

Parish of Newry

Sunday 7 January 2018
The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus is there anonymously in the crowd, coming forward with the rest to meet the famous John the Baptist. It is impossible for us to see him as an anonymous person; to us he stands out from every crowd and from the whole human race: above them, beyond them; we can't imagine him not yet majestic. But there he is, the village man, Jesus, known only to his family and neighbours. He is not yet famous.

There is only one famous man there: John the Baptist. When we imagine a famous person among the crowds there is nearly always something false about it: he or she is looking for something, votes or applause or some other sort of ego-stroking. But John the Baptist isn't looking for anything; he is delivering! He is delivering a verbal lashing of extraordinary severity, calling the crowd "a brood of vipers." Jesus is there, watching, listening, anonymous. He is indistinguishable from the brood of vipers. He is one of us. This is nothing new for him; this is how he has been all the thirty years of his life.

But this meeting with John the Baptist is a turning point. Something happened. He experienced the Spirit, and it is described in the kind of language that mystics have used throughout the ages to describe their union with God: "You are my son, the beloved."

Have you ever known that in your very bones: that God breathes to you, "You are my son, my daughter, the beloved?" If you experience God at all how could it be otherwise? God is love. Even the thundering 19th-century preacher, Spurgeon, became quiet in front of today's gospel passage. He wrote: "The wings of the dove are as soft as they are swift. Quietness seems essential to many spiritual operations; the Lord is in the still small voice, and like the dew, His grace is distilled in silence." The unshakeable intimacy with his Father that Jesus demonstrated throughout the rest of his life bears witness to his experience of God's Spirit.

Was he now somehow 'above' the crowd? Would he no longer queue up with them? On the contrary. He was now more than ever one of them. He spent the rest of his life seeking out "the weak, the sick, the wounded, the strayed, the lost" (see Ezekiel 34). He was for the lost sheep, the outcast, the sinner. This has ever since been the mark of true greatness. Among us human beings (and not only in the farmyard) there is usually a well-enforced pecking order: people who climb up a step are sure to make it visible in some way and sometimes they will even move into a different circle of friends and abandon the old circle. But Jesus never abandons the abandoned. Again the mighty Spurgeon: "Gentleness is a sure result of the Spirit's transforming power: hearts touched by Him are meek and lowly henceforth and forever."

Can language convey this? I knew a man who conveyed it better than words ever could. When he talked with you (or, much more often, listened) and someone interrupted, he would totally ignore the interruption. His attention was unwavering. Nothing else existed for him at that moment, and you knew that he would stop at nothing to help you, and there was not the slightest hint of ego in it - he had no agenda of his own. This is a rare quality. People knew instinctively that he was a man of God. In case you've never met one, that's what meeting a saint is like.

If meeting a saint is like that, what must it be like to meet Jesus himself?

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.

OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT NUMBER FOR PARISH OFFICE

Opening Hours: 9.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Mt 3:16-17

All: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

GREETING

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

All: Amen

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

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

Priest: Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All: Amen

THE GLORIA

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River

Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. 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 prophet Isaiah

55:1-11

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Is 12:2-6. R v.6

(R) With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **(R)**

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **(R)**

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John 5:1-9

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
that is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.
Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth –
so that there are three witnesses,
the Spirit, the water and the blood,
and all three of them agree.
We accept the testimony of human witnesses,
but God's testimony is much greater,
and this is God's testimony,
given as evidence for his Son.

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

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION cf. Jn 1:29

All: Alleluia, alleluia!
**John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said:
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of
the world. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: A reading from the holy
Gospel according to Mark 1:7-11
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

All: The Gospel of the Lord.
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.**

PRAYER 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: Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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 (Baptism of the Lord)

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 in the waters of the Jordan you revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism, so that through the voice that came down from heaven we might come to believe in your Word dwelling among us, and by the Spirit's descending in the likeness of a dove we might know that Christ your Servant has been anointed with the oil of gladness and sent to bring the good news to the poor.

And so, with the Powers of heaven, we worship you constantly on earth, and before your majesty 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, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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 forever 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:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation, but through your loving mercy

be for me protection in mind and body and a healing remedy.

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

Jn 1:32, 34

All: **Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of 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. Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out his blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.

All: **Amen**

Priest: May he give you integrity in the faith, endurance in hope, and perseverance in charity with holy patience to the end.

All: **Amen**

Priest: May he order your days and your deeds in his peace, grant your prayers in this and in every place, and lead you happily to eternal life.

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, glorifying the Lord by your life.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Principal, Staff and Students of St. Colman's College, Newry would like to invite Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils, accompanied by their parents/guardians, to our Open Day on Saturday 20th January 2018 from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Principal Cormac McKinney will address guests at 11.00am and 12noon. Prospective post 16 students and their parents/guardians are also very welcome to attend. For further information Tel: 02830262451 – website stcolmans.org.uk

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina continues every Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 11.15am in the Parish Centre, The Mall.

The Legion of Mary are saying the Divine Mercy Novena at 3.15pm, followed by the Rosary in the Cathedral every Saturday. All are welcome.

