

Parish of Newry

Sunday 22 December 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

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

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

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

Christmas festivals, generally observed by Christians since the 4th century, incorporate pagan customs, such as the use of holly, mistletoe, Yule logs, and so on. Many other things that we might have imagined deriving from Bethlehem itself are of much more recent origin. The Christmas tree is derived from the so-called paradise tree, symbolising Eden, of German mystery plays. The use of a Christmas tree began in the early 1600s, in Strasbourg, France, spreading from there through Germany and then into northern Europe. In 1841 Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree custom to Britain, from where it spread to America.

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

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

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

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Mass Times

The Cathedral of SS. Patrick & Colman, Hill Street

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday (Vigil Mass):
6.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am, 12noon
& 5.30pm

Weekday Mass Times

Monday, Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday 10.30am

Tuesday & Thursday
8.30am & 10.30am

Saturday Confessions
11.00am - 12noon

St. Brigid's Church, Rooney's Meadow

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Evening
(Vigil Mass): 7.30pm

Sunday: 9.00am
(Po Polsku)

Monday: 7.30pm

St. Mary's Church, Chapel Street

Sunday 9.00am Mass
in Latin

Sunday 10.30am Mass
in English

Friday 7.30pm

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 - 6.00pm

Sunday 1.00pm - 4.00pm.
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.

OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT NUMBER FOR PARISH OFFICE

Opening hours: 9am -1pm & 2pm -4pm Monday to Friday.
A priest is always available during these hours.

Tel No: 028 302 62586

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Is 45:8

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

GREETING

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

All: Amen

Priest: 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.

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THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

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

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

7:10-14

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

Then Isaiah said:

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

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

1:1-7

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

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

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

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

Mk 1:23

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

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew **1:18-24**
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

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

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

All: **Amen**

Congregation stands

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

PREFACE (Advent II)

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

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

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

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

ACCLAMATION

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

Congregation kneels

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and + Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, 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, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and N our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

Is 7:14

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

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

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

All: **Amen**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

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

All: **Amen**

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

All: **Amen**

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

All: **Amen**

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: **Amen**

Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Newry Parish Calendar of Events December 2019

Sunday 22nd December - 4.00pm Holy Rosary & Benediction followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until Mass at 5.30pm

Tuesday 24th December – All Christmas Eve Masses will take place at 8.00pm in the Cathedral, St. Brigid's and St. Mary's

Wednesday 25th December: Christmas Day Masses:

- 9.00am Mass in the Cathedral
- 9.00am in St. Brigid's Church (Polish Mass)
- 10.30am Mass in St. Mary's Church
- 10.30am Mass in St. Brigid's Church
- 10.30am Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Sheeptown
- 12noon Mass in the Cathedral

Please note: There will be **NO** 5.30pm Mass in the Cathedral on Christmas Day

There will be **NO** 8.30am Mass in the Cathedral after Christmas until Tuesday 7 Jan. Morning Mass continues each weekday at 10.30am

Confessions in the Cathedral for Christmas

Sunday 22nd December 4.30pm – 5.20pm (before 5.30pm Mass)
Monday 23rd December after 10.30am Mass until 12 noon
Tuesday 24th December after 10.30am Mass until 12 noon

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.**

Enquiries: from from North 0035342-9336393 10am – 2pm

Eucharistic Holy Hour in Honour of Jesus the Divine Mercy and Our Lady

on Sunday 5th January 2020 at 3.00pm.

Come spend one hour with the Eucharistic Lord.

NEWRY CONFERENCE & BANQUETING CENTRE

The Mall, Newry.

LECTIO DIVINA: Tuesday & Thursday at 11.15am

BIBLE STUDY: Thursday from 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Dromore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

12th – 17th May 2020. All-in fare £660.

As we will be celebrating the 50th year of our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes it is advised to book early as places are limited.

Application for Sick Pilgrims

Newry Lourdes Committee welcomes applications from any person who wishes to be considered as a sick pilgrim with the Dromore Diocesan Pilgrimage from the 12th – 17th May 2020. Anyone who is interested or would like information can contact the following: **Martha McEvoy: 3026 7441, Phil Downey: 3026 3012, Deirdre Quinn: 3026 0893**

RECENTLY BAPTISED IN NEWRY PARISH

Kevin Lasa, 44 Hennessy Park

Teagan Christina McCann, 98 Killavy Road

St. Colman's College, Violet Hill, Newry

The Principal, Staff & Pupils of St. Colman's College, Newry would like to invite P6 & P7 Pupils, accompanied by their parents/guardians to our **OPEN DAY** on **Saturday 18th January 2020** from 10.00am – 1.00pm

Principal Mr Cormac McKinney will address guests at 11am & 12noon.

