

Parishes of Newry & Saval

Sunday 17 April 2022
Easter Sunday

At some point after we have been bereaved, they tell us, we need "closure": that is, we need to leave the painful event in the past, and though we will never cease to love our departed relative or friend, we have to get on with our life. This process begins with the funeral; "we bring the body of our brother or sister to its place of rest," as the funeral liturgy says. In a strange way, that place of rest is a place of rest for us too. It is painful and yet it is a comfort to visit the grave: our sorrow is able to focus itself there. When for some reason there has been no funeral - when the person is "missing presumed dead" - there is a kind of unending pain that can never come to "closure".

What the disciples found on the first Easter Sunday morning was an empty tomb. There was to be no "closure": it was to become a matter of quite different significance. It was to be the beginning of a story, and not the end. The new story would not be, "He is dead," but "He is risen." Jesus would not belong just to the past, he would never be left behind while we go on with our lives. He is risen! He goes before us! It is not closure but opening to a new kind of life.

"Alleluia!" This has been the shout of Christians from the beginning and uninterrupted through the ages. They pronounce it differently in different places, but it is always the same Hebrew word. It means "Praise God!" It is an exclamation of joy. It's the word that expresses a Christian's fundamental outlook on life.

Is it realistic to be always positive and joyful like that? Surely there are times for sadness and dejection....

In answer, may I quote a passage from an address that Timothy Radcliffe made to a general assembly of Dominicans as Master of the order?

He took a verse from John's gospel (20:19): "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' And he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord." Then Fr Radcliffe said:

"It is the sight of the wounded Christ that frees the disciples from fear and makes them glad. It is the wounded Christ that transforms them into preachers. . . . When we see the wounded Christ, then we can face the fact that we are already hurt. Perhaps we have been hurt by our childhoods, by growing up in dysfunctional families, or by our experience of religious life, by botched attempts to love, by ideological conflicts in the Church, by sin. Every one of us is a wounded preacher. But the good news is that we are preachers because we are wounded. Gerard Vann, an English Dominican, was one of the most famous writers on spirituality in the English-speaking world since the Second World War. He struggled with alcoholism and depression all his life. That is why he had something to say. We have a word of hope and mercy because we have needed them ourselves. On my bookshelves I have a book written by an old French Dominican called Les Cicatrices, (The Scars). In this book he tells how he came to Christ through the hurts of his life. And when he gave it to me he wrote a dedication, 'For Timothy who knows that the scars can become the doors of the sun.'"

The wonder of the Resurrection is that everything, even our wounds and failures, becomes the stuff of new life.

Fr Donagh O'Shea, O.P.,
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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

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

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

GREETING

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

All: Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

All: And grant us your salvation.

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

All: Amen

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

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

THE GLORIA

All: **Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,

rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34. 37-43

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

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

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

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

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

3:1-4

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

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

SEQUENCE

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

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

ACCLAMATION

1 Cor 5:7-8

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

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy
 Gospel according to John

20: 1-9

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stands

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

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

Priest: Do you renounce Satan?

All: **I do.**

Priest: And all his works?

All: **I do.**

Priest: And all his empty show?

All: **I do.**

Then the Priest continues:

Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth?

All: **I do.**

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

All: **I do.**

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

All: **I do.**

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

All: **Amen.**

The Celebrant sprinkles the people with the blessed water.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Congregation sits

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body and blood are brought to the altar.

The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

Priest: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

The celebrant then raises the chalice above the altar and says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:

Priest: With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

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

All: **Amen**

Congregation stands

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 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 (The Paschal Mystery)

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

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

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

ACCLAMATION

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

Congregation kneels

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All: **Amen.**

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

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

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: **And with your spirit.**

The celebrant may add these or similar words.

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

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

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

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

Congregation kneels

The celebrant says quietly:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood,
Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgment and condemnation,
but through your loving mercy
be for me protection in mind and body
and a healing remedy.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

1 Cor 5:7-8

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

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

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

All: **Amen**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

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

All: **Amen**

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

All: **Amen**

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

All: **Amen**

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

All: **Amen**

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

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.
All: **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

Message from the Administrator

Mary Magdalene cuts a lonely figure as she begins her Easter journey – the outer darkness is merely reflecting her inner emptiness. He who had once found her, and brought purpose to her life, now seems lost and beyond all that matters. The one blessing in Mary's grief, perhaps, is that it seems to free her from the caution of those male disciples. They, in fact, will require her prompting before venturing near the tomb of Jesus. Mary, in turn, is fittingly rewarded – becoming first to encounter the risen one.

The disciple 'Jesus loved' plays his own unique role in the unfolding drama. While Peter takes the lead in entering the tomb, his companion is the first to understand: 'He saw, and he believed'. Was there something in the bond they had shared that left him singularly sensitive to the Lord's presence – a presence he could now discern in the wake of Christ's rising? A presence he will, again, be first to recognise when the same Jesus appears to them by the sea of Tiberias.

Peter, in turn, is not to be found lacking. The Easter scriptures place him at the centre of the preaching of the gospel. His hearers recognise, in Peter, no chronicler of past events, but one who speaks from the heart about a new life in which he himself shares. The power of such testimony – from within – cannot fail to impact and crowds flock, in response, to the baptism he proclaims.

The witness, of course, does not end with the stories of these three Easter figures. St. Paul continues the mission in today's liturgy – inviting us, also, to that new life, 'hidden with Christ in God'. Committed to 'the things that are in heaven', we pray that our lives might better reflect the Christ who is risen and at work among us. It is surely fitting that we recall, this day, the promises of our own baptism.

On behalf of Archbishop Eamon Martin, the priests of the parish, Carlos Esteban Rojo, I wish you a peace-filled, Joyful Easter. I extend our thanks to the various committees, choirs and parish groups that assist us in so many ways and without whom the parish couldn't function. I wish to extend a very special word of thanks to the stewards for the work they have done and continue to do. Without their assistance we could not have continued to celebrate safely in these difficult times because of the ongoing threat of the pandemic. We appreciate the great work being done by Mrs Catherine Kerrin as co-ordinator of the Stewards.

Canon Francis Brown

St. Colman's College – Sincere thanks to the choir of St. Colman's College for singing at the Ash Wednesday Mass, Evening Prayer on Palm Sunday, and the Mass of Chrism on Holy Thursday. Thanks also to the organists and to Miss Sinead Frame, Choir Mistress. Your presence is appreciated always.

Commissioning of Lay Ministry Members

Canon Francis Brown and the clergy of the parish would like to congratulate the newly commissioned members of the Bereavement Ministry – Michael Burns, Joan Carlin, Sheila Chambers, John Cosgrove, Margo Cosgrove, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Seona Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Kerrin, Micheál Murphy, Elizabeth McAllister, Daniel McAnulty, Catherine McGuigan, Pauline McMahan, Kathleen O'Hare, Eamon O'Hare, Anthony Patterson.

They also welcome the newly commissioned Eucharistic Ministers Alphons Bino, Sheila Chambers, Ciaran Hanna, Seona Fitzpatrick, Daniel McAnulty, Mary McAteer, Kathleen O'Hare, Eamon O'Hare, Anthony Patterson

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Dromore Diocese Universal Synodal questions. We have received over 700 responses through online questionnaires, meetings, paper questionnaires, emails.

We would also like to thank all the Parishioners, Principals and Teachers who facilitated, supported, and assisted people/students in any way to get the information to us. The Dromore Diocesan Synodal Core Group (DSCG) are currently working through the responses and are planning to be in a position to share information by May.

We ask you to keep us in your prayers over the coming weeks as we continue to work through the information. May the Holy Spirit guide us.

Synodal Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts.

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

MASS TIMES FOR EASTER WEEK

Please Note:

Easter Sunday: 10.30am, St. Brigid's Church.

NO 5.30PM MASS in the Cathedral on Easter Sunday.

10.30am MASS ONLY IN THE CATHEDRAL MONDAY – SATURDAY.

NO Evening Mass on Tuesday 19th April in St. Mary's Church.

NO Evening Mass on Friday 22nd April in St. Brigid's Church.

NO 7.30am Mass in St. Catherine's Church from Monday 18th April. 7.30am Mass will resume on Monday 25th April.

Vigil Masses as usual on Saturday 23rd April in the Cathedral, St. Brigid's & St. Catherine's.

Holy Communion to the Sick

A Eucharistic Minister may now bring Holy Communion to the sick of the parish. The pyx must be given to the sacristan before Mass and collected from the altar after Mass. We cannot give Holy Communion to anyone with a pyx at the altar rails.

Holy Communion to the Residential Homes in the parish. It would be appreciated if we could have a number of volunteers to bring Holy Communion to the various residential homes in the parish on a weekly basis. If you are willing to do so, contact the parish office or Mrs Joan Carlin, the Co-ordinator of the Eucharistic Minister.

Recently Deceased

Deirdre White, *Ardmaine Gardens*

Dominic Hughes, *The Blackthorns*

Sr. Ann Connolly *St. Clare's Convent, Ashgrove Ave*

Tommy McCabe, *Second Ave, Derrybeg*

Brother Mark McGreevy *St. Catherine's Priory, Newry*

Eugene McQuilland, *Ravensdale & Newry*

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NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Sunday 17 April	9.00am 12 noon	Jacqueline Tracey, High Street Kathleen & John Smith, Plunkett Street Sarah Quinn, Cherrywood Grove Joe Campbell, Greenfield Park
Monday 18 April	10.30am	Patrick & Nancy McCarthy, Hennessy Park Ellen Mclvor, Carnagat Cottages Kathleen & Malachy Cunningham, Monaghan Row
Tuesday 19 April	10.30am	Carmel Quinn, High Street Russell Boyd, Newry, Omeath & Warrenpoint
Thursday 20 April	10.30am	Helen Devine, Downshire Road
Friday 22 April	10.30am	Michael Reilly, Flagstaff Court
Saturday 23 April	10.30am 6.00pm	Kathleen & Tony Torley, Chapel Street Philip Patrick Hughes, Drumgullion Avenue (M.M) William & Margaret McKeown & deceased family members, St. Clare's Avenue Vera Sheridan, St. Patrick's Avenue Marcus McEntee, Carrickmacross. Bridie McNulty, Greenwood Drive
Sunday 24 April	9.00am 12 noon	Peter KIELTY, Manchester P. J. & Kathleen Shevlin, Pound Street

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 17 April	10.30am	George, Mary & Patrick McAteer, Ballyholland Road Mary Keenan, Priory Crescent Margaret Slevin, Loughview Park Fr. Jack Keenan, San Diego & Monaghan Street Dan & Mary McCann, O'Neill Avenue, Paddy & Bridie McCann, Drumgullion Avenue, George & Bridget McGivern, High Street & May O'Hanlon, Chapel Street Brieger Campbell, Commons Way Oliver Boyle, O'Neill Avenue Michael & Margaret Fearon & deceased family members, Chapel Street & Stephen & Elizabeth Fearon & Brigid Curran, The Locks
Sunday 24 April	10.30am	Jim Havern, Greenfield Park Maureen Martin, Ballyholland Park Ann Rice, O'Neill Avenue Margaret & Matthew McAteer, O'Neill Avenue Ann Carragher (neé Keenan), Barnmeen Moira McCormack, Toragh Park Mary McMahan & deceased family members, Drumgullion Avenue

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 23 April	7.30pm	Jim Bannon, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg (M.M) Brian Mathers, Ballyholland Park (M.M) Arthur & Catherine Maguire, Georges Lane & deceased family members Philip & Stephen Craven, Barcroft Park John & Mary O'Hare, Slievegullion Road & Austin O'Hare, Warrenpoint Pat & Nora O'Rourke, Greenisland, Warrenpoint Road Elizabeth Quinn, Main Avenue Robert Tumilty, Drumgullion Avenue & Siophan Tumilty, Armagh Road & Dan, Patricia & Francis Kinney, Moninna Park
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St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Sunday 17 April	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 12.30pm	Fiola Rice Julia O'Keefe Frank McCrudden Susan & Owen Magill Patrick & Rose Morgan Marie McClory Michael & Magdalene Matthews Darren Loughran Geraldine Stokes Benefactors of Church & Priory Patrick & Margaret Craven
Monday 18 April	11.00am	Gerry Cosgrove Margaret Patrick Fearon Patrick Trainor Francie Lynch & Philomena Bradley
Tuesday 19 April	7.30pm 11.00am	Paddy & Nancy McCarthy & Kitty, Cora & Jim Lennon William & Josephine Goss
Wednesday 20 April	7.30pm 11.00am	Teresa, Michael, Carmel, Kathleen & Frederick Courtney Michael Ryan Joe, Bridie & Una Rice Denis & Elizabeth Hanley
Friday 22 April	7.30pm 11.00am	John Duffy Bernadette McStay Marie Henderson
Saturday 23 April	7.30pm 7.30pm	Teresa Ryan Hugh & Annie Clarke Joseph Kieran McParland Patsy Doherty Liam Brien Jacqueline Morgan
Sunday 24 April	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 12.30pm	James Bannon John & Kathleen Byrne Patrick & Margaret King Mary McAleenan (M.M) Ross Kerrin Pat McKeown Colin, Ronnie & Mary Magee & Deceased members of Magee & Hamill Families Josephine Rafferty Patsy McKeown

Feast of Mercy will be celebrated in St. Catherine's Church Sunday 24th April starting at 2.00pm with Eucharistic Adoration Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary.
Holy Mass will commence at 3.00pm.

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