreagh Bungalows Geraldine Carson, Clarendon, Co. Mayo, formerly Carlingford Park Paul Murtagh, Kilmorey Street Patrick Joseph Carr, Hennessy Park
Sunday 18 December	8.30am	Sean Kennedy (Jnr), O'Neill Avenue
	10.00am	Lauri Rafferty, North Street & deceased members of the Morgan Family, Water Street Brendan McFee, Ballyholland Park
	12 noon	Pearl Wilson, Forest Hills (M.M) Marie McAteer, Woodview, Billy's Road Pat & Annie Devine, Mourneview, The Commons Jim & Marguerite Keenan, John Mitchel Street & Evelyn Morton, Chapel Road & deceased Members of the Keenan Family John & Sadie Jennings, Upper Chapel Street Jim & Edward Lavelle, Rostrevor Michael & Betty Rafferty & The Crilly Family, Rathfriland Road
Monday 19 December	10.30am	Teresa Garrety, The Fold
Wednesday 21 December	10.30am	Kevin McEnteggart, Greenfield Park
Friday 23 December	8.30am	Rev. Patrick Francis McComiskey
	10.30am	James & Margaret Peyton, Ravensdale Villas & Gerry & Ann Peyton, Dublin
Saturday 24 December	10.30am	William, Christine & Michael Nolan, Carrick Ard Bridget O'Hare, Upper Ballyholland Frank & Una McLoughlin, Stream Street
	9.00pm	Harry Shields, Cloughreagh Park Vincent Cranney, Greenan Road
Sunday 25 December	8.30am	Oliver Casey, Mourneview Park John & Susan Murchan, Mullaghbawn
	10.00am	John Mallon 12 noon Jimmy McLoughlin, Bridge Street

St. Brigid's Anniversaries


Tuesday 20 December	7.00pm	Ellen Jane & Johnny Heaney, Chapel Street
Thursday 22 December	7.00pm	Stephen & Philip Craven, Barcroft Park
Saturday 24 December	8.00pm	Billy & Evelyn Fegan, Hennessy Park & Gerald Fegan, Donegal Evan Carroll, France Cunningham Family, Merchants Quay & Bentley Family, Ayalogue Ruane Family, Liverpool Hughes Family, Grinan & Liverpool Dan Madden, Ravensdale Villas
	11.00am	Bernadette McCaffrey, Derryleckagh Road (M.M) James McGovern, Greenwood Drive Thomas & Hester Feenan, Chapel St & Patricia Mann, Oaklands Lynda Hughes, Ashgrove Rd Lee Smith, O'Neill Avenue

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 17 December	7.00pm	The Traynor Family, Corry Square Patrick Loy, Violet Hill Avenue Bridget, James & Matthew McGivern, Bessbrook Margaret Rice, Ballinlare Gardens Eileen Jones, Third Avenue
Sunday 18 December	11.30am	Helena & Edward Kearns, Dromalane Matt Moan, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg Annie Fitzpatrick, Violet Hill Avenue
Monday 19 December	7.00pm	Alberto Bahinting, The Philippines Brigid & James McGivern, Bessbrook & Matthew & Eleanor McGivern, Derrybeg Maurice Cooney (Snr), Mountainview Drive
Wednesday 21 December	7.00pm	Bridie McGrath, Orior Road George & Maisie McCaul, Magennis Street Margaret, Patrick & Emmett McCamley, Clanrye Avenue
Friday 23 December	7.00pm	Patrick Joseph Bannon (Sen), Armagh Road Linda Larkin, Slievegullion Road
Saturday 24 December	7.00pm	Liam Magee, Derrybeg Drive, James & Mary Leontia Magee & deceased family members, Cecil St Thomas & Mary Hughes & deceased family members & the Hayes Family, John Martin Street Paddy McAteer, Slievegullion Road & Mary Nicholls
	11.30am	Rita Downey, Violet Hill Avenue

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 17 December	11.00am	Felix & Nora McCourt Sarah Boyle
	7.30pm	Jim McParland Alice Connolly Eamon Kearney & Family Caroline McGinn, Damien Grant & Peter Garvey Thomas & Margaret McArdle Kathleen & Patrick Donnelly Loretta, Eileen & Cornelius Hughes
Sunday 18 December	8.00am	Frank & Mary Ellen Devine & deceased family members James, Mary Leontia Magee & Deceased family members Stella Rodgers & deceased family members
	9.30am	Peter, Dora & Teresa Mullan James & Elizabeth McCreesh Edward Grimes & deceased family James & Bridget Reynolds The Loughran & Hoey Families
	11.00am	Catherine & Thomas McLoughan Eileen & Phyllis Nash Josie McClelland Michael, Margaret Hugh & Leo Doran Gene McKeivitt Christy Roe Johnny, Rita & Ciaran McKeown Sean & Mary Rose McDonnell
	12.15pm	Patrick & Teresa Davey William & Catherine Quinn Mary & Eugene O'Leary Peggy Murphy Teasie Dillon Danny & Teresa Bennett Bennett & Brannigan Families Martin Dillon
Monday 19 December	7.30am	Kathleen & Ambrose Walls Tommy Kennedy The McKeivitt Family
	11.00am	John & Bridget Maguire Tom & Vera McChesney Kathleen, Peter & Annie McNulty Edward & Rita Campbell Kelly & Campbell Families
Tuesday 20 December	7.30pm	Cosgrove Margaret Kelly Holly, Tommy & Gerry McComisky Imelda & Jack Mullen & Mullen & White Families
	7.30am	Kevin & May Little Peggy & Joe Callan The Smith Family
Wednesday 21 December	7.30am	Patrick & Catherine Walls The McAuley Family
Thursday 22 December	11.00am	Kathleen Gribben & Charlie Magee 7.30pm Susan & Bill Wall & deceased family members.
	7.30am	Rose & Stephen Murphy The Mulligan Family
Friday 23 December	11.00am	James & Brigid Fallon & The Mallon Family Edward Joseph Rooney Arthur Scullion
	7.30pm	The Kane Family Margaret Reilly & Sean Gribben Martin & Mary Dillon Patrick & Elizabeth Murphy
	11.00am	Katie, David & David (Jnr), Tommy, Marie & Maureen Wright
Saturday 24 December	7.30pm	Sean McVeigh John Monaghan, Francie Monaghan, Joey & Thomas Stokes
	7.30am	Mary O'Hanlon James & Mary Flanagan Thomas Flanagan Gertie, Martin, John Paul, Patrick James, Rachel & Hugh John Flanagan John Paul Flanagan
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