

# Parish of Newry

Sunday 18 March 2018  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

There is no mention of Gethsemane in John's gospel. John has Jesus striding in glory through his life and death: his miracles are not acts of compassion as in the other gospels, but signs of his glory (2:11). Yet in this reading Jesus says, "Now my soul is troubled." Though there is no account in John's gospel of his healing the possessed, we still see his compassion: later in the same gospel he says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled" (14:1); he is human and he is with us after all. This gospel has no account of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, but in its place there is an account of Jesus washing the disciples' feet.

The Passion begins to loom early in this gospel. Jesus speaks of being "lifted up" (3:14; 8:28; 12:32, 34), and John plays on the ambiguity of this phrase. Jesus will be lifted up in shame on the cross, but this same lifting up is a lifting up in glory. Strange paradox: his shame is his glory, his death is his resurrection.

The mystics are the ones who best appreciate this paradoxical level of our Faith. Johann Tauler, a disciple of Meister Eckhart, said, "Peace is what all people are striving for; they seek after it in every direction, in every occupation, and in all their ways of life. Oh if we could only shake ourselves free from this tendency, and learn to seek peace in tribulation. Only there is true peace born, peace which will last and really endure. To seek elsewhere is to go astray inevitably. You will always find that this is true. If only we could seek joy in sadness, peace in trouble, simplicity in multiplicity, comfort in bitterness! This is the way to become true witnesses to God."

The peace that comes from avoiding trouble is mine only as long as I can avoid trouble, and "piecemeal peace is no peace." I cannot avoid trouble forever. If all my efforts are directed to avoiding trouble, then even the thought of it is enough to deprive me of peace. I have to be able to find peace even in trouble. Only then is it unconditional peace. Tauler again: "Before His death, our Lord always promised His disciples peace, and also after His resurrection He promised them peace. Yet they never obtained peace externally. None the less, they found peace in tribulation and love in suffering. In death they found life; to be cross-examined, judged, and condemned was for them a joyous victory. These were true witnesses."

Briefly, a note on 'Eternal life'. It is badly translated as 'everlasting life'. Eternal life means God's kind of life, not human life stretched out in time to infinity. Nor is it a life that begins beyond the grave. "Whoever believes has eternal life," said Jesus (John 6:47) – already has, not will have. In keeping with the other paradoxes of the faith: eternal life is here and now, in this world, in this mess. It will flower beyond the grave, but not if it has no roots here and now.

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.  
Sunday 9.00am – 9.00pm  
Thursday 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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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 42:1-2**

**All: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause  
against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.**

## 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 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 COLLECT

**Priest:** Let us pray.

*Pause for silent prayer*

**Priest:** By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
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 Jeremiah **31:31-34**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a new covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master.

It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 50:3-4, 12-15, R v.12*

**(R) A pure heart create for me, O God.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R)**
3. Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews **5:7-9**

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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

*Congregation stands*

**ACCLAMATION** **Jn 12:26**

**All: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow  
me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too.  
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

**12:20-30**

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

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is bring passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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.**

## 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 sa-ying:*

**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, the 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:** Hear us, almighty God,  
and, having instilled in your servants  
the teachings of the Christian faith,  
graciously purify them  
by the working of this sacrifice.  
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 (I of Lent)

**Priest:** It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

For by your gracious gift each year,  
your faithful await the sacred paschal feasts  
with the joy of minds made pure,  
so that, more eagerly intent on prayer  
and on the works of charity,  
and participating in the mysteries  
by which they have been reborn,  
they may be led to the fullness of grace  
that you bestow on your sons and daughters.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,  
with Thrones and Dominions,  
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,  
we sing the hymn of your praise,  
as without end we acclaim:

### ACCLAMATION

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

*Congregation kneels*

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

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:  
by the same Spirit graciously make holy these  
gifts we have brought to you for consecration,  
that they may become the Body and + Blood

of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

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

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

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

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

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

**Priest:** The mystery of faith.  
**All:** **My Lord and my God.**

**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, 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:*

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

**All:** **Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat  
falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single  
grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

*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.  
We pray, almighty God,  
that we may always be counted among the  
members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood  
we have communion.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Bless, O Lord, your people,  
who long for the gift of your mercy,  
and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire  
they may receive by your generous gift.  
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 forth, the Mass is ended.

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

**Palm Sunday – 25 March 2018**

Blessing of Palms will take place before all Masses in the Parish on this day. The **Solemn Procession** with the palms will take place at the 12 noon Mass in the Cathedral. Representatives of parish organisations are invited to take part in the procession.

**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"

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

One to one Bereavement Support – Confidentiality assured. Appointment not necessary (no cost involved) **Time:** Thursday mornings 10.30am – 12.30pm **Venue:** Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Magnet, The Demesne, Dundalk  
Tel: 00353 42 9336393 10.00am – 2.00pm

**Separated or Widowed?**

**Beginning Experience** helps people work through their grief to be healed and free to live again. **A Beginning Experience week-end Programme** is scheduled to take place from 20th – 22nd April 2018. For enquiries and registration contact Pastoral Centre Tel: 00353 42 9336393.

**We pray as a Community for the Recently Deceased**

Mary Fay (née Treanor), Kiln Street  
Philip McArdle, Ardfreelin

**Knights of St. Columbanus CK10, Newry  
Rosary at Mass Rock, Ballyholland, Newry  
On Sunday 18th March 2018 at 2.20pm.**

Rosary will be recited by Fr. Damien Nejad  
The Rosary will be recited for the renewal of faith and protection of all human life at all Mass Rocks and Monastic Ruins across Ireland, also at the Phoenix Park Papal Cross. All welcome.

**PARISH FINANCE**

**OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION ENVELOPES 2018/2019**

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 & 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. The next series of parish envelopes commences on Sunday 8th April 2018. If you do not have a box of envelopes please contact the Parish Office – details on the front page of bulletin. Alternatively, you can fill 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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**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. On March 23, you will have the opportunity to join in the recitation of the Stations of the Cross in response to the words of Pope Francis. This year, Pope Francis reminds us that 'Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our lives'.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS – Cathedral – 7.00pm  
Sunday 25th March**

St. Colman's College will sing Evening Prayer of the Church.

**Eucharistic Holy Hour in Honour of Jesus the Divine Mercy and Our Lady**  
in the Cathedral on Sunday 18th March at 3.00pm.  
Come spend an hour with the Eucharistic Lord.

**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.

**SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS**

Safeguarding Awareness is an evolving area and is continuously being improved throughout the Church. We all strive together, clergy and laity to ensure that our safeguarding policies and procedures inform and support the very important work within our parish. As such Safeguarding Awareness should not be seen as a burden or a hurdle but rather as a continual process there to assist, strengthen and enrich the work of all especially our volunteers. As part of the training and induction process all new volunteers taking up a position within the parish must attend a Safeguarding Awareness session. Any current volunteers currently working in ministry within the parish must have attended a Safeguarding Awareness session also. If you are volunteering and have not attended an Awareness session, please come to the next session on **Thursday 22nd March 2018 in the Parish Centre, The Mall.**

Also, leaders of Youth Groups must attend a separate Safeguarding session. This session will be held over two evenings the **12th and 16th April 2018**, in the Meeting Rooms, Dromore Street, Banbridge, 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

**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.

**Dromore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes  
17th-22nd May 2018. Price: £610.00**

Bookings are now being taken for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Application forms are available from the Parish Office, Hill Street.

**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**

**BAPTISMS**

Aaliyah Bella Fegan, 5 Fairfield Heights  
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Reece Paul Oliver Hughes, 62 Derrymore Road, Bessbrook  
Finn Christian McCann, 98 Killeavy Road  
Lucas McCrink, 21 Dobsons Way, Bessbrook  
Caleb James Anthony Watkins, 13 Fourth Avenue, Derrybeg

## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Saturday 17 March	10.30am	Michael, Roseanne, Philomena & Mary McGuigan, Mary Street
	12 noon	Billy McDonald, Mourneview Park   Seamus Rooney, Church Street
	6.00pm	Mary Theresa & Patrick Glavin, Newry <b>Madge Hughes, Camlough (M.M)</b>   Frank Manly, Church Street   Patrick & Bridget Fitzpatrick & Susan McGurk, High Street. Leo & Annie Burns & Martin, Patsy & Leo (Jnr) Burns, Downshire Court
Sunday 18 March	10.00am	<b>Bridie Moore, Ballyholland Park (M.M)</b>
	12 noon	Mary Catherine & Edward Lyons & deceased family members, Innisfree Park <b>Deirdre Coffey, Dora Avenue (M.M)</b>   Peggy Campbell, Erskine Street
Monday 19 March	10.30am	Gwyneth Raffery, Rathmore Road Patrick, Margaret, Patsy & John Magill & Margaret Jones, Cowan Street Hugh Devine, Downshire Road
Wednesday 21 March	10.30am	James Ruddy, Damolly   Mary & P J Fegan, Parkhead Crescent
Thursday 22 March	10.30am	<b>Damian Ruddy, Fairfield Heights (M.M)</b>   Thomas & Gertrude Armstrong, Belfast
Friday 23 March	8.30am	Fr. Thomas Gallery
Saturday 24 March	8.30am	Most Rev. Dr. Eugene O'Doherty   Harry McAteer, Greenfield Park
	6.00pm	Tony & Teddy McAllister, Hennessy Park & Keith & Grace Holman, Adelaide, Australia Winnie & John Reilly & deceased family members, Glen Hill. Pat Craven, Mountpleasant   Marian McAllister (née Rooney), Cole Court
Sunday 25 March	12 noon	Pat Burke, Springhill Drive   William & Madge Hannigan, Fourth Avenue, Derrybeg   Benny & Rosaleen Hughes, High Street. Paddy & Margaret Duffy, High Street

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 18 March	11.00am	Bernadette & Frank Keenan, Daragh Park   Tom Reilly, O'Neill Avenue
Tuesday 20 March	7.00pm	Alice Spencer, North Street   Philomena & Pat Keenan, Mourneview, The Commons Eamon & Roisin Fitzpatrick, North Street   Eileen & Paddy Rafferty, Monaghan Row Patrick & Catherine White, O'Neill Avenue & Patsy White, Ashgrove Road
Sunday 25 March	11.00am	Kathleen, Henry & Danny McLoughlin <b>Kathleen McAvoy, Sean O'Neill Park (M.M)</b>   Eddie Campbell, Oaklands Edward, Jim & Elizabeth Lavelle, Rostrevor   Teresa Bannon, Barley Lane Ann Niblock, Ashtree Cottages   James & Margaret Robinson, Mourneview Park

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 17 March	7.00pm	Kevin Hughes, Clanrye Avenue   Peter & Sarah Sarsfield, St. Clare's Avenue
Saturday 24 March	7.00pm	Edward & Bernadette McLoughlin, Derrybeg Drive   May Maguire, Priory Crescent & Patrick Lawlor, Dublin   Mary & John Henry Conway, Lurgan & deceased members of the McAlinden Family   Sally & John Pearce, Second Avenue, Derrybeg & deceased members of the Pearce & Bagnall Families, Newry & Glenn   Noel Hadden, Plunkett Street   Maureen & Francis McDonald, Third Avenue, Derrybeg & deceased members of the Fearon Family, Davis Street. Frances Magee, Slievegullion Road

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 17 March	7.30pm	Marie & Paddy McArdle
Sunday 18 March	9.30am	James & Elizabeth McCreesh
	11.00am	Esther Finnegan & The Finnegan Family   Wesley Andrews & deceased family members. Kathleen & Frank McElherron   James & Catherine Hollywood
	12.15pm	Benefactors of Church & Priory
Monday 19 March	7.30pm	Margaret & Patrick Craven & deceased Family Members   Martin, Mary & Thomas Whelan Martina Connolly   Samuel Ferris   Peggy & John White & The White & Kelly Families Patsy McCoy
Tuesday 20 March	11.00am	Robert & Raymond Kelly
Wednesday 21 March	11.00am	Con & Mary McBarron   Maggie & Paddy O'Neill
Thursday 22 March	11.00am	Eddie & Christopher Ruddy
Saturday 24 March	11.00am	Jan Canavan
	7.30pm	Michael Clarke   Oliver Tremer   Philomena O'Neill
Sunday 25 March	8.00am	The Moan Family
	11.00am	Seamus Maguire
	12.15pm	Benefactors of Church & Priory   Mary Fegan   Liam Hollywood   Mary Mason

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