

Parishes of Newry & Saval

Sunday 27 February 2022
The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In all its forms, hypocrisy displays one thing and lives another. Nobody is completely transparent, so this is about us all. The Psalmist who wrote "I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites" (25:4) appears greatly over-confident - or he didn't know himself very well. The worst form of hypocrisy is to claim that we are never hypocritical.

Jesus repeatedly called the Pharisees hypocrites: see especially Matthew 23. It is significant that in today's reading he is saying the very same thing to his own disciples. He called the Pharisees "blind guides leading the blind." And he added, "If one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit" (Matthew 15:14). To the disciples he said, "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye."

We Christians are quick to condemn certain evils but slow to condemn others. We can be quick to condemn social injustices but slow to admit that there are injustices in the Church. We can be quick to defend the unborn but indifferent to them and their families once they are born. The vile crime of child sexual abuse has blighted the lives of thousands and brought shame on the Church. Those crimes were often compounded by the silence of Church authorities. There is no shortage of commentators eager to call attention to all this, many of them deeply antagonistic to the Church. But what matters is the truth or falsity of what is said, not who says it. The Vatican II document *Gaudium et Spes* made these points. "The Church...is very well aware that among her members, both clerical and lay, some have been unfaithful to the Spirit of God during the course of many centuries; in the present age, too, it does not escape the Church how great a distance lies between the message she offers and the human failings of those to whom the Gospel is entrusted....The Church admits that she has greatly profited and still profits from the antagonism of those who oppose or who persecute her" (n. 44). Sadly, that kind of humility is not nearly as much in evidence today.

There is the hypocrisy of a group and the hypocrisy of individuals. Their relationship is not at all one of simple arithmetic. Groups are made up of individuals, yes, but a group is more than the sum of individuals. There is a kind of group hypocrisy that far outweighs the sum of individual hypocrisy. Individuals who are personally not at all hypocritical can somehow be party to group hypocrisy, willing to defend the indefensible. Narcissistic attitudes like vanity, defensiveness, meanness of spirit, which would be considered unworthy in an individual, are "loyalty" and "fidelity" in a group. We should ask forgiveness for our sins, and not rename them as virtues. God is not honoured by hypocrisy. To turn group hypocrisy into a virtue is a form of atheism; it is to see God as in no way different from pagan idols, which have "mouths but they cannot speak, eyes but they cannot see, ears but they cannot hear" (Ps 113). "Do not be deceived," wrote St Paul, "God is not mocked" (Gal 6:7).

They are hypocrites who belittle others and their religion. They are hypocrites who "tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; while they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them" (Mt 23:4). They are hypocrites who "tithe mint, dill, and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith" (Mt 23:23) - those who make a couple of external practices the touchstone of the faith.

The Word of God invites us to cast out the old yeast and celebrate with "the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (1 Cor 5:8).

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, Rooney's Meadow

Weekend Mass Times
Saturday Evening (vigil
Mass) 7.30pm
Friday: 7.30pm

St. Colman's Shinn

Saturday: 7.30pm

St. Mary's Church, Chapel Street

Tuesday: 7.30pm
Sunday: 9.00am
(Latin Mass)
Sunday: 10.30am

St. Joseph's Sheeptown

Sunday: 10.30am

**St. Catherine's Church,
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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 17:19-20

All: The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

GREETING

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

All: Amen

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

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:
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 us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of our world
may be directed by your peaceful rule
and that your Church may rejoice,

untroubled in her devotion.
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 book of Ecclesiasticus

27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R cf. v.2

(R) It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

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

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

Cf. Acts 16:14

All: Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, 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

6:39-45

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

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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 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: O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name and count our oblations as signs of our desire to serve you with devotion, we ask of your mercy that what you grant as the source of merit may also help us to attain merit's reward. 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 (VI of 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 in you we live and move and have our being, and while in this body we not only experience the daily effects of your care, but even now possess the pledge of life eternal.

For, having received the first fruits of the Spirit, through whom you raised up Jesus from the dead, we hope for an everlasting share in the Paschal Mystery.

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, 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, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

Priest: Therefore, 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.**

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 Cf. Ps 12:6

All: **I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful
with me, sing psalms to the name of the
Lord 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.
Nourished by your saving gifts,
we beseech your mercy, Lord,
that by this same Sacrament

with which you feed us in the present age,
you may make us partakers of life eternal.
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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Message from the Administrator

A splinter in the eye may well have happened to Jesus in his carpenter's workshop in Nazareth but there is a slight even comic exaggeration in considering a plank of wood in one's eyes. But the image helps us see how we can exaggerate the failings of others in comparison to our own.

On Temperance Sunday, we pray for the virtue of doing things in moderation. Whether it is alcohol intake or excesses in other areas of our lives, we need to avoid extremities. As Oscar Wilde said: "Everything in moderation, including moderation". This also applies to condemning the faults of others. How easily we blame others for our own shortcomings. It's a story as old as Adam and Eve. Adam said, Lord it wasn't me, it was the woman who tempted me. Eve blamed the serpent, and the poor old snake didn't have a leg to stand on! We can grow blind to our own faults because we spend so much time in judging others. Ask anyone who lives in the same house as you or in your place of work.

The journey of perfection begins with us; we have to come to terms with our own limitations before judging other people. The discipline of temperance helps us to understand and appreciate others. Jesus reminds us that we should. Bear good fruit – a rotten tree is useless. The fruits we need to produce in our own lives are those suggested by St. Paul, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Here is a challenge for Lent which is now on the horizon. Take each of those nine fruits and sow a little seed of each one each day. One day at a time and one seed at a time! What an activity during the Lenten Season!

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.

Numbers are limited so early booking essential.

