

Parish of Newry

Sunday 20 February 2022
The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

We should love our enemies. We should be pacifists. But pacifism is not another word for passivity. We are not called to be passive. Jesus was not passive, he was very active on the day he drove the traders and their animals out of the Temple: "Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!'" (John 2:15-16). Nor was he passive when he healed the man against the protests of the Pharisees: "He looked around at them with anger," and then healed him (Mark 3:5). Passivity is a refusal to use one's strength. But love is strong, "stronger than death." There is a kind of passivity that pretends to be Christian love but is probably just cowardice.

'Turning the other cheek' is not so hard when the cheek is someone else's. A false notion of Christian meekness has often been used to allow violence and abuse to go unchallenged. Do you tell children who have been abused that they should love their enemy? Do you tell the family of a murder victim to love the murderer? I should think you would have to pick your words very carefully, or remain silent. Turning the other cheek is for people who have the power to retaliate but choose not to do so. It is not for people who have no power, no choice. When Peter became violent, Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place....Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matthew 26:53).

But when it is your own cheek, what do you do? What did Jesus do? He did not sink into passivity when the soldier struck him. He challenged him: "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" (John 18:23). The question is how you challenge your enemy (assuming that you have the power to do so).

The instinct is to respond in kind, to react to violence with violence. We have to see that this is to make yourself exactly like your enemy. In that sense it is no challenge to him; it confirms his view that that is the way for a human being to act. Jesus met violence with reason, not with violence. The enemy doesn't want to see your face or hear your voice. He wants to turn you into an object, and objects don't have faces and voices. If you are only an object, then he finds it easier to take leave of his own humanity. We should not underestimate the power of sheer personal presence. We have to reach somehow behind the violence of the enemy and engage him as a human being. If we can just hold off, he may see the insanity of what he is doing.

God does not respond to us in kind. We pollute the world, we destroy other animals for sport, we exploit and kill one another for profit. We make ourselves enemies of God. But God waits - not, however, in a spirit that says, "I'll get you in the end!" If God imposed instant sanctions there would be no evil-doing in the world; but neither would there be insight or mercy or real humanity; the world would be a larger version of the boarding-school I went to long ago! God has to wait so that we can see how God treats enemies. God waits for us to become human beings and "children of the Most High."

Fr Donagh O'Shea, O.P.,
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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 - Saturday
10.30am

**St. Brigid's Church,
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Weekend Mass Times
Saturday Evening (vigil
Mass) 7.30pm
Friday: 7.30pm

**St. Mary's Church,
Chapel Street**
Tuesday: 7.30pm
Sunday: 9.00am
(Latin Mass)
Sunday: 10.30am

**St. Catherine's Church,
Dominican Priory, Dominic Street**
Mon-Sat: 7.30am & 11.00am & 7.30pm
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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon**

Ps 12:6

**All: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing
to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

GREETING

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

All: Amen

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: You came in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: You will come in glory with salvation for your people:
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

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: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Samuel **26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23**

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R v.8

(R) The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R)**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R)**

3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R)**

4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians **15:45-49**

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is,

first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

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

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

Cf. Acts 16:14

All: Alleluia, alleluia!
**Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy
Gospel according to Luke

6:27-38

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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,
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: As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord,
with the observance that is your due,
we humbly ask you,
that what we offer to the honour of your majesty
may profit us for salvation.
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 (V in Ordinary Time)

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

For you laid the foundations of the world
and have arranged the changing of times and
seasons; you formed man in your own image
and set humanity over the whole world in all its
wonder, to rule in your name over all you have
made and for ever praise you in your mighty works,
through Christ our Lord.

And so, with all the Angels, we praise you,
as in joyful celebration 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: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Priest: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate
the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son,
his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into
heaven, and as we look forward to his second
coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and
living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church
and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose
death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant
that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood
of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may
become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you,
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your
elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse,
with your blessed Apostles and glorious
Martyrs with Saint Patrick and with all the Saints,
on whose constant intercession in your presence we
rely for unailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray,
O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the
world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity
your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant
Francis our Pope and N. our Bishop, the Order of
Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you
have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you:
in your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.
To our departed brothers and sisters
and to all who were pleasing to you
at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy 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.**

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

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

Congregation kneels

The celebrant says quietly:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who, by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your Death gave life to the world,
free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood,
from all my sins and from every evil;
keep me always faithful to your commandments,
and never let me be parted from you.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Priest: May the Body of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

Priest: May the Blood of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 9:2-3

All: **I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**

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.
Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we may experience the effects of the salvation
which is pledged to us by these mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 and announce the Gospel of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message from the Administrator

We can learn a lot from Ryanair. The minimum of luggage! Forgiveness means throwing the excess baggage overboard! It can be such a relief when we let go. Just think of examples of hurts or injustice done to us. The more we hang on to them, the greater they become.