Further details: Website – stcolmans.org.uk Email – infor@stcolmans.org.uk

Twitter -@st_colmans or Tel: 302 62451.

Prospective post 16 students are also very welcome to attend.

THE PARISH OFFICE will close on Monday 23rd December at 4.00pm and will re-open on Monday 6th January 2020. As usual, a priest of the parish will be available but for emergencies only. **Priest – on – Call Tel: (028) 302 62586.**

Anniversary Requests

All Anniversaries & Month's Minds Masses should be left in the Parish Office **no later than 12 noon on the Thursday of the week before the Anniversary is due to be remembered, this includes Saturday Anniversaries.** You can leave anniversaries in as early as you wish, but anniversaries left in after this time are considered late, and therefore there is **no guarantee** that they will be read out at Mass. We request that you leave your anniversaries in as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

ARMAGH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

7 July 2020 – 7 nights, Price £719 per person, Inc. Insurance

Single Supplement £25 per night

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7 Nights Full Board in Hotel Avenida

For further details, contact Maureen or Joe McLaughlin

Tel: (028) 9070 1606, 07745093530 or 07711 1808207

St. Mark's High School – Open Day

The Principal, Staff & Pupils of St. Mark's invite P.7 pupils

& parents to their Open Day on

Saturday 11th January 2020

9.00am – 12.00noon

Principal's Address at 11.15am

St. Mary's High School, Newry – Open Night

The Principal, Staff & Pupils of St. Mary's High School invite

P7 pupils & parents to their Open Night on

Thursday 16 January 2020

Principal's Address at 7.00pm

We also welcome any student who would be interested in enrolling for the wide range of Academic and Vocational Subjects at 'A' Level to attend.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Edmund O'Hare, Balmoral Park

Angela McKay, Innisfree Park

Catherine Duncan, Clanrye Park

Phyllis Duffy, formerly Priory Crescent

Kevin Loughran, Vancouver Island, formerly High Street

Brendan Turley, Windmill Place

Catherine Moore (née Andrews), Adelaide, formerly Armagh Rd

Parents who wish to enrol their child in nursery or Primary 1 for the new school year beginning September 2020 should complete an online application with the Education Authority via www.eani.org.uk, Advice can be sought from the school of your choice.

P1... Any child whose 4th Birthday falls on or before 1st July 2020 will have reached compulsory school age in September 2020 and must commence Primary Education. Application should be completed by Noon on Thursday 30th January 2020. 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 2nd July 2016 and 1st July 2017. Some places may still be available for children born between 2nd July 2017 and 1st July 2018.

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.

NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Saturday 21 December	6.00pm	Mary & Pat Lynch, Greenwood Villas Martin, Philomena & Patrick McEvoy, The Manse Raymond Price, Ashbrook Mews Sean (Jnr), Rosena, Sean & Aidan Kennedy, O'Neill Avenue Brenda McKeivitt, Cronin Park
Sunday 22 December	9.00am 12 noon	Lauri Rafferty, North Street Charles Warner, Damolly village (M.M) Tony Fee, Formerly Derrybeg Drive (M.M) Jack & Mary Elmore, Newry Michael & Betty Rafferty & The Crilly Family, Rathfriland Road Jimmy McLoughlin, Bridge Street Joe McParland, Ravensdale Park, Dundalk Jim McKeivitt, Church Street
Tuesday 24 December	5.30pm 10.30am	Christina, William, Michael & Liam Nolan, Carrick Ard Alexander & Cecilia McKinley, Water S Bridget O'Hare, Upper Ballyholland
Wednesday 25 December	8.00pm 9.00am	Vincent S. Cranney, Greenan Road Harry Shields, Cloughreagh Park Padraigin Byard, Forest Hills John Mallon Oliver & Elizabeth Casey, Mourneview Park Kathleen & John Smith, Plunkett St & John & Brigid Casey, Mourneview Park John & Susan Murchan, Mullaghbawn
Thursday 26 December	12 noon 5.30pm	Eileen & Gerry Barry, Clanrye Avenue
Friday 27 December	10.30am	NO MASS Canon Cathal Jordan Vincent McEvoy, Mountainview Drive
Saturday 28 December	10.30am 6.00pm	Sarah & Thomas Jones & deceased family members, Davis Street & Mary & John Rooney, Killkeel Harry Donnelly, Fairfield Heights Gerry Donnelly, Upper Damolly Road Phillip & Kathleen Donaghy, Bessbrook & deceased family members The O'Hagan Family, Lisummon
Sunday 29 December	9.00am 12 noon	Bernadette, Hughie & William Carson, Belfast Kathleen Buchanan, Crieve Road