Bible Study in the Parish Centre

Bible Study each Thursday evening from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Come along and join in reflections on the readings of the following Sunday.

Sick - Housebound – parishioners in Hospital

The Priests of the parish would appreciate being made aware of any parishioner that wishes to be attended on the First Friday visits in their home. Also, please let us know if a family member requires a visit whilst in hospital or when discharged. Please contact parish office with this relevant information so a visit can be arranged. Tel: 028 302 62586.

BAPTISMS

- Alex Antoni Ruszel, 5 Parkhead Crescent
- Cillian Loy, 34 Green Street, Liverpool
- Cara McAlinden, 11 Armagh Road
- Conor Luke Williamson, 2 Aughnamoira Road
- Cara McAlinden, 11 Armagh Road
- Cillian Joseph Peter Loy, 34 Green Street, Liverpool
- Roisin Patricia Bagnall, 1 Larne Road, Carrickfergus

Application for Sick Pilgrims

Newry Lourdes Committee welcomes applications from any person who wishes to be considered as a sick pilgrim with the Dromore Diocese from the 17th – 22nd May 2018. Anyone who is interested or would like information can contact the following: **Martha McEvoy: 3026 7441, Phil Downey: 3026 3012, Deirdre Quinn: 3026 0893**

We pray as a Community for the Recently Deceased

- Gerald Joseph Lonergan, Clanrye Avenue
- Maeve McGarry, formerly Beechmount Park
- Gary Gardiner, Rockfield Nursing Home
- Eugene Sheridan, Hospital Road
- Martin Lucas, Warrenpoint
- Jim O'Hare, Killeavy Road
- Mary Murphy, Daisy Hill Gardens
- Patrick McGivern, Aileen Terrace
- Vincent McEvoy, Mountainview Drive
- Gerry Griffin, Lisdrum Court

St. Mary's High School Open Night – The Principal, Staff & Students welcome all to an Open Night on Monday 15th January 2018. Principal's Address is at 7.30pm, followed by a tour of the school. We also welcome any student who would be interested in enrolling for the wide range of Academic & Vocational subjects in 'A' level to attend at 8.00pm

The Abbey Grammar School, Newry are holding their OPEN MORNING on Saturday 13th January 2018 10.00am – 12 noon, followed immediately by Headmaster's address.

St. Joseph's Boys' High School, Newry, OPEN DAY on Saturday 13th January from 12noon – 2.00pm. Principal's address at 1.00pm.

Eucharistic Holy Hour in honour of Jesus the Divine Mercy and Our Lady this Sunday 7th January at 3.00pm in St. Catherine's Church. Come spend an hour with the Eucharistic Lord.

Novena to St. Peregrine

continues every Friday evening in St. Brigid's Church at 7.00pm.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 17 December

Parish Collection	£ 4154.70
Loose Plate Collection	£ 2100.00
Direct Debits	<u>£ 454.70</u>
	£ 6709.40

Sunday 24 December

Parish Collection	£ 5248.57
Loose Plate Collection	£ 7617.00
Direct Debits	<u>£ 454.70</u>
	£13320.27

Sunday 31 December

Parish Collection	£ 3858.05
Loose Plate Collection	£ 1941.00
Direct Debits	<u>£ 454.70</u>
	£ 6253.75

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Spiritual Direction, Guidance & Counselling

From time to time each one of us has questions about faith, spiritual wellbeing, prayer, doubts, uncertainties, relationship with God. We often ask, 'Where is God in my pain?' How can I reach God? How do I pray? Spiritual Direction provides a safe space and professional support helping us to deal with these questions and experiences. Within this space we are able to discern what God is inviting us to notice, both in our relationship with Him and ourselves. Spiritual Direction is now available in the Parish. If you feel that Spiritual Direction could benefit you, contact Michelle on 07706819472 or pick up a leaflet at Newry Parish Office.

Primary Schools Admission September 2018

Ballyholland Primary School, Newry	028 3026 3763
Bunscoil agus Naíscoil an Iúir, Newry	028 3026 0860
St. Clare's Abbey Nursery & Primary School, Newry	028 3026 2175
St. Joseph's Convent Nursery & Primary School, Newry	028 3026 3854
St. Patrick's Nursery & Primary School, Newry	028 3026 3466
St. Ronan's Primary School, Newry	028 3026 4996

Parents who wish to enrol their child in Nursery or P.1 for the new school year beginning September 2018 should contact the Principal or Secretary for an application form.

P. 1 – Any child whose 4th birthday falls on or before 1st July 2018 will have reached compulsory school age in September 2018 and must commence Primary Education. Forms must be with school by noon on **Wednesday 10th January 2018**. Any application received after this date will be treated as a **LATE APPLICATION** and can only be considered if and when a vacancy occurs within the schools.

Nursery – A child born between **2 July 2014 and 1 July 2015**. Some places may be still available for children born between 2 July 2015 and 1 July 2016.

Our schools are willing to have you visit them. You are most welcome. Please contact the Principal of the school(s) you wish to visit. Please check school website for Christmas holidays.

NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Saturday 6 January	10.30am	Patrick Byrne, Grinan Road Patrick & Nancy McCann, The Manse John & Lily McGrath, Cronin Park & the McGrath family, William Street, the Byrne family, Kilmorey Street & Paddy & Kay Fitzpatrick, Carnmore
	1.15pm	John Murphy, The Manse Noel Vallely, Cedar Grove
	6.00pm	Paddy Savage, Rockfield Heights (M.M.) Stephen Woods, Craigmore Road William & Christina Hughes, Daisyhill Gardens Martin Hegarty, Damolly Road Hester O'Callaghan, Barcroft Park & Michael & Elizabeth O'Callaghan, Sean O'Neill Park Margaret & George Taylor, St. Clare's Avenue The Locke & Donegan Families, Emmet Street Elizabeth Casey, Mourneview Park Fr. James Burke
Sunday 7 January	8.30am	Bridie Finnegan, Innisfree Park (M.M.) Gerard & Betty Connolly, Chestnut Grove
	10.00am	Ursula & Patrick Kearns, Ravensdale Villas
	12 noon	Fr. Edward Campbell
Tuesday 9 January	8.30am	Fr. John Magee
Wednesday 10 January	8.30am	Brian McAteer, Castle Street Kevin Morgan, Flagstaff Court
Thursday 11 January	10.30am	Teresa Regan, Ballinlare Gardens
Friday 12 January	10.30am	Gwen Reilly, Chestnut Grove
Saturday 13 January	10.30am	Paddy McCabe, Mourneview Park Gerald Goodman, McAteer Villas & Kathleen & Tommy McArdle, Innisfree Park Joe & Mary Carlin, Water Street
	6.00pm	Moira Quinn, Greenwood Drive Jim & Marguerite McInerney, High Street
Sunday 14 January	12noon	

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 7 January	11.00am	Patrick Fox, Commons Way (M.M.) Nancy Keenan, Priory Crescent Charlie Madden, Forthill Road & Margaret Madden, Moorhill Road Willie Ryan, Carlingford Park Patrick & Mae Keenan, Courtney Hill & Peter & Mary Keenan, Kerry, late of St. Clare's Avenue Paul & Francis Pollock & deceased family members, The Commons Edward Matthews, Mourneview, The Commons Michael, Christine, Desmond & Marie McAteer, Home Avenue & Lily McAnulty, Mountainview Drive Jim & Nora O'Neill, Courtney Hill Kent Jensen, Cole Court Johnny & Eileen Mulholland, Dromalane Brendan Murphy, O'Neill Avenue
Tuesday 9 January	7.00pm	Madge Magee, Abbey Heights Thomas, Annie & Patrick McDonald, Templehill Road Patsy & Kathleen McShane, Greenwood Drive Elizabeth Morgan, Cherrywood Grove
Sunday 14 January	11.00am	Felix Gray, Daragh Park (M.M.) Agnes Mackin, O'Neill Avenue (M.M.) Maeve McGarry, Beechmount Park (M.M.) Brendan Murphy, O'Neill Avenue & deceased members of the Murphy family, St. Patrick's Avenue Margaret & Barney Curran, formerly Sean O'Neill Park Ann & May Maguire, High Street Tony Kelly, Dave Waller & Thomas Doherty Maire O'Hare, Betty'shill Road Gabby Curran, O'Neill Avenue

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 6 January	7.00pm	Phil Daly, Upper Damolly Gerry Carroll, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg Eileen McCourt, Violet Hill Avenue Bridie Kavanagh, Derrybeg Drive Paddy Lundy, Slievegullion Road Mary McEnteggart, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg Patricia Graham, Drumgullion Avenue Dominic Fegan, Killeavy Road Mary & William McCracken, Ballinlare Gardens & the McGeoghegan & Grimes family & Eva Walsh, College Gardens Paul Mullin, Killeavy Road Francis & Maureen McDonald, Third Avenue & deceased members of the Fearon family, Davis Street Teresa Markey, Drumgullion Avenue
Friday 12 January	7.00pm	Kathleen & Patrick McCabe, Linenhall Square Patrick (Jun) McCabe, Mourneview Park John & Elizabeth Magill, Hennessy Park Patrick, Mary, Rita & Patrick (Jun) Gillen P.J. Larkin, Violet Hill Avenue Kathleen & Bernard Larkin, formerly Cornmarket
Saturday 13 December	7.00pm	

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 6 January	7.30pm	Michael & Mary Magee Michael Campbell & daughter Mary Jimmy & Oisín McMahon Celestine Foy & deceased family members Terry Hegarty Patricia O'Hare
Sunday 7 January	8.00am	Gaule & Byrne Families
	11.00am	Patrick & Florence O'Byrne James & Bridget O'Byrne John & Mary Murphy John Byrne The McCormack Family
Monday 8 January	12.15pm	Benefactors of the Church & Priory John McParlan
Wednesday 10 January	7.30pm	Edward, Rose & Gerald McAlinden & John McGuinness Ann Haughey
Friday 12 January	7.30pm	William & Catherine McLoughlin
Saturday 13 January	11.00am	Rose & Patrick Morgan Finn Lynch
Sunday 14 January	7.30pm	John Hollywood Sean Gribben
	11.00am	Willie Hogan
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