

Parish of Newry

Sunday 1 April 2018
Easter Sunday

Echoing an ancient homily, Meister Eckhart said that it was because Mary Magdalene had nothing else to lose that she dared approach the grave; the apostles had run away because, by implication, they were still trying to save themselves. She had lost everything else, he said, "and so she was afraid that if she went away from the grave she would lose the grave as well. For if she had lost the grave she would have nothing left at all."

But of what use was that grave to her? Graves are about the past. But not this grave. The Resurrection did not take place on the mountain-tops, or on a bright cloud, but in the heart of the grave, the 'degree zero' of human life. It was because Mary Magdalene stayed by the grave that she became the first bearer of the news of the Resurrection; she was the first Christian preacher.

At first she could not see Jesus anywhere. Why? "Because she kept looking further away than he was," said Eckhart.

She kept looking for a dead body, an object; but Jesus was alive and standing beside her. We are at home with objects; they are at arm's length and we can deal with them. We make this kind of knowledge-at-arm's-length the standard of all knowledge; we equate 'objectivity' with truth. The word 'object' comes from Latin ob (against) + jacere (to throw). Besides, the word 'object' connotes 'objection' rather than faith. But the Risen Christ is nearer to us than any object could ever be. "Why are you seeking the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5).

Eckhart concludes his sermon: "That we may thus seek Him and also find Him, so help us God. Amen."

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.

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon **Cf. Ps 138:18. 5-6**

All: **I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
alleluia, alleluia.**

GREETING

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

All: **Amen**

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

All: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

All: **I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

Striking your breast as you say:

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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

All: **Amen**

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

THE 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: O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death

and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R v.24

(R) This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation stands

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
 Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
 Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
 Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
 The tomb the Living did enclose;
 I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
 The angels there attesting;
 shroud with grave-clothes resting.
 Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
 That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
 Victorious king, thy mercy show!

ACCLAMATION 1 Cor 5:7-8

All: Alleluia, alleluia!
**Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;
 let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20: 1-9
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

All: The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stands

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Priest: Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried in Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

Priest: Do you renounce Satan?
All: **I do.**

Priest: And all his works?
All: **I do.**

Priest: And all his empty show?
All: **I do.**

Then the Priest continues:

Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?
All: **I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: **I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All: **I do.**

Priest: And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

The Celebrant sprinkles the people with the blessed water.

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: Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord,
we offer the sacrifice
by which your Church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Congregation stands

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

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

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

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

PREFACE (The Paschal Mystery)

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but on this day
above all to laud you yet more gloriously,
when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For he is the true Lamb
who has taken away the sins of the world;
by dying he has destroyed our death,
and by rising, restored our life.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,
every land, every people exults in your praise
and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts,
sing together the unending hymn of your glory,
as they acclaim:

ACCLAMATION

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

Congregation kneels

Priest: To you, therefore, most merciful Father,
we make humble prayer and petition
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:
that you accept and bless + these gifts, these
offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices,
which we offer you firstly for your holy catholic
Church. Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite
and govern her throughout the whole world,
together with your servant Francis our Pope,
and all those who, holding to
the truth, hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your servants **N.** and **N.**
and all gathered here,
whose faith and devotion are known to you.
For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise
or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to
them: for the redemption of their souls,
in hope of health and well-being, and paying their
homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.

Celebrating the most sacred day
of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh,
and in communion with those whose memory we
venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,
and blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
your blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul,

Andrew, and all your Saints; we ask that through their
merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended
by your protecting help.

Therefore, Lord, we pray;
graciously accept this oblation of our service,
that of your whole family; which we make to you
also for those to whom you have been pleased to give
the new birth of water and the Holy Spirit,
granting them forgiveness of all their sins;
order our days in your peace, and command that we
be delivered from eternal damnation and counted
among the flock of those you have chosen.

Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge,
and approve this offering in every respect;
make it spiritual and acceptable,
so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of
your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer,
he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,
and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his
almighty Father, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took this precious chalice
in his holy and venerable hands,
and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

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

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: **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 blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead,
and the glorious Ascension into heaven
of Christ, your Son, our Lord, we, your servants and
your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from
the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim,
this holy victim, this spotless victim,
the holy Bread of eternal life
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings
with a serene and kindly countenance,
and to accept them, as once you were pleased to
accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:
command that these gifts be borne
by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high
in the sight of your divine majesty,
so that all of us, who through this participation at the
altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

Remember also, Lord, your servants **N.** and **N.**,
who have gone before us with the sign of faith
and rest in the sleep of peace.

Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace.

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, and all your Saints; admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord.

Through whom you continue to make all these good things, O Lord; you sanctify them, fill them with life, bless them, and bestow them upon us.

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

All: **Amen.**

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

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

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

The celebrant may add these or similar words.

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

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

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

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

Congregation kneels

The celebrant says quietly:

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

1 Cor 5:7-8

All: **Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray. Look upon your Church, O God, with unflinching love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing.

All: **Amen**

Priest: May he, by whose redeeming work you have received the gift of everlasting freedom, make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.

All: **Amen**

Priest: Any may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth, be united with him in the homeland of heaven.

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 forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Message from the Administrator

Easter, which celebrates Christ's resurrection from the dead, is Christianity's most important holiday. It has been called a moveable feast because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, as most holidays do. Christian churches in the west celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21st. Therefore, Easter is observed anywhere between the 22nd March and 25th April every year. Orthodox Christians use the Julian calendar to calculate when Easter will occur and typically celebrate the holiday a week or two after the Western Churches, which follow the Gregorian calendar. Easter is really an entire season of the Christian year, as opposed to a single day observance. The 50-day period following Easter Sunday is called Eastertide and includes a celebration of Jesus' ascension into heaven.

On behalf Bishop Philip Boyce, the Priests and Deacon John, I take this opportunity to wish you all a meaningful and joyous Easter. I extend a word of thanks to the many people who lend a helping hand in the Parish and are so generous with their time. Thanks to the Organists and Choirs in each of the Churches for your valuable contribution to the various liturgies: Mrs Florence McMahon, Mrs Alma Brown, Mrs Janice Gribben, Mr Dominic Wadsworth, Mr Conor McGlone and Mr Enda McAleavey.

We appreciate the assistance of the Sacristans, the Altar Servers, the Adult Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, the Collectors, those who arrange the flowers and clean the Churches. We are deeply indebted to those who count the money on a weekly basis and the very many people in the various organisations who are so generous with their time. Both the Offertory Promise Committee and Parish Finance Council are committed in their service to the Parish and I thank them for their total commitment.

The Parish Pastoral Council has done much valuable work since Christmas. Their work is appreciated very much. St. Patrick's Novena was very special this year. The contribution of each of the Primary Schools of the Parish was appreciated very much. It was encouraging to have good numbers from the schools attend each evening. The work of the Liturgy Committee, the Sacramental Team, the Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders, the Knights of St. Columbanus has been significant and they are making a big difference in the Parish. Sincere thanks to all who have led different programmes; the Bible Study group, the Lectio Divina, the Youth Alpha Programme, talks for parents in preparation for First Communion and Confirmation, the Children's Liturgy of the Word, the Do This in Memory Programme, the Online Media Team, The Committee for the World Meeting of Families who have done great work in preparation for the Pope's visit in August. Many people have benefited because of the generosity and commitment of these parishioners.

May every parishioner have a grace filled Easter and have a heightened awareness of the presence of Christ in his/her life.

Canon Francis Brown

MASS TIMES FOR EASTER WEEK

Please note:

NO 5.30pm Mass in the Cathedral on Easter Sunday.
NO 8.30am Mass in the Cathedral from Monday 2nd April – Saturday 7th April inclusive.

NO Evening Mass on Tuesday in St. Mary's Church of Easter Week.

NO 7.30am Mass in St. Catherine's from Monday 2nd April – Saturday 7th April. The 7.30am Mass will resume on Monday 9th April 2018.

Friday 6th April 7.00pm Mass in St. Brigid's Church.

Vigil Masses as usual on Saturday 7th April in Cathedral, St. Brigid's & St. Catherine's.