Did Jesus really mean it when he said, 'Love your enemies' and 'forgive seventy times seven'? He not only meant it, but he carried it out in his own life and especially on the cross. The example of supreme forgiveness is at the heart of Jesus own life and death.

This is the reason why we too need to be forgiving to each other. We need to let go of anger, resentment, revenge, and grudges. Because God forgives us; Jesus has taken our sins and failings on himself, so that we can be reconciled to God. By embracing mercy and forgiveness, we can in fact embrace peace, joy, gratitude and wellbeing. By letting go of hurt, resentment and nasty thoughts of revenge can we make space for compassion, understanding and peace of mind?

Resentment and harbouring grudges can eat into the very core of our being. It colours how we live and can remove the joys of life. As we saw it in the Scriptures, last week – 'We have no eyes for goodness when it comes our way'. It is not a question of forgetting the hurt done to us but dealing with it... letting go of the baggage that holds us down. God presses his delete button; we need to do the same!

Jesus proposes the generosity of God as a model for our generosity and says that the generous will be rewarded. Perhaps you have experienced rewards, even in this life, from generous behaviour.

Canon Francis Brown

The Synod

You are aware of the diocese preparing for the Synod in Rome in 2023. All parishioners have been asked to make their views be made known to the six questions devised for this purpose. Some parishioners have done so already. Could I ask others to avail of this opportunity to do so before the end of February. There are a number of ways to let your voice be heard. You may obtain a questionnaire by coming to the parish office. You may find the questionnaire on the Parish Website. There is also a Survey Monkey set up by the Parish Pastoral Council for ease of access. Question six asks for your opinion on the future of Dromore Diocese. Do we want to be amalgamated with the Archdiocese of Armagh? Do we want a Bishop appointed to maintain our independence? Parishioners have spoken in large numbers to **save our carpark adjacent to the Cathedral**. A total of 1600 responded to the questionnaire and there were 6,000 written responses. Please repeat this with your views on the Synod.

LORD TEACH US TO PRAY

The sisters of St Clare are delighted to be able to invite you to our beautiful convent in Glenvale after the long period of closure due to Covid, for a course on Prayer during the 6 Sundays of Lent. Starting on Sunday 6th March at 7.30pm.

To Register a Baptism

To register for the Baptism programme for parents having a baby baptised in March please email baptism@newrycathedralparish.org
This programme is for parents and sponsors.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Cathedral every Thursday from 5.00pm until 9.00pm, on Saturday from after the 10.30am Mass until 5.30pm and Sunday from after the 12 noon Mass until 5.30pm. We invite parishioners to come and spend some time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Wearing of Masks

To ensure everyone's safety and to remain safe yourself it is required that you wear a mask in all the parish churches for the entire celebration. Please wear your mask properly with nose and mouth covered at all times.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday 13 February

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Cathedral Renovations

You will have seen that work is going on in the Cathedral for the past few weeks. Wet rot has been discovered and there is a lot of water damage. It is currently being dealt with. There is much more damage that we had initially anticipated. We are sorry for any inconvenience, and we ask you to be patient with us at this time.

Have you considered completing a direct debit as a means of supporting your parish? If not, please contact the parish office for the necessary information.

Our sincerest thanks to all our parishioners who have forwarded their Offertory Promise envelopes every week during this pandemic.

During Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Newry Cathedral on Saturdays at 3.00pm the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is led by the Legion of Mary. *Everyone welcome.*

Journeying with the Word of God for Lent

The Lenten series of Lectio Divina begins week commencing 28th February and will continue for six weeks. For those interested in beginning the Lectio journey there will be a short introduction with Fr. Joseph Ralph on Saturday 19th February from 10.30am – 12noon in the Lectio Centre. Please contact the Lectio Centre for further information and to book a place. Monday – Saturday 10am – 5pm and Sunday 10am – 1.30pm. Tel: 028 30262178 email: lectiocentre35@gmail.com

RECENTLY DECEASED

Alicia O'Hare, *Hollywood Grove*
Gabriel Curran, *Beechmount Park*
Patrick Kearney, *Dominic Street*
Stephen Mallon, *Flagstaff Court*
Kevin McAnuff, *Carlingford Lodge*
P. J. McCann, *Templehill Road*

NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

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| Saturday 19 February | 6.00pm | Eddie McFee, High Street Bridie Moore, Ballyholland Park |
| Sunday 20 February | 12 noon | Louis Spencer, Edward Street Bobby McLaughlin, Blaney Crescent Paula Larkin, Shandon Park & Thomas & Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Rathfriland Road Teresa Moody, Carrick Ard Eugene & Deirdre Coffey, Dora Avenue Joe & Patsy Farrell, Mountainview Drive Doris O'Hagan, Balmoral Park Olga Todd, Jersey, formerly Loanda Crescent |
| Wednesday 23 February | 5.30pm | Annie McLoughlin, Bridge Street |
| Friday 25 February | 10.30am | Margaret Dolan, Carrickmacross Elizabeth McDonnell, St. Mary's Street |
| Saturday 26 February | 10.30am | Rev. James Fitzpatrick John Keenan, Mournview, The Commons George, Marie, Dan & Monica O'Hare, Killeavy Road Catherine Rocks William McCabe, Mournview Park Patrick & Agnes McPhilemy & deceased Family members Mary McKeivitt |
| | 6.00pm | Peggy McArdle, Grinan & Cathal McArdle, Kilkeel Brendan McCabe, Mournview Park |
| Sunday 27 February | 12 noon | Francis McGeown, Rathfriland Road Brendan & Anita O'Neill, Magennis Villas Johnny & Rose O'Hare, Drumcashel Villas |

St. Mary's Anniversaries

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| Sunday 20 February | 10.30am | Pamela Dixon, Caiseal Court Reneé Stokes, Commons Way Patrick Sweeney, St. Mary's Villas, The Commons May & Jim Collins, Clanrye Avenue Kitty McKinley, James & Margaret Peyton, Ravensdale Villas & Gerry & Ann Peyton, Dublin |
| Sunday 27 February | 10.30am | Peter McManus, Carnagh Park, Jack & Gertie McManus, Chapel Street Kathleen McAvoy, Sean O'Neill Park & deceased family members Anna Devlin, Glenvale Villas |

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

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| Saturday 19 February | 7.30pm | Ann Cronin, The Arches, formerly Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg (M.M) Danny Murphy, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg Pat Bagnall, Springhill Drive Kathleen Cunningham, Violet Hill Avenue Patrick & Mary Murphy, Dromore Rose Lonergan, Clanrye Avenue Pat & Ruth Magill, Canal Street |
| Friday 25 February | 7.30pm | John Fearon, Parkhead Crescent |
| Saturday 26 February | 7.30pm | Gerald McGuigan, Slievegullion Road & deceased members of the Keenan & McGugian Families Brian Magill, Third Avenue, Derrybeg Donna Keddle, Drumgullion Avenue Molly & Matt Griffin, Orior Road Felix, Elizabeth & Terry Fegan, Orior Road |

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

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| Saturday 19 February | 7.30pm | Philomena McCann (M.M) John & Bridget McKeivitt Patrick & Josephine McDonald James & Rose Gollogly & Deceased members of Gollogly & McGeough Families |
| Sunday 20 February | 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 12.15pm | James Mulholland (M.M) Eileen & Alex McKay Moira & Imelda Campbell Evelyn Carnegie Davy McCall Benefactors of the Church & Priory Michael Ryan Michael Quinn Marie Cole Pat & Veronica McParland |
| Monday 21 February | 11.00am | Sonya McDonagh |
| Tuesday 22 February | 7.30pm 11.00am 7.30pm | Matthew Naughton Stephen Woods Luke Byrne Teresa Ryan Pat & Cass Mallon & deceased family members Robert Kelly Mary & David Watson & Jack & Marie Watson Marie Coffey |
| Wednesday 23 February | 7.30pm | Gerry Lennon Alice, Michael & Francie McKeown Jimmy Clarke |
| Thursday 24 February | 7.30am 7.30pm | Ambrose Walls Rose Diffin |
| Saturday 26 February | 11.00am 7.30pm | Linda McCamley (M.M) Thomas Byrne Raymond Magee Pat Kearns & Joe & Sylvia Crawley Arthur Brady |
| Sunday 27 February | 9.30am 11.00am | Sean & Eileen McElroy Edward & Rose Bannon |

St. Joseph's Conference Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The Conference wishes to thank our fellow parishioners for their most generous response to the Annual Christmas Appeal which this year raised £48,229.36. This is a record collection and was helped, as has been the pattern in recent years by the generosity of several local businesses who donated large cheques. This augmented the church gate collection which is now approximately 20% of the total monies received.

From December through to the end of January the Conference spent almost £19,000 in distributing cash, heating oil and assistance and in the months of December and January the Conference received applications from 344 households. In addition, with the benefit of toys collected at the Christmas Charity Dinner organised by Newry Chamber of Trade the Conference distributed toys to 74 families numbering 196 children.

Without this assistance Christmas would have been a bleak time for many families and in turn without your material support we would not have been able to assist this number of people. The Conference is acutely aware of the additional pressures on households due to rising prices particularly for food and heating and is devoting a larger share of expenditure to these items which will continue to be a major demand for the foreseeable future.

The work of the Conference continues all year, and our Drop-in-Centre at Mill St above the SVP shop has regrettably had to close due the public health requirement during the pandemic. It is our ambition to give the Drop-in-Centre a much-needed refurbishment and to open it again for all who simply want a place to call into and have something to eat and some company.

This will represent a big financial commitment by the Conference and if you are interested in helping financially, please contact any member of the Conference. *We are as ever deeply appreciative for your continuing support in the Parish.*

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