Please contact 028 30 832828

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.

Help your parish – Volunteers are required as Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Stewards, Collectors, members of the various choirs and people to assist with the counting of money. A volunteer form is available at the back of the church. Please consider offering your service for one or more of these ministries. Please return your completed form to the parish office of the sacristy.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sr. Clare Feely, *formerly St. John's House*

Margaret McShane, *Carlingford Park*

Tony McLoughlin, *Waterford, formerly Ashgrove Park*

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Lent

Wednesday 2nd March is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Ash Wednesday is a Fast Day, that means no meat on that day.

Masses on Ash Wednesday are as follows: Cathedral 10.30am, St. Brigid's 7.30pm and St. Joseph's, Sheeptown 7.30pm.

We await communication from the Archbishop in relation to the distribution of ashes. There is, however, a prayer service on the website and on Facebook for use in the family. Please mark the beginning of Lent with this prayer service in your home.

Reflection Days at SMA Dromantine

Sunday 6th March 9.30am – 5.30pm

'**A Lenten Day of Reflection**' provides time and space to reflect and pray on Lenten Themes in preparation for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Led by Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA cost (including full lunch) £35 / €40.

'**The Wonder of Creation: the Miracle of Life**'

Friday 11th March 5pm – Sunday 13th March (2pm)

Message of hope and challenge in a Planetary Emergency. In contemplating the wonder of our Common Home and current threats to its integrity, we will explore an ecological vision in responding to the cry of the poor at this time of unprecedented planetary change. Led by Sr. Nellie McLaughlin RSM. Cost: £220/€260 including full board.

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NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Saturday 26 February	6.00pm	Peggy McArdle, Grinan & Cathal McArdle, Kilkeel
Sunday 27 February	12 noon	Brendan McCabe, Mourneview Park Helen Campbell, Commons Way Francis McGeown, Rathfriland Road Brendan & Anita O'Neill, Magennis Villas Johnny & Rose O'Hare, Drumcashel Villas
Monday 28 February	10.30am	Lily Kirwan (née Magill) Manchester, formerly Hennessy Park
Tuesday 1 March	10.30am	Kathleen McCamley, High Street
Friday 4 March	10.30am	Irene Maguire, Ashgrove Park
Saturday 5 March	10.30am	Noel McGovern, Betty's Hill Road (M.M) Alfredo Nepomucero, Laurel Grove
	6.00pm	Kathleen Meehan, Willow Grove (M.M) Charles Keenan, Courtney Hill & Josephine & Joseph Rooney, Courtney Hill Philip & Gertrude Campbell, New Street Sean Burns, Drumlis Court John & Siss Turley, Courtney Hill Bridget, Jimmy & Eddie McLoughlin, First Avenue Bridget Casey, Mourneview Park
Sunday 6 March	9.00am	

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 27 February	10.30am	Kathleen McAvoy, Sean O'Neill Park & deceased family members Anna Devlin, Glenvale Villas
Tuesday 1 March	7.30pm	John Taggart, Toragh Park Martin McCabe, Davis Street
Sunday 6 March	10.30am	Noel & Jean McGovern, Ballyholland Road Patsy Gallagher, Carlingford Park Kathleen McAvoy, Sean O'Neill Park & deceased family members John O'Hare, Ashgrove Road Annie & Lilian Murtagh, Derryleckagh James Fitzpatrick O'Neill & deceased members of McAteer Family, Windmill Road Ann Rice, O'Neill Avenue & Maura & Austin Slevin, Loughview Park Eileen Campbell, St. Mary's Villas

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

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
Friday 4 March	7.30pm	Felix, Elizabeth & Terry Fegan, Orior Road Robert & Ethel McDonald, Derrybeg Drive Peter, Mary & Teresa Jackson, Orior Road Brea McMullan, Clanrye Fold
Saturday 5 March	7.30pm	Felix McGuigan, Derrybeg Drive Edward Fox, Mountainview Drive Tom, Annie & Patsy Gallagher, Main Avenue & deceased family members Delia Gallagher, Fifth Avenue & Martyrs of 20th & 21st Century Patrick, Rita, Mary & Patrick (Jun) Gillen, Castle Street Brea & Dessie McGennity, Second Avenue, Derrybeg Patrick McCann, Parkhead Crescent Christopher McCann, formerly Newry Pat Rice, Ballinlare Gardens.

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 26 February	7.30pm	Linda McCamley (M.M) Pat Kearns & Joe & Sylvia Crawley Arthur Brady Oliver Mynes
Sunday 27 February	9.30am 11.00am 12.30pm	Sean & Eileen McElroy Edward & Rose Bannon McKeivitt & Moan Families Benefactors of the Church & Priory
Monday 28 February	11.00am 7.30pm	Sheila Fegan Ronnie Tremer John McKay (M.M) Brendan Byrne
Tuesday 1 March	11.00am 7.30pm	Eiver & Sadie Monaghan Aloysius & Margaret McGrath Brigid & Thomas Shields Dessie Mathers & Deceased members of the Hughes & Mathers Families Kathleen McCamley Padd, Clare & Gerard Byrne Maureen & Bridie Gallagher Josie, Kathleen, Michael, Francis & Seamus McCamley Mary McGuigan Bertie Maguire Gerard Boyle Mlarnorie Naylor & Rayan Awran
Wednesday 2 March	11.00am	Raymond & Josephine McGovern & the McGivern & Martin Families
Thursday 3 March	7.30pm	Peter Gartland Mary Campbell & Cornelius, Mary & Peter Hart & deceased family
Friday 4 March	7.30pm	Michael Duffy
Saturday 5 March	7.30pm	Patricia Torley
Sunday 6 March	11.00am 12.30pm	Benefactors of the Church & Priory

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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