PARISH of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Shoebox Appeal – Romania: We are asking for volunteers to help with organising the shoeboxes on Tuesday 1st December from 10am-1pm in the church and on Thursday 3rd December at 10.30am to load the van. If you have an hour or two we would appreciate the help.

Bereavement Mass Thank you to everyone who helped organise the Mass on Thursday evening. It was a special time to remember our loved ones who have died.

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) programme continues for Year 9's in the Community Centre, on Monday 22nd Nov, from 7.30-9 pm.

Church Sound System: Our PA system appears to have been damaged by a power surge following the recent supply failure in the village. The Induction Loop, several microphones, and the webcam are affected. We have a temporary fix but the initial estimate for parts only is £1700. If anyone wishes to donate towards the costs, please contact the parish office.

Parish Draw We would like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket for last year's draw. Tickets for the coming year are £60 for the full year or £5 per month. If you purchase a yearly ticket for someone special, you will also receive a bespoke parish Christmas Card to give to them. Tickets will be on sale 5th & 6th December in the porch after weekend Masses. You can also purchase tickets from local promoters or from Kelly's Shop.
The first draw will be on Wednesday 15th December 2026.

Parish Choir's A big welcome to the new members who have joined the Saturday night choir. If you are interested in joining come along and speak to Chris before Saturday evening Mass. We are also looking for new members to join our Sunday morning choir at 11am. If you would like to join speak to Michaela in the gallery on Sunday 6th December before 11am Mass.

WEEKLY BULLETIN
22nd November 2026

Weekly Collection

Weekly Collection
£1,111.00
Online
£82.08
Total: £1,193.08

Bishop's Commission
£315.00

Thank you for your continued support

Weekly Mass Schedule
23rd – 29th Nov. 2026

Liturgy of the Word
Monday: 10am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday: 10am
Friday: 10am

Mass
Saturday: 7.00pm
(Vigil)
Sunday: 9am & 11am

Adoration
Wednesday 10am-10pm
Confessions
Saturday before Mass

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

We welcome baby Finn Eoin, who was baptised recently.

Booking Masses, Baptisms and Weddings: Please book Masses, baptisms and weddings in person, in the sacristy after Masses. **Masses** can be booked well in advance to ensure your preferred dates are available.
Baptisms can only be booked by the child's parent or legal guardian. At least one month's notice is required. To book a baptism parents must present the child's long birth certificate, complete the baptism request form, meet with our Baptism team and attend weekly Mass prior to the Baptism.
Weddings must be booked by the couple themselves. Couples are required to give at least six months' notice of marriage to ensure their preferred date is available and that there is adequate time to complete all Civil and Church paperwork. Please ensure both the Church and a priest are available before confirming with the venue. Couples living outside the parish who bring their own priest are also welcome.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Colette Creaney
Gerard Doris
Pauline Downing — Month's Mind Mass Tue 1st Dec at 7pm

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Francis Mulholland	Anniv Mass on Sat 21st Nov at 7 pm.
Deceased members of the Campbell Family	Anniv Mass on Sun 22nd Nov at 11am
Patrick Nelson	Anniv Mass on Sun 29th Nov at 11am
Mary Ellen Mulholland	
John Cushley	
Bernard McCartan	

Helen O'Neill (33) — Gertie McConnon — Dwyer Marshall
Martha McClelland — Matthew McConnon
Helen Mulholland — James Mulholland

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Hugh & Mary McStravick (RIP)

Parish Carol Service Sunday 13th December 2026 at 6pm Inviting all musicians and singers. Would you like to take part in our Parish Carol Service? Contact the Parish office for more details.

St. Ronan's College, Lurgan - Open Day on Saturday 5th December 2026, North Circular Road. Principal's address at 9.30am and 11.00am.
All parents and prospective pupils are invited to attend.

Parish Priest: Fr Declan Mulligan
02892651214
Parish Office Mobile:
Catherine 07485605252

EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS
07831 934 756
(In the event you are unable to reach Fr Declan on the emergency number)
02894 422278

St Vincent De Paul
Contact number:
07598 076585
www.svp.ie

Lifeline Freephone 0808 808 8000
The Knights of St Columbanus
028 92 528 916
Diocesan Safeguarding Office
028 9049 2798

Parish Office Tel: 02892 651214
Email: parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk
Parish Office Open Tue, Wed & Fri 11am-3pm
All insertions for the bulletin – please leave in the Parochial house red post box, email or phone the parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.

22nd NOVEMBER 2026 — CHRIST THE KING



PARISH OF ANTRIM
St Comgall, St Joseph, St MacNissius

Rev Patrick Mulholland PP, St Comgall's Presbytery: 94428016
Rev David Aksenczuk, St Joseph's Presbytery: 07935340359
Rev Jose Bharanikulangara 5 Oriel Road 07493793990
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Facebook: Parish of Antrim



SUNDAY MASSES
St. Comgall's 9.00am 11.00am
St. Joseph's 5.30pm (Sat vigil) 12.00noon
St. MacNissius 10.00am

Weekday Mass
St. Comgall's: Monday, Wed, Friday & Sat 10.00am
St. Joseph's: Tues & Thurs 10am Fri 7pm

Mass is available to view on the Parish facebook page and youtube: Parish of Antrim

Confessions
St. Comgall's – Sat 12 - 12.30pm
St. Joseph's— Sat 4.45 –5.15pm

Adoration: Fri 10.30 – 12 noon St. Comgall's
Every 1st Fri. @ 6pm St. Joseph's

Prayer Group – Every Wed 7pm in Sr. Catherine's Room St. Comgall's

Readings: Sunday Cycle A 33rd Sunday of the Year Weekday Cycle 2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, in you we see the splendour of God in human form, sharing our joys, sufferings and frailty. In your resurrection and ascension, we see your divinity completed and we are silenced in wonder. May we find in your service true freedom and in your will our hopes fulfilled.

Thought for the Week

"Make sure that every person, of whatever background, will find in you a welcoming heart."

Pope Benedict XVI

PRAYER PEOPLE
Intention for Parish Community Year 14
Week 1

We pray for peace that frees people from fear, that respects other people and lets people live in peace.

Offertory Collection: £3,470.00
Thank you to all who contributed.

Please have any notices for the bulletin in by Wednesday.

Recently Deceased: John McCallan, Mary Magee, Jerzy Piasecki, Canon Harry Doyle (Eng)
Month's Mind: Patrick McQuaid, Hugh Letters, Patricia Morton, Carmel O'Connor
1st Anniv.: Paul McWilliams
Anniv : Pat Hannan, James Hannan, Violet Devlin, Noel McQuillan, Jackie McDonnell, Gerry Magee, Ann Doole, Kathleen O'Neill, Dessie Rock, Kevin Gallagher, Stephen McNeill, Kevin Gallagher, Tony Fitzsimons, Vilot Gallinagh, Eilish Agnew-Magee

Candle Light Rosary

Rosary by candlelight will take place in St. Comgall's Church each Saturday night at 9pm. Please join with us to pray for the Holy Souls, Peace in Our trouble World, deepening and renewal of faith, vocations, the sick and all the needs of our parishes.

November Dead Lists and Envelopes are available in the churches and should be returned as soon as possible. Please mark envelope as November List

Sacramental preparation: Parents whose children attend other schools in our Parish and wish them to be prepared for the sacraments of First Penance (Confession), First Holy Communion or Confirmation, are invited to contact the parish office: 0284428016

St Comgall's Youth Christmas Choir Following the success of the youth choir last year and your children's wonderful contribution to Christmas Eve Mass through singing, reading, the offertory and musical accompaniment, we are delighted to invite them to take part again this year. We welcome Primary 4 upwards and secondary teens. Rehearsals will take place on Thursday evenings at 7pm – 7:45pm. First rehearsal is **Thursday 5 November at 7pm in St Comgalls. Please complete the registration form:** https://forms.gle/ek65aW7UfBqyBZVc6 Any queries please contact Aisling Milliken, 07792323956.

School Open Days/Evening

St. Comgall's Playgroup Open Day – 1st December from 1 – 2pm. All welcome
St. Comgall's Primary School Open Night – 3rd December 6 – 7.30pm
St. Joseph's Primary School Open Night - 26th November 4 – 6pm
St. Joseph's Nursery School Open Day - 8th December 12 - 2pm

Antrim John Paul II Award Launch Night: The John Paul II Award is officially starting up in the Parish of Antrim, and all parents, guardians and young people aged 16 - 18 are welcome to join us for at our information launch night to learn more. Next **Friday 27th November at 7pm in St Comgall's Minor Hall (Behind Church, beside Youth Centre)**

St. Louis GS – will take up a church door collection after all masses next weekend in support of their Romania trip. All proceeds will go to Friends of Romania charity.

Antrim Community Choir along with their phenomenal musical director Una McCann Presents...**A Winter Concert** With Special Guest : N.I. Singer Extraordinaire. Ruth Jennings on Sunday 29th November 2026, in The Community Hall at St Joseph's. Starts 7pm to 9-30pm Bring your own refreshments. Entrance by DONATION. RAFFLE PRIZE on the night £300-

Can you help? We need volunteers to help with light gardening and planting around our parish churches. No expertise required! Tools provided! If you are interested, please contact the parish office and leave your name and contact details.

"Do you want to go deeper in your faith and discover the hidden treasures of the Mass? Join us for 3 special Faith Formation sessions designed to help every parishioner - young and old, lifelong Catholic and newcomer - understand and more fully participate in the greatest gift God has given us: the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. All are welcome! **Venue:** St Comgall's Youth Centre **Dates:** Monday 9th, 16th & 23rd November **Time:** 7:00pm - 8:15pm"

22nd NOVEMBER 2026
CHRIST THE KING

Priest: Gathered in faith, we bring our prayers before God the Father, trusting in the loving mercy of Christ, who reigns through love, justice, peace and compassion.

For the Church throughout the world: may she faithfully proclaim Christ as King, following his example of humble service, forgiveness and love.
Let us pray to the Lord

For families and married couples: that parents may nurture their children in faith, love and responsibility, and that all families may grow in unity, patience and mutual understanding.
Let us pray to the Lord

For peace: that the leaders of nations may work together to overcome conflict, hatred and division and find hope, security and lasting peace.
Let us pray to the Lord

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: that young men and women may hear the call of the Good Shepherd and answer with generosity, courage and joy.
Let us pray to the Lord

For our brothers and sisters who are sick or in pain and those suffering mental anguish that they may feel the presence of Christ close to them through the care and compassion of others
Let us pray to the Lord

For those who have died:
Recently Deceased: John McCallan, Mary Magee, Jerzy Piasecki, Canon Harry Doyle (Eng)
Month's Mind: Patrick McQuaid, Hugh Letters, Patricia Morton, Carmel O'Connor
1st Anniv.: Paul McWilliams
All those named in the bulletin.
that all who have gone before us in faith may share in the eternal happiness of God's Kingdom.
Let us pray to the Lord

Priest: Heavenly Father, you have given us your Son, Jesus Christ as King of the Universe. Hear the prayers we bring before you today. May his Kingdom of truth, justice, love and peace take root in our hearts and grow throughout the world. **Amen**

PARISH SCHEDULE

DATE	ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA	ST JOSEPH'S
Mon 23	10am: MASS 10am-7pm: Private Prayer	10am-7pm: Private Prayer
Tue 24	10am-7pm: Private Prayer 7pm: NOVENA MASS	10am-7pm: Private Prayer
Wed 25	10am-7pm: Private Prayer	10am: MASS 10.30am-4.30pm: ADORATION (4.30pm: Evening Prayer)
Thu 26	10am-7pm: Private Prayer	10am-7pm: Private Prayer
Fri 27	10am-7pm: Private Prayer	10am-7pm: Private Prayer 7pm: ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED
Sat 28	4.15pm: Confessions 5.00pm: VIGIL MASS	10am: MASS & Confessions 10am-7pm: Private Prayer
Sun 29	10am-7pm: Private Prayer	10am MASS 11am-7pm: Private Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS



Mon 23: Priest's Intention
Tue 24: Martin O'Flynn
Wed 25: Peggy, William & David Rogan
Sat 28 (10am): For the Parish
Sat 28 (5pm): Dan Sisk, Francis Caughey, Gemma McCarthy, Nora & Pat John Hannon
Sun 29: Andy McVeigh Snr, Margaret Brown, Margaret Davis, Tommy McKeating

Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the Churches and can be left in Offertory baskets during Mass, the Parish Office or directly with Fr Robert.

REST IN PEACE



RECENTLY DECEASED: Liam McCarthy
ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Breen, Maureen Gilmore, Dermot Hamilton, Carmel Fitzsimmons, Paddy Hughes, Eileen Arthurs

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!



This week's Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

St Joseph's: *Sean Masterson - Birthday Memories*
St Mary Star of the Sea: Carmel Fitzsimmons Rest In Peace

Sanctuary candle intentions are requested through the Office.
A suggested offering of £5.

CHRIST THE KING

Today is the last Sunday of the church's year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. As the year draws to an end, we turn our thoughts to the time when Christ will return as king.

The readings for the Solemnity of Christ the King tell us that the kingship of Christ is one of a caring master who longs for us to live together in harmony in his kingdom. The first reading tells of the Lord gathering in his flock and tending to them. The second reading reminds us that everything is subject to Jesus Christ, including death. And in the gospel Jesus tells of the Judgement of the Nations, where those who served him in this life are separated from those who did not.

During the past weeks we have been challenged to be prepared, to be alert and use our gifts well. Today we get the bottom line. We are to be judged worthy of a place in God's kingdom. What counts is how we have served those in need, how we have recognised Christ in each other. How do you respond to those in need? Can you recall an experience of having someone respond to a need of our own? Did it change your attitude to helping others? The church has always worked in areas of social justice and help for the poor, the needy and the sick. How does your faith community engage in these areas of service? Are there ways that you and your family might become more involved? Does your faith express itself in practical ways?



During the week, let us seek out someone in need and reach out to them with a loving action.

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
Matthew 25:31-32

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Mon 23: St Columban, Abbot, Missionary
Tue 24: Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, Companions, Martyrs
Sat 28: St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

"So let us not seek God as if he were far from us, because we can have him within us."

- St Columbanus (543-615)



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING: The Weekly Offering on last Sunday amounted to £1,385, and the Building Fund Offering amounted to £1,007. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Thank you for your continuing support of the work of SVP. Last week's collection amounted to £211. If you require assistance then please call our confidential helpline number: 07895835215. **A special Christmas Door Collection will be taken up at Mass next weekend.**

MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS: If you wish to have your deceased loved ones remembered in Masses throughout November and on First Fridays throughout the year, please list their names on the page and enclose them in one of the envelopes provided in either Church. Please return them to the designated box near the sanctuary.

SACRED HEART MESSENGER annual subscriptions are now due. Please send in your subscription envelope to the Parish Office.

PARISH ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church on **Friday 27th November at 7pm.** Those families and friends who lost a loved one during the year are especially welcome.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED DIOCESAN CLERGY & RELIGIOUS
The Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy and Religious will take place On: Tuesday 24th of November 2026 In: St Peter's(Cathedral), Belfast At: 7:30 p**m**

THE ECUMENICAL COMMISSION OF DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESE has planned a public meeting in Corr's Corner Hotel on Wednesday, 2 December at 7 pm to consider the question 'Who is Mary in God's Plan of Salvation?' For more info see posters in Church porches.

MEN OF NATIVITY - Faith - Work - Friendship: Ardkeen Parish group for men. A six-week journey of consecration to St Joseph with Fr Donald Calloway's 33-day guide. Group will meet on **Wednesdays 4 Nov - 9 Dec, 7.30pm-8.30pm** at the Nunsquarter Room, St Mary Star of the Sea. Refreshments, and a short reflection and honest conversation about faith and work. All men welcome. Come along on the first night.

NEW PARISH YOUTH GROUP: Ardkeen Parish is starting a Thursday evening group for Years 8–12 (ages 11–15) at St Mary, Star of the Sea, Nunsquarter. Young people will help name the group and explore Advent through friendship, young saints and prayer. Opening night, with pizza, is **Thursdays 7.00–8.15 pm**. For more details please contact ardkeenyouth@gmail.com.

ST MARY'S PS CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING on **Sunday 6th December @ 11:15am**. There will be Christmas Mini Photo Sessions available to book for families.

ST MARY'S PS OPEN DAY 2026: Come and visit on **Friday 11th December 2026 at 9:15am**. This is a great opportunity for parents and pupils of those starting primary school in September 2027 to see our school. Contact us on 02842738581 if further information is required.

BALLYCRAN GAA LOTTO RESULTS 15th November: No jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot is £3,600. Draw winners: George Coyle, Brendan Ennis, Gerard Gilmore.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTISED!

We extend a warm parish welcome to **Caleb Noah Caughey** who was baptised recently in St Joseph's Church.
May he grow in the knowledge and love of God supported by their parents, godparents and the whole parish.

Upcoming Parish Committee Meetings

Liturgy Council: 24th November at 7.30pm
Pastoral Committee: 1st December at 7.30pm

[Please note change in dates for both meetings]

FAITH & FILM: Join us in the **Belfast Jesuit Centre** for the next in our Faith & Film series on Thursday 26th November - 7.00pm: *The Straight Story*
An elderly man embarks on a remarkable journey across the American Midwest on a lawnmower to reconcile with his estranged brother. A gentle and moving pilgrimage that speaks of patience, forgiveness, and grace.
All are welcome, no need to register. The screening will be followed by a time of conversation and reflection in the Ignatian tradition.

WAITING IN WONDER 2026: LECTIO AND VISIO DIVINA FOR ADVENT
Join us at the **Belfast Jesuit Centre** for a gentle, reflective journey through Advent. Each Tuesday evening, we'll pray with the Gospel for the following Sunday, alongside poetry, art and music, using the contemplative practices of *Lectio* and *Visio Divina*. Tuesdays – Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15 at 7:00–9:00pm Belfast Jesuit Centre, 193–195 Donegall Street Tea and coffee provided Small donation welcome All are welcome to this sacred space of quiet, prayer, and shared reflection. Visit our website to register or for more information: https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk

ADVENT MINI RETREAT at Holy Family Church (226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast) on Saturday 5 December led by Fr Columba Mary (Gary) Toman OP. Holy Mass at 11:00, followed by brunch, followed by a talk on Advent. A great way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!

CELTIC CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT Sunday December 20th in St. Michael's Church, Finaghy Road North, Belfast. Davey Music presents 'Celtic Carols by Candlelight'. This year we are supporting both Mary's Meals and St. Vincent de Paul. Admission is free but we will be inviting those attending, both in person and online, to make donations to support the vital work of both charities. For more information, contact Patrick Davey: info@daveymusic.com

A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo Friday 9th to Sunday 11th April 2027 This residential Weekend starts at 7.30pm on Friday and finishes at 4.30pm on Sunday, and is open to all married couples. Online booking only at www.marriageencounter.ie

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT 11th-13th December 2026
Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included.
Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

PIPS Suicide Prevention Charity : Weekend Crisis Hopeline are as follows:
Friday: 9pm - 10am Saturday and Sunday: 9pm - 9am Monday 028 9080 5850
Freephone 0800 088 6042

Parish of Loughguile

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 22nd November 2026

Very Rev. Canon Colm McBride PP :
Parochial House 44 Lough Road Loughguile BT44 9JN
Tel: 028 276 41206 Email:loughguile@downandconnor.org
Facebook: St Patrick's and St MacNissi's
Parish Office Hours: Mon Wed Thurs 10 a.m.- 2.30 p.m.
Tues 10-4.30. p.m.

Pope Leo's intention for November: For the proper use of wealth.
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

The 'I' word!

We know this story well. The most important letter in 'it' is 'I'.
Jesus identifies himself with the people he is talking about. He doesn't say people were in prison and you visited them, or sick or naked. He says I who am in prison, sick or naked. It's even more than being a brother or sister of Jesus. He identifies with each of us especially in need. Created as we are in the image of God, Jesus sees right through us to see God. God is the divine life of God in each person.
That makes the difference. We don't help the needy person only because he or she is needy, but because each is in the image of God and Jesus sees him or her and says 'that's me.'

This can be a programme for life. For the young - can you make a decision for your life that includes deep care from your love of those in need?

For those in their busy lives already and who have chosen their way - how can you show deep care for those in need. For the elderly - can you pray for those in need each day and encourage those more active to care for them?

Did you feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty,
welcome the stranger, care for the sick and visit the prisoner?

Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come -
The reign of equality, justice, peace and love.

St. Patrick's Primary & Nursery School, Loughgiel:
OPEN NIGHT on Thursday 3rd of December
A warm Invitation to all prospective Nursey and P1 families.
Nursery Open Session Times 5.45 p.m.-6.45 p.m.
Primary 1 Open Session 6.30 p.m.-7.30 p.m.

KNOCK ALL NIGHT VIGIL (Feast of Immaculate Conception)
Bus leaves St Patrick's Church, Loughguile on Monday 7th December at 5pm.
Price approx. £30. Contact Campbell on 02827641120 or 07871626940

LOUGHGUILE CREDIT UNION AGM – We would like to invite you to join us at our Annual General Meeting on 30th November 2026 in the Donnelly Suite, Millennium Centre at 7.00 pm. The Board would like to thank everyone who supported and participated in the Cash for a Cause projects. We will also have a raffle for the chance to win £250, £150 or £100, followed by tea, coffee and some delicious treats for all.

LOUGHGIEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BUS DRIVER REQUIRED We are seeking a Bus Driver to join our team. Requirements: Full, valid driving licence for 2+ years and aged 25+ A valid PCV/PSV driving licence and up to date Driver CPC. Reliable, professional and safety-conscious approach Good communication and customer service skills Full Job Description available on Job Apply NI. . Please contact us on 028 276 41389 for more information.

Parish Sacramental Dates 2027
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Sat 24th April 2027
CONFIRMATION Thurs 6th May 2027.

WEEKLY COLLECTION £ 1625.00 **Thank you for your support.**

MEDJUGORJE- What better way to bring in the New Year and begin 2027 than Mass in St James Church, Medjugorje. **New Year trip 27th December- 3rd January** . For details contact Éadaoin 07706288095.

BAPTISMS The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of the month **only** . To book please contact the Parish Office. A copy of the child's long birth certificate is required within a week of booking. On the day please bring a Baptism Candle and a white Shawl.

ANNIVERSARY/MONTH MIND MASS Please now book through the office, these can be booked for any scheduled Mass **excluding Sunday 9.00 a.m.**

WEDDING BOOKING Please ring the office for initial bookings.

Parish Bulletin Notices by Thursday 12 noon please.
SVP.Helpline 07349983363

Sat 21st Nov	6.30 p.m.	St Patrick's	**Ministers of the Word** **Ministers of the Eucharist** Danny Watt M McCloskey & T. Devlin ***Month Mind Mass Patsy McIlhatton***
Sun 22nd Nov	9.00 a.m.	St Patrick's	Janine McCloskey Bernie Connolly
	10.30 a.m.	St MacNissi's	Tom Laverty M.Young & M McKinley ***Anniversary Mass Brian McGarry***
Mon	7.30 p.m.	St MacNissi's	Mass and Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help ***Anniversary Mass Annie Gillen***
Tues	9.30 a.m.	St MacNissi's	Mass
Wed	7 – 7.20 p.m.	St Patrick's	Confessions before Mass & Chaplet of Holy Souls
	7.30 p.m.	St Patrick's	Mass and Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
	8.00 p.m.	St Patrick's	Holy Hour
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Patrick's	Mass followed by Adoration 10.00 . -12 noon.
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Patrick's	Mass
Sat 28th Nov First Sunday of Advent	6.30 p.m.	St Patrick's	**Ministers of the Word** **Ministers of the Eucharist** D McCloskey & O McArthur D & A Casey ***Anniversary Mass Mary Ann McCloskey***
Sun 29TH Nov	9.00 a.m.	St Patrick's	P. Casey & K.Carey Hannah McCloskey
	10.30 a.m.	St MacNissi's	P. McAuley & P McKendry D McCahon & R McCarry ***Anniversary Mass Margaret O'Neill***

ANNIVERSARIES Margaret (Peggy) Connolly (First Anniversary) Ciaran Connolly Patrick Dillon Joseph Douthart Mary Jane Gamble Annie Gillen Danny Glendinning Mary Henry John Laverty Martin McAuley Edward McCarry Margaret (Meg) McCarry Anthony McGhee Sean & Josie McIlhatton Annie McKillop Margaret Mary O'Neill Mickey Scullion (Bellaghy) Teresa Young

Please note:
From the new Liturgical Year Week beginning Sunday 29th November
Weekday evening Masses in both churches will be at the earlier time of 7.00 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES.
Commencing Thursday 3rd December, in the first week of Advent,
and each subsequent Thursday at the 9.30am Mass,
Holy Communion will be administered under both species by Intinction.
This requires the Minister of the Eucharist to partially dip the Host into a small chalice of consecrated wine (the Blood of Christ) before placing the host directly onto the Communicants tongue.
This is optional, Holy Communion will still be administered under the appearance of bread alone.

The Parish of Ballyclare & Ballygowan

Notice Board

The Parish of Ballyclare & Ballygowan

22 November 2026

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The Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Dolores Donnelly

Anniversaries: Kathleen Close, Esther Maybin, Aileen White, May Carlin, Catherine McGuigan, David Matthews, Agnes Bongi, Molly McDonald, Susan Smyth, Samuel McKeever, Bobby Todd, Annie Dowds, Joseph McAree, Hannah Agnew, Fr Sean Monaghan, Father Eugene McArdle, Father Michael Cosgrove, Peggy O'Neill, Olive McAlister, Patrick Fox, John Forsythe, Sr Nuala Branagan

Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Masses this week: Monday - Thursday 9.00am

Offerings: Thank you for your recent offerings.
15 November - Weekly Offering £384.120 Bishops Commissions £162.00

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards are now available in the Church Porches. All donations gratefully received.



Only two places left for this workshop!!

Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy & Religious: Tuesday 24th November 2026 in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast at 7.30 pm. We remember and offer Mass for those who have died in this past year. All are welcome to join Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ as he celebrates this Mass.



Christmas Concert featuring the East Coast Orchestra and The Sanctuary Singers at Rosemary Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Sunday 6 December at 7.30pm. Tickets £15, in aid of Belfast Homeless Services. Tickets online at eastcoastorchestra.org

This Week's Hymns			
Entrance	249	Communion	630/69
Offertory	183	Recessional	442

Memorial Acclamation (Ballyclare) Save us, Saviour of the world, save us Saviour of the world. For by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free, you have set us free

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Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

CAUSEWAY FAMILY OF PARISHES

22nd November 2026
Christ the King

WHO RULES OUR HEARTS?



Today's feast closes the liturgical year by looking forward to the day when Christ will return as King of the Universe. Pope Pius XI established it in 1925, when communism, fascism and unchecked capitalism were demanding people's loyalty and promising peace they could never deliver. The wars, depression and suffering that followed showed that power, money and ideology cannot bring lasting happiness. Only Jesus, the Prince of Peace, can.

A hundred years on, the lesson still stands, and it begins with each of us. Is Christ my king, or do I bow to money, career, entertainment, or to my own fears and anxieties? We need to put the Lord first in our lives. Coming to Mass is a good start, but we must also take Jesus into the week ahead: praying morning and night, thanking him, seeing him in the people we meet and following him with faith, hope and love.

THIS WEEK

Parish webcam can be viewed on our YouTube channel (search for Ballymoney Parish)

SUNDAY 22nd	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 23rd	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 25th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 27th	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 28th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Mass

Our Lady & St Patrick's church is open every day for private prayer - usually from 10am to 5pm.

Other Sunday Masses in the Causeway Family of Parishes

Saturday 4.30pm	-	Portstewart
Sunday 10am	-	Portstewart
Sunday 11.30am	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon	-	Portrush
Sunday 5pm	-	St Malachy's, Coleraine

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anniversaries
Annie Blaney, Annie & John Baird, Zara Hunt, Daniel McDaid, Eileen McDaid, Adrian McKay, Annie Roche

and all the names on our November Dead Lists

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES

New collection envelopes for **2026/27** are now available from the back of the church.

If you haven't previously had envelopes but would like to start using them please take a **purple** form from the back of the church. When you have filled it in please pop it through the door of the parochial house.

If you would prefer to set up a **monthly standing order** there is a **yellow** form at the back of the church with all the details for your bank (plus a form to let the parish know how you want your contribution to be allocated).

You can also support us by making a one-off payment through your bank or online. Our account details are:
Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan
Sort code: 95-06-79
Account No: 10020192.

If you want to give by cheque please make cheques payable to: **Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan**.

Thank you to everyone who supports our parish through the collections.

PLENARY INDULGENCE

The Church grants a plenary indulgence when the **Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** is made publicly on the feast of Christ the King. We will make it at Mass this weekend and it is granted under the usual conditions.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW

We will be having a parish draw before Christmas to help raise funds for the renovation of the old school building. Tickets for the draw (for a **£1000** of cash prizes) will be available at **all Masses next weekend**. Tickets priced at **£10** will be in books of 2 and we ask that you take them home and bring them back completed the following weekend.

It would be a magnificent help if you can take a few extra tickets and try to sell them for us!

OLD & NEW@No.5

Lots of Christmas presents were purchased in our parish shop in the last few days so we have filled the spaces and are all set for another busy week! Check out our gilt framed armchair, the new style lanterns on stands, the lovely new candle houses including our terrace row, some nice new ceramics and a large Tyrone Crystal table lamp.

Our pink and blue child's rocking chairs, wooden butlers tray on stand and the outdoor metal stags and does are as popular as ever - so don't miss out if you've been thinking about buying any!

Visit us at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney, open **Wednesday to Saturday, 10am - 4.30pm**. To keep in touch with our offers and to see pictures of our stock don't forget our Facebook page **@oldandnewatno5**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

For this year's SVP appeal we are seeking your financial help to buy gift vouchers, and you can donate in several ways:

- Via the **Red Box** collection at the church door after weekend masses.
- By **telephone** on **028 90351561:**: (please specify that your donation is for Ballymoney, Co. Antrim).
- **Online** at **svp.ie/st-patricks-ballymoney-appeal-26/** via the "Donate Now" link.
- Or scan this QR code to go on to the SVP Ballymoney web site.

SVP Donate

In addition to the Christmas gift appeal, we continue to support our local community. Therefore, if you are in need of our help, please call us confidentially on **07860455549**.

SVP would like to convey a BIG thank you for your continued ongoing generosity and support!

ST BRIGID'S PS OPEN DAY

Is your child due to start P1 in September 2027? If so, please accept our warm invitation to the St Brigid's Primary School Open Day on **Monday 30th November** at **10am**. It's a great opportunity for you and your child to come along and find out about the excellent education, pastoral care and wide variety of activities on offer.

Alternatively, please ring or email us to make an appointment to visit at another time. Contact us at **02827662664** or through our website **www.stbrigidspsballymoney.com**

RASHARKIN PARISH TALKS

Rasharkin Parish are hosting an evening of talks on **Thursday 26th November** at St Olcan's Hall at **7pm**. The event is on the theme of "Why I Believe". Speakers include Fr Dominic McGrattan from Queen's University, Belfast; Fr Conor McGrath, the Down & Connor Vocations Director; Raimann Kennedy, author of The Marksmen Gospel; and the Knights of St Columbanus.

KNOCK ALL NIGHT VIGIL

Knock shrine celebrates an all night vigil to prepare for the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. A bus leaves St Patrick's Church, Loughguile on **Monday 7th December** at **5pm**. Price approx £30. Contact P Campbell on **02827641120** or **07871626940.**

CAROLS TOGETHER

This year's Ballymoney carol service, organised jointly by a number of local churches, will take place on M**onday 7th December**. It will begin at **7pm** in St Patrick's Church of Ireland before visiting First Ballymoney Presbyterian and Ballymoney Methodist Church. The last stop will be Our Lady & St Patrick's. Refreshments will be served afterwards in our parish hall.

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HYMNS FOR MASS

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Parish of Bright Bulletin
Sunday 22nd November 2026

Parish Priest: Fr Peter O'Kane, 16 Rossglass Road, Killough, BT30 7QN
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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 23rd November

St Patrick's, Legamaddy
23rd November Monday 10am
27th November Friday7.30pm
29th November Sunday 10am

St Joseph's, Killough
24th November Tuesday 10am
25th November Wednesday 7.30pm
28th November Saturday 10am
28th November Sat Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
26th November Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed
Recently Deceased: Lorna Duffy (Strangford), Phyllis Starkey, Danny Rogan (Dublin, formerly Coniamstown)
Anniversaries: Michelle McQuoid, Geroge & Margaret Hanna, Nell Logue, Jim Rogan, Mairead Mageean, Anna Prior, Patrick Elliott, Margaret McIlmail & Eileen McGreevey

Weekly Confessions
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after all weekday Masses; and in St Joseph's every Wednesday 8.00pm-8.45pm and at 6.00pm before the Saturday Vigil Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration
St Joseph's, Killough every Wed: 3.30pm -7.30pm & after Mass 8pm-9pm.
St Patrick's, Legamaddy every Friday: 6.30pm-7.30pm.

Sunday Collections 15th November
Weekly £593-17, Bishop's Commissions £340-00. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Annual Inter-Church Carol Service will take place this year in St Joseph's Church, Killough on Thursday 17th December at 7.30pm. Refreshments afterwards in Killough Youth and Community Hall.

Stained Glass Window's 125th Anniversary

Tuesday 24th November will mark the 125th anniversary of the stained glass window behind the altar of St Patrick's Church, Legamaddy. The center piece portrays the crucifixion scene, to the right is an image of St Colmcille and to the left an image of St Patrick.

In his souvenir booklet, 'The Parish of Bright: A History, St. Patrick's Church, Legamaddy (150yrs, 1865 -2015)', John McGrath wrote:

"The main triple stained glass window behind the altar is dedicated to the memory of the family of the Right Rev. Monsignor James O'Laverty the author of the well-known series "Diocese of Down and Connor Ancient and Modern" first published in 1878. The window reads:

'To God Almighty and Most Merciful in humble gratitude this triple window was erected November 24th 1901 on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood by the Rev. James O'Laverty Parish Priest of Holywood. Of your charity pray for the souls of his father Edward of Carrabane who died March 14th 1877 and of his mother Margaret Venny who died May 21st 1846 aged 43 years, of his brother Bernard who died January 23rd 1854 aged 9 years, of his sister Margaret who died December 4th 1857 aged 24 years, of his brother Hugh of Grangecam who died September 15th 1864 aged 33 years. Their remains are interred in Rossglass."'

Saint Gertrude's Prayer for the Holy Souls

Let us continue to make every effort during the remaining days of November to assist the Souls in Purgatory to enter the Glory of Heaven.

One of the most popular prayers for the Souls in Purgatory is that of Saint Gertrude the Great. She received many visions of Our Lord during her lifetime and expressed to Jesus her great desire to pray for the deceased. In return, Jesus taught Saint Gertrude the following prayer. It is believed that 1,000 souls are released from purgatory by praying this payer with the heart.

Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Lord God, whose days are without end and whose mercies beyond counting, keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown. Let your Holy Spirit guide our days on earth in the ways of holiness and justice, that we may serve you in union with the whole Church, sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love. And when our earthly journey is ended, lead us rejoicing into your kingdom, where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church
Saintfield
Open Sun. Tues. Wed. Thurs.10 am – 4 pm
Mon. Fri. Sat. 10 am – 8 pm
MASS
Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 11:00 am
Monday & Friday 7:30 pm
Holy Rosary 6:45 pm on Monday
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday 7.00 pm

St Joseph's Church, Carrickmannon
Open Sat & Sun 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
MASS
Sunday 9:00 am
Tuesday 10:00 am

Mass is offered on Wednesday and Thursday at 9:30 am in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Carryduff.

CONFESSIONS
Before Vigil Mass
ALTAR SOCIETY
Saintfield – Group 2
Carrickmannon – Team 1
READERS 28/29 November
Vigil: Desi McHenry
9am: Harry Murray
11am: Siobhan McGowan
28/29 November
Vigil: Agnes O'Hea, Gerard Mullan
9 am: Anne Murray
11 am: James Mullan,
George Kerr, Damian Mulholland

St Vincent de Paul
Contact: 07521463667
stmochai.saintfield@svpni.co.uk

Weekly Collection 15 Nov. £1545.

The Miraculous Medal



O Mary, conceived without sin
Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Please remember in your prayers:
Peter Rooney and Monsignor Gerard McSorley recently deceased.
Anniversaries: Maria Moloney, Edmund Murray, Dan Molloy, Mary Rice, Sadie Milling, Patricia Ellison, Joan Casey, Ted Carson and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Feast Days
Monday: St Columban (Columbanus)
Tuesday: Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions. Martyrs
Wednesday: St Colman, St Catherine, St Clement I, Pope
Friday: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, St Fergal
Saturday: St Catherine Laboure. Our Lady of Kibeho (Rowanda)

The Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy and Religious
Tuesday 24th November 7:30 pm in St Peter's Cathedral. All are welcome to join Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ as he celebrates this Mass in particular for those who have died in this past year.

Children's Liturgy 11am Mass
Hello children! Today Jesus tells us about the kind of person who will be welcome in his kingdom.
The gospel today reminds us that we are all God's children and that Jesus is in each one of us. And so, every time we help someone else, every time we treat someone kindly, welcome them or share with them, then we are doing this to Jesus.
This week, let's all try to remember that Jesus is in every person and to treat people as Jesus wants us to.
God of all, show us how to answer your call so we may see your kingdom a place where no one is hungry, thirsty, or alone here on earth. Amen.

Worksheets and the Kids Bulletin to support this week's Gospel are available in both churches. Pick up copies for your children/grandchildren.

"Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat
11th-13th December 2026
Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

Monday Social Club
Next meeting - Thurs 3 December
Planned Christmas Lunch
Rockmount Golf Club



Please arrive by 12:15 pm
Meal being served at 12:30pm

Crois Dharach CLG Club
Lotto Numbers**: 3 21 23 28** No jackpot winner. Consolation prize winners: Paul O'Callaghan, Hazel Kirk and John Boyce. **New Jackpot £12300.** Tickets are available from Klubfunder page, Oaks Bar, Chestnut Bar, Vivo Shop, Dufferin, International and Central Bars Killyleagh..

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Carryduff - St Mochumma Room Welcome to all new parishioners. We are glad to have you join the Family of Parishes of Drumbo, Carryduff, Saintfield and Carrickmannon. Join us for a cuppa, a scone and a chat today after 11am Mass.



Today we celebrate the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, known as the *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*. We began moving toward this goal with the First Sunday of Advent. Today we have reached it. Given the fact that the Liturgical Year represents our own life in miniature, this experience reminds us, and even more educates us, that we are on a journey toward an encounter with Jesus, the Spouse, when He will come as the King and Lord of life and of history. The coming we are now awaiting is His second coming. His first coming was in the humility of a Child laid in a manger. His second coming will be when He returns in glory at the end of time which we liturgically celebrate today.
But there is also an intermediate coming – we are living it today – in which Jesus is present in us through the Grace we receive in the Sacraments and in the face of every "least one" the Gospel speaks of ("*Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven"*. Mt. 18:3). We are invited to recognize Jesus in the face of each brother and sister. Along this journey, the liturgy offers us a school of life to instruct us how to recognize the Lord present in everyday life and to prepare us for His final coming. **Vatican News**

The Clergy of the Vicariate are gathering on the four Sundays of Advent for **Night Prayer in our Churches** across the Vicariate at 7.00pm. We invite parishioners to join us if they can: **1ST Sunday, 29th Nov**. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. **2nd Sunday**, **6th Dec.** Good Shepherd Church. **3rd Sunday**, **13th Dec.** St Colmcille's Church. **4th Sunday 20th Dec.** St Brigid's Church.

Reel Lives – Help Preserve Our Local Heritage The Rowallane and Slieve Croob Community Twinning Group is appealing for old cine films featuring Ballynahinch, Saintfield, Crossgar, Killyleagh and surrounding areas. Selected footage from 30 reels will be professionally digitised free of charge, with original reels returned to their owners along with a digital copy. If you have old cine reels or know someone who might, please contact 07860 915096 or email RSCCTG@icloud.com.

Bookings for Mass, Month Minds, Anniversaries, Baptisms and Weddings are to be made through the Parish Office **02897510237** or Parish email address at: saintfield@downandconnor.org. Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 11.00am - 1.30pm. Thursday 12 – 1pm. Please use the Parish email outside of Office Hours.

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in the hour of battle.
Be thou our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God restrain him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust down to Hell, Satan and with him all the evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

The Solemnity of

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

22nd November 2026



Saintfield & Carrickmannon

Parish Bulletin

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Parish Family Website
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Dundrum Tyrella Parish Weekly Bulletin

34th Sunday in Ordinary Times

22nd November 2026



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Sacred Heart Primary, Dundrum
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St. Joseph's Primary, Ballykinlar
John McVeigh: 4485 1600
SVP Helpline *- 07538683550*
Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 6pm to 8pm & Sat noon to 4pm.
Email for bulletin notices: *dundrum@downandconnor.org*
Visit our Facebook page: Dundrum Tyrella Parish
Mass is live streamed in both churches—visit www.mcnmedia.tv

PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE:
Our Chairperson is Anna O'Hare supported by Margaret Magennis, Daniel Rooney, Deacon James and Canon Robert.
If you have a concern about a child or vulnerable adult's welfare, please contact any of the following:
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person,
Philip O'Hara: 07534 992 124 Email: Philip.ohara@soddc.org
PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL SERVICES IN BOTH CHURCHES DUNDRUM & BALLYKINLAR ARE BROADCAST ON THE INTERNET.
Social Services: 02890 507000;
PSNI: 101; NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000.

Remembering the faithful departed
21st November to 27th November

"Grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord" (Wis 4:15)

Karen Magennis
Nan Toman
Joe McGivern
Mary Trainor
John Doran
Mary Tumelty
Gerry McCullough
Patricia Grant
Charlie Trainor
Pat Magee
Paul Hughes
Dermot Killen
Noel O'Hare
Michael (Micky) Dagens
Mary Keenan
Gerry Burns
Patrick Ferran
Sally Milling
John McLaughlin
Mary Brannigan
Joe McGivern
Leonard Hillen
Gary Donnelly
Charles Shields
Josephine Mageean
John Carr
Kathleen Mahon
Frankie McNally
Madge Rogan
Brian Connolly

Recently deceased—Mary (Maura) Tumelty (nee Madden), Emma Smith and Michael Grant.

Mass Intentions
Sat, 14th Nov 6pm Ballykinlar
Anniversary Mass for Patricia Grant
Sun, 15th Nov 11am Dundrum
Anniversary Mass for Billy Tinney & Noel O'Hare



May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

What's On in Our Parish:
Parish Surgery—NO PARISH SURGERY this Monday 23rd November 2026.

NO MONDAY MORNING MASS in Dundrum as funeral Mass in Ballykinlar at 11am.

Sick & housebound—will be visited on Tuesday 1st December after morning Mass.

Adoration—will be weekly on Monday evenings from 7pm to 7.30pm in Dundrum. The front door of chapel will remain locked. Please use the side door. Outside lights will assist parishioners.
Thank you.

Parish Confession—in Dundrum on Saturday 28th November from 3pm to 4 pm.

Faith ad Friendship—will meet on 25th November at 7.30pm in Dundrum Community Centre.

Parish Yearly deceased Mass - was held last Wednesday night it was a prayerful and reflective time especially for those who had lost family members during the year. Each family received a candle at the end of Mass. Anyone who was unable to attend—please collect candle, in memory of family member, from Mary Polland (Sacristan).

Parish Coffee Morning—in Tonn Ruray on Wednesday 2nd December 2026 after morning Mass.

WORK IN PROGRESS AT BALLYKINLAR CEMETERY
Please be aware that work is currently ongoing in the cemetery at Ballykinlar.
Please be aware CAUTION is required when visiting the cemetery as there is fencing erected and diggers at work.
Thank you.

This week's mass times from 23rd to 29th Nov 2026:

Monday	11.00am	Funeral Mass –Ballykinlar
Tuesday	9.30am	Dundrum
Wednesday	9.30am	Dundrum
Thursday	9.30am	Dundrum
Friday	9.30am	Ballykinlar
Saturday	6.00pm	Ballykinlar
Sunday	11:00 am	Dundrum

All masses in Dundrum and Ballykinlar can be viewed via church webcams on www.mcnlive.tv.

Recent Collections:
Weekly collection 15th Nov 2026—£797.90
Bishop Commission collection—£144.00



Lifeline. If you're in distress or despair call free on 0808 808 8000. Lines are open 24/7.

Entrance Hymn

Longing for light,
we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth,
we turn to you.
Make us your own,
your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.

Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope,
many despair.
Your word alone
has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light…

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Preparation of the Gifts

Lord, accept the
gifts we Offer
At this Eucharistic feast,
Bread And wine to
be transformed now
Through the action
of thy priest
Take us too, Lord,
and transform us,
Be thy grace in
us increased.

May our souls be
pure and spotless
As the host of wheat of fine;
May all stain of sin
be crushed out,
Like the grape that
forms the wine,
As we, too, become
partakers,
In this sacrifice divine.

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Recessional Hymn

Love is his word,
love is his way,
feasting with men,
fasting alone,
living and dying,
rising again,
love, only love, is his way.

Richer than gold is
the love of my Lord:
better than splendour
and wealth.

Love is his way,
love is his mark,
sharing his last
Passover feast,
Christ at his table,
Host to the Twelve,
love, only love, is his mark.

Richer than gold is the…...

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Advent Mini Retreat at Holy Family Church (226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast) on Saturday 5 December led by Fr Columba Mary (Gary) Toman OP. Holy Mass at 11:00, followed by brunch, followed by a talk on Advent. A great way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!

Parish Contributions for Dundrum and Tyrella Parish—you can pay by Standing Order—to donate directly via bank transfer the parish bank details are:
Account name—Parish of Dundrum & Tyrella
Sort Code—938351
Account number—03 71 11 87
(please add an identifying name to your transaction)
Many thanks

Medjugorje- What better way to bring in the New Year and begin 2027 than Mass in St James Church, Medjugorje. New Year trip 27th December- 3rd January .
For details contact Éadaoin 07706288095.

Set Dancing Class
The Lodge, Castlewellan
Thursday night 7.30-8.30pm
£5
Beginners welcome!
Text Siobhan for more details:07730482320

Eternal Father,
anoint us with your
Holy Spirit, as we read your Word,
let us hear your voice speaking
to us from within.
Give us wisdom to understand
your message to us.
Let your word be the joy of our
heart and a lamp for our steps.
May we rejoice in the blessedness
of those who hear your Word
and keep it. Speak Lord your
servants are listening.

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2026
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick **Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass**
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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £405.00 loose plate £525.50, Bishops Commission £236.50, Loose plate £130.00, Direct Debits £140.00.

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

MASSES:

ARDGLASS	**5.00pm**	**Vigil Saturday**
	11.30am	**Sunday.**
	10.00am	**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**
DUNSFORD	**10.00am**	**Sunday.**
	10.00am	**Thursday, Novena Mass.**

CONFESSIONS: 4.30 - 4.55pm Saturday, Ardglass (or upon request)

ADORATION: ARDGLASS TUESDAY 11am to 10pm
DUNSFORD THURSDAY 11am to 10pm.

RECENTLY DECEASED: PAUL BIGNELL

ANNIVERSARIES: Christopher Helm, Jack Cultra, Uaneen Fitzsimons, Elizabeth McGrath, Brendan McVickers, Annie McQuoid, Catherine Woods, Fiona Boyd, Maurice Burns, Eileen McAvoy, Philomena Lennon, Patrica Ross, Bernard Feenan, Irene Thompson, Claire Hayes, Seamus Reid, Jim Ewings, Suzanna Bryce, Williams Norris Jack McEvoy, Brian McCabe.

ANNIVERSARY MASS BOOKINGS: The best way to make these is in person in either Sacristy after any of the Masses. Please do not phone the parish to make bookings as we cannot deal with them by phone. If you send a letter, please be patient and please include your phone number. If you want it done and dusted quickly go to the sacristy after Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are on first Sunday of every Month in Ardglass, the third Sunday of the month in Dunsford. For further details, please phone the parish on Monday morning between 10am and 12pm

TOBAR MHUIRE RETREAT: ADVENT RETREAT VISIO DIVINA 4th-6th DECEMBER PASCHAL SOMERS JOHN THORNHILL

Sycamore Advent Programme - Make room this Advent for the bigger questions.
For 4 weeks, starting **25th November**, we will be hosting sessions from this Sycamore Programme. These will be held in the meeting room in St Nicholas' church at 10.45 am each Wednesday. Further details can be found on notices in both churches. Everyone is welcome.

Ardglass Festival Association Presents Friday 4th December Christmas Lights Switch-On! Ardglass Community Garden 6pm. Bring your family to the community garden this festive season for: School Carol singing/ Marshmallow Fire Pit Area/ Santa's Post Box and a special visit from Santa! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sonas Support Open Day **Friday 4 December 2026**
2 sessions available: 2.30 - 4pm and 5 - 6.30pm.
Come along to the **Houben Centre, 432 Crumlin Road, Belfast, BT14 7GE,** to meet our team, see the centre and learn about our day opportunities for adults aged 18+ with learning disabilities. We welcome prospective service users, families, carers and professionals.

Medjugorje
What better way to bring in the New Year and begin 2027 than Mass in St James Church, Medjugorje. New Year trip **27th December- 3rd January.** For details contact Éadaoin 07706288095.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANITY
Sunday 24th January 2027 at 3:30pm, St Anne's Cathedral, Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2HB. Thousands of people die each year as they seek refuge or opportunity. Join us to remember the precious lives lost by refugees and asylum seekers, searching for security. All welcome and bring your friends. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE LISIEUX, RUE DU BAC, NEVERS, PARIS, ROCAMADOUR and LOURDES
11th - 18th June 2027 Fully Escorted Pilgrimage, 7 Nights flying from Dublin to Paris/Lourdes to Dublin. Including visits to the home of the Miraculous Medal and see the incorrupt bodies of St Catherine Laboure and St Bernadette. In Paris visit Sacre-Coeur. Visit the Lourdes grotto, plus much more. Comprehensive Travel insurance is EXTRA £35.00. COST £1,200 PER PERSON SHARING. SEATS ARE LIMITED. Single room supplement is £345.00 EXTRA. Spiritual Director: Fr Joe McGuigan. £250.00 deposit secures a seat! For further details contact: Jean Reynolds 07729 402311 or email: jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk

Trócaire volunteers
Trocaire is looking for volunteers to help deliver school talks during our annual Lent Appeal during February and March 2027! We are particularly interested in hearing from people with public speaking experience, especially retired teachers or those who have worked with young people. Volunteers will visit local schools during school hours to share stories of hope, justice and solidarity from communities around the world. The role involves approximately 1-2 short talks per week during the four-month campaign period. Full training, presentation materials and ongoing support will be provided. Please contact Fionnuala McGuinness on 028 9080 8033 or fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org by the first week of December if you are interested! Help inspire young people to become agents of change.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe
22 November 2026

Very Rev. Rory Sheehan P.P.: St Joseph's
Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LY Tel: 94 422278
(If unavailable and in an emergency only, contact Fr Declan Mulligan P.P. Aghagallon 92 651214)
Parish Office at St Joseph's Glenavy: Monday- Friday 10am -3pm
Parish Support Officer: Joan McShane Tel: 94 422278
Email: glenavy@downandconnor.org
Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com
www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish
A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

The 'I' word!

We know this story well. The most important letter in 'it' is 'I'.
Jesus identifies himself with the people he is talking about. He doesn't say people were in prison and you visited them, or sick or naked. He says I who am in prison, sick or naked. It's even more than being a brother or sister of **J**esus. He identifies with each of us especially in need. Created as we are in the image of **G**od, Jesus sees right through us to see **G**od. **G**od is the divine life of **G**od in each person.
That makes the difference. We don't help the needy person only because he or she is needy, but because each is in the image of **G**od and **J**esus sees him or her and says 'that's me.'
This can be a programme for life. For the young - can you make a decision for your life that includes deep care from your love of those in need? For those in their busy lives already and who have chosen their way - how can you show deep care for those in need. For the elderly - can you pray for those in need each day and encourage those more active to care for them?
CatholicIreland.net

Masses During the Week 23 – 29 November 2026

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	Feumore
Mon	**9.30am Communion Service**		**Adoration 7pm-8pm**	**Adoration 11am - 12pm**
Tues	**11am** Funeral	**7pm** Hugh Ross (Anniv) James & Francis Doone (Anniv) **Rosary 6.30pm** **Adoration 7.30 – 8.30pm**		
Wed		**9.30am** Special Intention Holy Souls **Adoration 10am – 12noon**		
Thurs	**9.30am P.I.**			
Fri	**9.30am** Matthew & Eileen Doone (Anniv) Deceased Members of Doherty Family (Feumore)			
Sat		**11am Baptism** **5pm Baptism** **6pm Vigil** P.P.		
Sun	**10am** Anne Shephard (Months Mind) Paul Saunders (Anniv)	**11.30am** Floyd Maguire (Anniv) Jack, Alice & Joan Kennedy (Anniv)		**Adoration 6.30 – 7.30pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary**

Recently Deceased Bernard McCorry (Ballinderry), Robert Kennedy (Crumlin), Thomas McCloskey (Crumlin)
Months Mind Joseph Jordan
Anniversaries Gerard Stafford, Carmel Hearty, Margaret & Jack O'Brien, John Mulholland, Vincent Mulholland, Hugh Ross, James & Francis Doone, Matthew & Eileen Doone. Mikey Brown, Daniel & Ellen McCorry, Brian Nelson Eddie Prior, Georgie Cormican
Sanctuary Lamps F,G,J,J,M,M,R, Jinnie & Seamus Jordan
Baptisms We welcome to God's family Matthew Robin Jones & Aideen Maginn

Collections 15 November 2026	Parish Draw 2026 – 27 (Week 28)
Weekly Offering £2,611 **Bishop's Commission** £819	**Winner £100** Brian Mooney (Ballinderry) **Winner £50** Rose Crozier (Crumlin)

Overnight Eucharistic Adoration in Mater Dei Church, starting on Tuesday 1st December at 7pm with the theme being praying for our families and parishioners. Come along and enjoy some quiet time this Advent with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Keeping Watch with the Shepherds An Advent Reflection As the "Christmas Experience" gets bigger and earlier each year with its tinsel and Turkey and the elf on the shelf, we invite you, to join us for one hour, on **Tuesday 8 December at 7pm in Mater Dei Church** to watch a short video clip from the TV series, The Chosen, followed by quiet prayer reflecting on how we are asked to imitate the shepherd's vigilant wait for Christ, to allow Him to transform our hearts in the waiting and to offer Him our gifts of adoration and praise. Tea/Coffee and light refreshments will be served immediately afterwards in Mater Dei Pastoral Centre or Church Porch.

Christmas Cards in aid of St Vincent de Paul will be available in the Church porches this weekend. (Suggested donation £3 a pack)

The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work are holding their Annual Christmas sale in St Clare's Hall this Sunday, 22 November 2026 after Mass. Cakes, Tombola, Ballot, Bric a Brac, stalls, tea and coffee available. A Church door collection will be taken up at all Masses in the parish that weekend. Gift Aid envelopes for taxpayer donors are available at the back of Mater Dei and St Joseph's churches. Please complete all sections of the form and return envelopes at the door collection or Parish office.

Open Evening - St. Joseph's Primary and Nursery School. Crumlin We warmly Invite parents & guardians of prospective Nursery and Pl children to our Open Evening on **Thursday 3 December 2026, from 6pm - 7.30 pm**. Come along and tour our school, meet our staff and children, and find out more about school life and all the extras we have to offer. Current parents, families & parishioners are also very welcome to join us. If you know of any new families who may be interested in finding out more about our school or the Pl application process, please share these details with them. We look forward to welcoming you to St. Joseph's! www.stjosephscrumlin.co.uk

Ballymacricket Primary School & Nursery Unit Open Night Thursday 3 December 2026, 6.30 – 7.30pm. Meet the staff and find out more about the exciting opportunities we offer for your child in Nursery and P1. For more information see www.ballymacricketprimaryschool.co.uk

A very sincere thanks from all of us at Missio Ireland for your support of Mission Sunday. The support of each parishioner to this very worthy cause is very much appreciated.

Vacancy Down & Connor Diocesan Trust Sacristan – Job Share Antrim Parish, St Comgall's Church, Castle Street, Antrim, BT41 4HP. Permanent appointment of two individuals, requiring 10 hours attendance each week. Work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest. The post holders will be required to provide cover for the Job Share Partner during annual leave or other absences. Rate of pay £12.71 gross per hour. For full details including application form see http://www.downandconnor.org ,click on the tab: JOB VACANCIES. Application packs can also be obtained from Antrim Parish Office. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Tuesday 1 December 2026.

Glenavy St Vincent De Paul will be holding its Annual Senior Citizen's Dinner at 1pm on Saturday 12 December in Lily's, Glenavy. Anyone who would like to attend should contact a member of the local Conference before Saturday 5 December or ring 07764 797963, numbers are limited. All are welcome.

Trócaire Gifts of Change will be on sale after weekend Masses on Saturday December 5, 6pm Mass & Sunday 6, 11.30am Mass. Trócaire Gifts of Change help some of the poorest people in the world to work their way out of poverty. There are 28 gifts to choose from starting at £5 for the Gift of Soap for families in war-torn South Sudan. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families in need of our support. For further information go to https://www.trocaire.org/gifts.

GH Tyres and Auto Services 40A Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures, repairs, wheel balancing, wheel alignment, batteries, general services and repairs. Tel 028 9442 3113

Care Assistant available Monday – Friday, 25 Years experience. Tel 07870 697727

St.Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results **Thursday 11 November 2026** Winning Numbers; 4-9-14-26. Jackpot £1,300 - No Jackpot winner. 2 Lucky Dip Winners £25 each, The Dub, Collie O'Hare. Next Week's Jackpot is £1,350. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

Join us at the Belfast Jesuit Centre, 193 – 195 Donegall St, Belfast Waiting in Wonder 2026: Lectio and Visio Divina for Advent, Tuesdays Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15 7pm – 9pm. Faith & Film Series dates in November & December**.** For more information & to register: https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk

Advent Mini Retreat at Holy Family Church (226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast) on Saturday 5 December led by Fr Columba Mary (Gary) Toman OP. Holy Mass at 11:00, followed by brunch, followed by a talk on Advent.

Medjugorje-New Year trip 27 December- 3 January. For details contact Éadaoin 07706288095.

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Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat 11-13 December 26 young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

Parish Bingo
In St Clare's Community Hall
Every Thursday at 8pm sharp – 9.30pm (approx.)
Jackpot £1,000 in 52 numbers

ST CLARE'S HALL, WHAT'S ON? – MONDAY Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, multi-sensory baby class 10—11am, Flip Fusion 5.30pm—6.30pm, Pilates 7pm – 9pm, Bowls 8pm – 10pm.
TUESDAY Brazier School of Dance 4.45PM – 7.45PM, Pickle Ball 8pm – 10pm.
WEDNESDAY Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, Friendship Group 10.30am – 12.30pm, Yoga 7pm – 8pm, Bowls 8pm – 10pm (Matches).
THURSDAY Pilates 10am – 11am & Judo 6pm – 7pm, Bingo 8pm – 9.30pm.
FRIDAY Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, Mums & Tots 9.30am – 11.30am, Coffee Morning 10 – 11.30am.
SATURDAY Slimming World 7.45—11am, Litle Show Stoppers 9am—10am, Flip Fusion 5pm—7pm.
MONTHLY EVENTS Book club 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm – 9pm, Traditional night 1st Sunday 7pm – 9pm, Whist Last Sunday 7pm – 10pm. Also available for private, community & business functions, including birthday parties, fund raisers and funeral's Contact stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com or 07517779334 St Clare's Hall is a drop off point for the Hygiene Bank. You can now bring unopened toiletries to help people in our community who need them most. Donation box is in the front entrance of the hall, so items can be donated any time the hall is open. **St Clare's Bowling Club** We welcome new members, young or old on Mon days & Wednesday at 8pm. Come along and have fun! **WEEKLY Walks in Glenavy** TUESDAYS - 6.30pm - Glenavy GAC, WEDNESDAYS –
12 noon - St. Clare's Community Hall, Glenavy, SATURDAYS - 9am - St. Clare's Community Hall, Glenavy. More walks starting soon. To register, go to walking forall.com

Liturgical 'Sign of Peace' The Sign of Peace remains an integral part of the celebration of the Eucharist and has been reintroduced as a normal practice across the Diocese. The customary expression of the Sign of Peace in Ireland is a handshake. However, other non-contact forms of the sign of peace such as a nod, a bow or a smile are also legitimate expressions of the Sign of Peace. No offence should be taken if someone prefers to express a non-contact Sign of Peace. The Diocese encourages all to continue to exercise good hygienic practices, and if you exhibit flu-like symptoms, you are encouraged to remain at home.

Church Webcam The church webcam for live stream of Masses can be accessed via the Parish Website www.glenavyandkilleadparish.com Go to the top line and click on webcams and pick either Mater Dei or Glenavy. It can also be accessed at www.churchmedia.tv. Select Antrim & search for St Joseph's, Glenavy or Mater Dei, Crumlin and the churches will appear. Click on the play button to view live stream. The webcams enable us to attend Mass; however, they do not allow us to receive the Eucharist, The Body of Christ. When possible, we should attend Mass in the Church whenever our circumstances permit to receive Holy Communion.

Making your offering to the church Parishioners are encouraged to make donations to the parish either by using the parish envelopes or by means of bank transfer. It is of great benefit to the parish when we can record donations so that gift aid can be claimed, if applicable. If you would like to donate using envelopes and don't already do so, please contact the parish office. Alternatively, if you are able, you are encouraged to make a monthly offering to the Church by means of a Bank Transfer to: Parish of Glenavy and Killead Sort Code 98 04 60, Account 10654677. The relevant forms are available at the back of the Churches. Both forms need to be completed with one sent to your Bank and the other to the parish office. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Support Officer in confidence. Please note that there is a separate account number for the Parish Draw and this should not be used when making a weekly donation.

DEACONS Those who are discerning a vocation to the permanent diaconate are encouraged to contact the Diocesan Director, Rev Brett Lockhart for the Permanent Diaconate, b.lockhart@downandconnor.org.

A BLESSED STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA is available through the Legion of Mary to any sick parishioner for one week. If you would like to avail of the statue, please contact the parish office.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL—CRUMLIN CONFERENCE (ST JAMES) Emergency help line 07754427088. Donations can be made via the Crumlin SVP conference bank account. Account number 41965035, sort code 980460. **ST JOSEPH'S GLENAVY CONFERENCE SVDP** Emergency helpline 07784955647. Donation can be made to our bank account, Sort Code 98-04-60. Account Number 41966009. Your support is very much appreciated as we support those most vulnerable in the local community

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Gibson, Catherine McCorry, Ted McMahon,
Charles McKeown, Mary Catherine McKeown, Tommy McAuley,
The deceased Members of the Wilkinson Family, Alice O'Reilly, Tony Doyle,
Tommy O'Hanlon, