

Parish of Newry

Sunday 26 March 2017
The Fourth Sunday of Lent

John's gospel is shot through with imagery of light and darkness. In itself this imagery is open to being used in very facile ways, but John's use of it is complex and paradoxical. In today's reading, the man born blind receives his physical sight, but at a deeper level he also receives spiritual sight; whereas the Pharisees who thought they had spiritual sight become increasingly spiritually blind.

"I once was lost but now I'm found / Was blind but now I see," says the hymn Amazing Grace. We sense something presumptuous about this; it seems rather too clear-cut. Are you sure there is no darkness in you still? In reality we see and don't see. "I believe; help my unbelief!" cried the father of the child in Mark 9:24. In the story of Saint Paul's conversion (Acts 9) the same paradox is evident. Paul did not leap up shouting joyfully, "Now I see!" Instead he was struck blind! Nor was it a case of being dazzled for a moment; he remained blind for three days. This mighty man had to be led by the hand like a child into Damascus and there he sat helpless, in darkness, for three days until someone else - a total stranger - restored his sight. Even then he did not go about shouting, "Now I see!" He went into the Arabian desert for three years. And even later, when he was in full spate, he could write, "Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known" (1 Corinthians 1:12).

Faith is knowledge, but it is dark knowledge. Its light is not a garish light but a dim light just sufficient to guide our path in humility. St Gregory of Nyssa (c. 332 A.D. - 395) wrote that John penetrated into the "luminous darkness," and could say, "No one has ever seen God" (John 1:18). Gregory delighted in this paradoxical expression, "luminous darkness", and used many similar ones: "wise folly", "sober inebriation", "stationary movement", "living death".... Where could he have got the courage to use such expressions if not from the Gospel itself, which is full of paradox?

To claim to have more light than one has is a great sin against the light; it cheapens it for oneself and for others. "Now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains," Jesus told the Pharisees. When we speak of the Faith we have to do so with humility and with respect for the darkness. Like the blind man in today's reading we may have to be driven out of the company of those who think they see; and like Paul, led helpless by the hand along a humble path, or driven into the solitude of the desert - whatever it takes to rid us of our own brash light. God alone can penetrate the darkness. "Even darkness is not dark for you / And the night is as clear as the day" (Psalm 38).

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 Evening
(Vigil Mass) : 7.00pm
Sunday : 9.30am
(Po Polsku)
Friday : 7.00pm

**St. Mary's Church,
Chapel Street**
Sunday : 9.00am
(Latin Mass) & 11.00am
Tuesday : 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.

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Is 66:10-11

**All: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

GREETING

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

All: Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

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

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

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

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

All: Amen.

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 first book of Samuel **16:1. 6-7. 10-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.'

Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R v.1

**(R) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

- The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R)**
- He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R)**
- You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R)**
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians **5:8-14**

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

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

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

Jn 8:12

**All: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
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 John (Shorter Form) **9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38**

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

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us, 'they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

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 place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Congregation stands

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

PREFACE (The Man Born Blind)

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.

By the mystery of the Incarnation, he has led the human race that walked in darkness into the radiance of the faith and has brought those born in slavery to ancient sin through the waters of regeneration to make them your adopted children.

Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth sing a new song in adoration, and we, with all the host of Angels, cry out, and without end 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 unfailing 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

Cf. Jn 9:11. 38

All: **The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.**

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray.
O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this
world, illuminate our hearts, we pray,
with the splendour of your grace,
that we may always ponder
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you in all sincerity.
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: Look upon those who call to you, O Lord,
and sustain the weak;
give life by your unfailing light
to those who walk in the shadow of death,
and bring those rescued by your mercy from every
evil to reach the highest good.
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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message from the Administrator

Recruitment for members to the Third Newry Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Our first parish pastoral council was formed six years ago. During that time a considerable amount of enriching faith development has taken place in our parish thanks to the effort of the members of the Pastoral Council. Information and evidence of the many and varied faith programmes are available to all parishioners through the weekly Parish Bulletin, the Parish Newsletter and the Parish website. The PPC brings together lay people, religious, and our priests to work together in strengthening our parish as a living Christian community. The PPC is the thinking, planning, and reflection group for the parish and it needs the active support of committed parishioners to nurture and be involved in the future work of the parish.

As we come to the end of the second three-year term of office of the Parish Pastoral Council it is time, under the PPC Constitution, to recruit new members as some current members have completed two terms in office. Through baptism each of us becomes a member of God's family. As baptised people we are also responsible for the development of our own faith as well as being co-responsible for supporting and developing the faith of our parish community.

In order to explain the role and function of a Parish Pastoral Council and the responsibility of the faith community to contribute to faith development in the parish, each one of you is invited to attend any one of four information meetings being arranged in March and April to find out more about the role and functions of the PPC and the practical ways in which you can support your parish. Details of the dates and location of each information evening will be available in the next few weeks. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms". (1 Peter 4:10)

Four Information evenings are being arranged as follows:

- Monday 27th March at 8.00pm in the Dominican Hall, St. Catherine's.
Tuesday 28th March at 7.30pm in Parish Pastoral Centre, the Mall
Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Primary School.
Tuesday 4th April at 7.30pm in St. Mary's High School

Canon Francis Brown

THE BIG SCREEN

A sincere word of thanks to the many parishioners and friends of Newry Parish for their support in requesting that the Big Screen be removed from its location in front of the Cathedral. Your support is appreciated very much.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Bishop McAreavey wishes to establish a Diocesan Pastoral Council and has invited Newry Pastoral Area to nominate three members. Anyone wishing to be considered for a place on the Council is invited to complete an expression of interest form which may be obtained from the Parish Office. Completed forms should be returned in a sealed envelope to the Administrator by 31st March 2017.

PARISH FINANCE

OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION ENVELOPES 2017/2018

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 offering for the bishop and priests (pink envelope) together with the collection at Christmas and Easter (pink envelope) is submitted to the Diocesan Fund for the Support of Priests from which all priests in the Diocese receive a monthly stipend. 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. We would request that any parishioner who can afford to do so should increase their weekly offering to the parish and the monthly offering to the Bishop and priests.

The next series of parish envelopes commences on Sunday 9th April 2017. 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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THE CENTENNIAL PILGRIM STATUE VISIT OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The A. H. F. I. And Alliance of the Two Hearts would sincerely like to thank Bishop John McAreavey, Canon Brown, Deacon in formation John McClelland, and priests for the very warm welcome and assistance throughout the day of the Centennial Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Also, many thanks to the Knights of St. Columbanus, the Organist and Choir, School Children and families, Sacristans and many other groups who helped. A special thank you, to you the parishioners and visitors who attended in large numbers throughout the day. As Our Lady of Fatima requested Pray the Rosary, wear the Brown Scapular and consecrate your families to the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Our Lady of Fatima has truly bestowed on you and your families many Graces and Blessings.

St. Catherine's Church

Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7.00pm - Service of Reconciliation each Saturday during Lent at 11.30am

Devotions during Lent in the Cathedral

- 26th March - St. Joseph's High School, 7.00pm
2nd April - Our Lady's Grammar School, 7.00pm
9th April - St. Colman's College Choir will sing Evening Prayer of the Church 7.00pm
On Saturday 1st April the Sacred Heart Grammar School Choir will sing at the Mass at 6.00pm in the Cathedral.

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 the weekday Masses. This year, Pope Francis reminds us that 'Lent is a favourable time for deepening our spiritual life'. On March 31 and April 7 you will have the opportunity to join in the recitation of the Stations of the Cross in response to the words of Pope Francis.

We Pray for the Repose of the Souls of:

- John McKevitt, Greenan Vale
Sr. Elzear, St. Clare's Convent
Brenda Williamson, Rostrevor
Bridget McGennity, St. Colman's Park
Patrick Havern, Thomas Street

NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Saturday 25 March	10.30am 6.00pm	P J O'Connor, Second Avenue, Derrybeg & Bridget Amos, Swansea Joleene Gilleece, Rathfriland Road Sean Donohue, Derrybeg Cottages Teddy & Tony McAllister, Hennessy Park Keith & Grace Holman, Adelaide, Australia Paddy & Margaret O'Neill, Killeavy Road Michael Rice, Glenn & Charles Rice, Belfast Patrick & Bridget Fitzpatrick & Susan McGurk, High Street Leontia & Michael O'Gorman, Cowan Street Canon Pat McAnuff
Sunday 26 March	10.00am	Cora Shirley (M.M) Thomas & Josephine Delahunt, Mary Street & the Geoghegan Family, Laurencetown
Monday 27 March	10.30am	Agnes McPhilemy, Beechmount Park (M.M) Francis & Patricia Campbell, Forthill Road
Wednesday 29 March	10.30am	Esther O'Gorman, Cowan Street Michael Nolan, Carrick Ard
Saturday 1 April	10.30am 6.00pm	Sydney McGovern & deceased members of the McDermott Family, O'Neill Avenue & Kathleen McDermott, Cedar Grove Mary, Sean & Laurence McConville, Carlingford Park Ellen Lambe, High Street Kathleen & John Smith, Plunkett Street
Sunday 2 April	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Joseph & Sarah Moore, Dominic Street John & Margaret Collins, Violet Hill Avenue Michael Kerr, Well Lane

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 26 March	11.00am	Marian O'Hare, Greenan Road (M.M) Edward Lavelle, Rostrevor Teresa Bannon, Barley Lane Bridie & Jacqueline Fitzpatrick, O'Neill Avenue Jean O'Flaherty, O'Neill Avenue
Tuesday 28 March	7.00pm	John Taggart, Toragh Park (M.M) Mary Donnelly, Priory Crescent, Kevin & Marie Donnelly, College Gardens & Dan & Lil Donnelly, Sinclair Street James Craven, Second Avenue, Derrybeg Catherine & Patrick White, O'Neill Avenue & Patsy White, Ashgrove Road
Sunday 2 April	11.00am	Winifred Woods, Blaney Crescent (M.M) Anna Devlin, Glenvale Villas (M.M) Michael & Margaret Keenan & deceased family members, Orior Road Mary, John & Noel Madden, Ravensdale Villas Tom McVey & Family, Drumgullion Avenue Jack & Kathleen Bailey, Shandon Park Eileen Campbell, St. Mary's Villas

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Saturday 25 March	7.00pm	May Maguire, Priory Crescent & Patrick Lawlor, Dublin The McCoy Family, Slievegullion Road Bernadette & Edward McLoughlin, Derrybeg Drive Rita Collins (neé McParland) London, formerly Whitecross Noel Hadden, Plunkett Street Gerry Clarke, Mourneview Park Maureen & Francis McDonald, Third Avenue & deceased members of the Fearon Family, Davis Street Sally & John Pearce, Derrybeg Park & deceased members of Pearce & Bagnall Families Newry & Glenn Frances Magee, Slievegullion Road Dominic Casey, Mountainview Drive
Friday 31 March	6.00pm	Eileen, Patrick & Michael McCullagh & Kathleen Lagan (nee McCullagh), Slievegullion Rd
Saturday 1 April	7.00pm	Ethel & Robert McDonald, Derrybeg Drive Patsy Hughes, Mountainview Drive Marie Marks, Drumgullion Avenue Patrick McEvoy, Quarry Lane, Dublin Road

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 25 March	7.30pm	Michael Clarke Seamus Maguire Mary Mason Alice Connolly Liam Hollywood Frederick Isaac Dessie Quinn Kathleen & Peter Jennings & the Lenaghan Family
Sunday 26 March	8.30am 9.30am 11.00am 12.15pm	The Magee Family Joseph Duggan James & Catherine Hollywood Anne Boyle Angela McLarnon Benefactors of the Church & Priory
Monday 27 March	11.00am 7.30pm	Pauline & Frank McConville Martin, Mary & Thomas Nealon Martina Connolly Eugene Markey & deceased Family
Thursday 30 March	7.30pm	Jerome McAteer
Friday 31 March	11.00am 7.30pm	Sean O'Driscoll Lily McCormac
Saturday 1 April	7.30pm	Kathleen McCamley (M.M) Mary, Margaret & Patrick McKeivitt Alice McKay Edward & Annie McLaughlin Philomena O'Neill Patrick Fegan John Campbell & Kathleen Dodds Benefactors of Church & Priory Michael McElherron Kevin & Susan Toner Mary Donaghy & The McDonald Family
Sunday 2 April	11.00am 12.15pm	

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