EASTER HOLY WATER

During the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses the blessing of Holy Water takes place. A limited supply of bottles of water will be blessed and distributed. To ensure that everyone has access to a supply of Easter Holy Water you are advised to bring your own bottle of water which will also be blessed during each Mass.

Join in the Singing of the Processional & Recessional Hymns.

Words of hymns will be available in all Churches for Sunday 8th April so that the congregation can participate more fully in the celebration of Mass by joining the choir in singing the processional and recessional hymns. We have been impressed by the participation of the congregation at the 10.30am Mass each day in the Cathedral and hope that this can now happen at all Masses at the weekend. St. Augustine said, "The person who sings, prays twice".

World Meeting of Families

Rosary with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Clare's Convent, Ashgrove every Sunday until August, continues on Sunday 3.00pm. All very welcome.

We pray as a Community for the Recently Deceased

- James Hanrahan, Clanrye Avenue
Maureen Rowntree, Chapel Road
Sean O'Connor, Greenfield Park
John Rooney, Glen Court
Michael Russell, Edencrieve, Dublin Road
Dr. Pat Lane, Cedar Grove
Eileen McCaul, Elmgrove

Parish Office Opening Hours

The Parish Office will be closed for the Easter Holidays from 2.30pm on Good Friday and will re-open on Monday 9th April at 9.00am. If you require a priest in an emergency please Telephone: 302 62586.

Trócaire Boxes

You are reminded that your Trócaire Collection box should be returned to the Parish either by putting it in the collection baskets at Masses or by leaving it in the Sacristy or Parish Office. Please do not leave your Trócaire box in the churches.

SACRED HEART GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Presents

A Musical Evening in St. Clare's Hall on Thursday 12th April 2018 at 7.30pm. Proceeds in aid of the work of the Sisters of St. Clare in Central America. All welcome.

FEAST OF MERCY

The Feast of the Divine Mercy will be celebrated in the Cathedral and St. Catherine's church on Sunday 8th April 2018. St. Catherine's commencing at 2.00 - 2.45pm Penitential Service, 3.00pm Mass. Cathedral commencing at 2.45pm - Chaplet. 3.00pm Mass. Confessions after Mass.

CALLED AND GIFTED

Parishioners are invited to take part in a Called and Gifted Programme on Saturday 7th April in the Parish Centre, The Mall. The Programme begins at 9.30am and concludes with Mass at 6.00pm. Registration from 9.00am. Application forms are available from the Parish Office.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER - The Apostolate of prayer will meet each Wednesday at 11.15 - 12.15 in the Parish Centre. See website for more information. "myprayer.ie"

BAPTISMS

- Nollaig Áine, McCabe, 32 Ardaveen Avenue
Holly Patterson, 8 Third Avenue, Derrybeg
Emily Nicole Weldrick, 121 Forest Hills
Ella Jane Preece, 7 Nursery Drive
Sinead Alis Campbell, 40 Laurel Grove
Aaron John McMahon, 63 Chancellor's Hall Road
Ethan Patrick McCaughey, 76 Forest Hills
Oliver Aodhan Bennett, 78 Carneyhough Court
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Caiden James Boswell-Hawthorne, 23 Springhill Drive

NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Sunday 1 April	10.00am	Margaret & John Collins, Violet Hill Avenue Canon Pat McAnuff John Declan Bennett, Barley Lane John & Kathleen Higgins, Belfast
	12 noon	Maud Patterson, Ballyholland (M.M) Leo & Michael Barry, Church Avenue Catherine Corrigan, Willow Grove Patrick J & Mary A Quinn, Dora Avenue. Michael Kerr, Well Lane Ellen Lambe, High Street
Monday 2 April	10.30am	Joleene Gilleece, Rathfriland Road Francie & John Burns, Drumgullion Avenue Malachy & Kathleen Cunningham, Monaghan Row
Tuesday 3 April	10.30am	Barney Lambe, Ravensdale Villas Grace & Colman McEvoy, Rathfriland Road Sean Donohue, Derrybeg Cottages
Wednesday 4 April	10.30am	Benefactors of Newry Parish
Saturday 7 April	10.30am	Francis & Patricia Campbell, Forthill Road
	6.00pm	Pauline Doyle, Mullach Alaiinn (M.M) Hugh & Molly Boyle, Magdalen Gray & Frank, Bridget & Gerry McArdle Kevin McShane, Carlingford Park Patrick (Patsy) Farrell, Windsor Avenue Yvonne Charnock, Chapel Street & the Reilly Family, Ardee
Sunday 8 April	10.00am	John Wylie, Nicholson's Court
	12 noon	Michael O'Hanlon, Belleeks