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 22 December	10.30am	Patrick, May, James & Catherine Murphy, Windmill Heights Thomas & Hester Feenan, Chapel Street & Patricia Mann, Oaklands Mary Connolly, Carlingford Park
Tuesday 24 December	8.00pm	Billy & Evelyn Fegan, Hennessy Park & son Gerald, late of Donegal Christopher Hughes, Grinan, Paschal Hughes, Warren Hill, Hughes & Ruane Families, Liverpool, the Cunningham Family, Merchants Quay & the Bailey Family, Ayalogue
Wednesday 25 December	10.30am	Jim McGovern, Greenwood Drive Dan & May McCann, O'Neill Avenue, Paddy & Bridie McCann Drumgullion Avenue, George & Bridget McGivern, High Street & May O'Hanlon, Chapel Street
Sunday 29 December	10.30am	Sadie Carr, Killeavy Road Paddy McElroy, Old Warrenpoint Road

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 21 December	7.30pm	Lilian Glymond, Second Avenue, Derrybeg (M.M) James Campbell, Killeavy Road (M.M) Stephen & Philip Craven, Barcroft Park Mena Magee, Derrybeg Drive Bridie McGrath, Orior Rd Margaret Rice, Ballinlare Gardens Brigid, James & Matthew McGivern, Bessbrook Bridie Bannon, Iveagh Crescent Dominic Spencer, Killeavy Road & deceased members of the Spencer Family, St. Patrick's Avenue Kevin & Doreen White, Henry Street
Monday 23 December	7.30pm	Patrick Joseph Bannon, Armagh Road Linda Larkin, Slievegullion Road Margaret & Patrick McCamley, Josephine Fowler, Catherine Campbell & Mrs Simpson
Tuesday 24 December	8.00pm	Rita Dillon, Larchmont Martina McCabe - McLoughlin, Drumgullion Avenue Paddy McAteer, Slievegullion Road & Mary Nicholls, Bedford, England
Wednesday 25 December	10.30am	Rita Downey, Violet Hill Avenue

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 21 December	7.30pm	Kearney & Bannon families Alice Connolly Peter Gray (Sen) & Peter Gray (Jun) Kathleen, Brona & Marion Gribben
Sunday 22 December	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 12noon	Deceased members of the Dominican Sunday morning Prayer Group Edward Grimes & family James & Brigid Reynolds Bridget Valley & deceased family members Loughran & Mory families Noel Paul Moan (M.M.) Catherine & Thomas McLoughlin Thomas & Margaret McArdle Vera Woods Gene McKeivitt Edward Rooney Matt Moan Nancy Miller
Monday 23 December	11.00am 7.30pm	Deceased benefactors of the Church & Priory William & Catherine Quinn Mary & Eugene O'Leary Peggy Murphy Rose & Stephen Murphy Eddie McGrath John, James & Connie McGovern John & Margaret Mallon Louise Mallon Teresa Mulholland Patrick Shields Mary Griffin James Toner Peter, Margaret, Charlie & Peter Magee Marie McClorey George, Kathleen & Maureen Lucas Tom & Vera McChesney Essie Walsh John & Mary Collins & deceased family members
Tuesday 24 December	7.30am 11.00am	Frank & Gerry Murphy Stephen & Patrick Grant Patrick & Elizabeth Murphy Joey & Thomas Stokes John, Francis & Caroline Monaghan Maureen Hart Mary & PJ Pentony Brendan Preece Sean McVeigh
Thursday 26 December	11.00am	Mary O'Hanlon Peter & Dora Mullan
Friday 27 December	11.00am 7.30pm	Liam McMahan Detta Matthews Kerry Fleming
Saturday 28 December	7.30pm 11.00am 7.30pm	Joseph Henderson James Coghlan & deceased family members Sean, Douglas, Stephen & Margaret Fitzpatrick James John & Susan Brannigan & deceased family members John & Mary Grant Mena Mcinerney
Sunday 29 December	11.00am 12.15pm	Terence Curran Kathleen & Philip Rafferty Joan Brady Declan Bell Thomas & Margaret McArdle & Vera Woods Deceased benefactors of the Church & Priory Vera Donnelly Darren Toner Pat Small Vere Woods Gene McKeivitt

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