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 1 April	11.00am	Patsy Hughes, Mountainview Drive & Mary Catherine & Patrick Hughes, Boat Street Michael & Margaret Keenan, Orior Road & deceased family members Robert Carr, Carnagh Pk Jean O'Flaherty, O'Neill Avenue Bridie & Jacqueline Fitzpatrick, O'Neill Avenue
Sunday 8 April	11.00am	Annie Murtagh, Derrylecka (M.M) Paddy & Lily Campbell, McAteer Villas. Sean O'Hare, Rockfield Heights Rita & Dan Madden, The Commons Tony Carr, Toragh Park Ethan Rodgers, Darragh Park Kathleen & Patrick Sweeney, Grinan Road Fr. Jack Keenan, Monaghan Street & San Diego

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 31 March	7.00pm	Eileen, Patrick & Michel McCullagh & Kathleen Lagan (nee McCullagh), Slievegullion Road Kathleen & John Smith, Plunkett Street Marie Marks, Drumgullion Avenue
Friday 6 April	7.00pm	Ave Maria & Jackie McClelland, St. Patrick's Avenue Sean Donohue, Derrybeg Cottages
Saturday 7 April	7.00pm	Ethel & Robert McDonald, Derrybeg Drive Catherine McAleavey, Lisdrum Avenue Elizabeth Curran, Davy Street & Chris Curran, Antrim

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Sunday 1 April	8.00am	Martina Rafferty
	9.30am	Michael Watters Patsy Haughian
	11.00am	Ronnie Tremer (M.M.) Michael & Magdeline Matthews & deceased family members Rose & Patrick Morgan Marie McClorey John Campbell Kathleen Dodds Alice McKay Patrick Fegan Rose & Bernadette O'Hanlon Eddie & Maurice McNeill Jack O'Driscoll Robert & Margaret Savage
	12.15pm	Benefactors of the Church & Priory Michael McElherron Mary McDonald Mary Donaghy
Monday 2 April	7.30am	Mary & Felix McParland Teresa & Bernard Murphy Margaret & Hugh Gorman Conor & Seamus Murphy
	11.00am	Eileen McCullagh Kathleen Lagan Vincent McVeigh
Tuesday 3 April	7.30pm	Evelyn & Dylan Price
	11.00am	Geordie Matthews Grace McEvoy
Thursday 5 April	7.30pm	Arthur Carruthers
	7.30pm	Seamus Loughran Kathleen Bradley Bradley & Grant Families
Friday 6 April	7.30pm	Joseph McStay Mary, Patrick & Michael McGuigan Michael & Nellie Clarke
	7.30pm	Mary, Alice & Dermott McKevitt Rosetta Hollywood
Saturday 7 April	7.30pm	Mary Margaret & Patrick McKevitt Eddie & Annie McLoughlin Thomas Conlon John & Mary Carr Mark McKenna Malachy Thompson
Sunday 8 April	11.00am	Vincent Kelly Paul Toner Margaret & Peter O'Rourke & Gerald O'Rourke
	12.15pm	Benefactors of Church & Priory

The John Paul II Award Recipients

The following students received their award on the 21st March 2018
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Miss Brea Freeburn | Mr Frederick Freeburn | Miss Seana Gribben
Mr Glen Harte | Miss Nell Haughey | Miss Eimear Heaney
Mr Joshua Keenan | Miss Shannon C Maguire |
Miss Niamh Mulholland | Mr Christopher McAteer | Mr Oisín McAvó
Miss Dervila McGovern | Mr Kevin McKenna | Miss Darcy McLaughlin
Miss Claire McMahon | Miss Trisha Ong | Miss Eimear Poucher
Miss Shannon Taylor

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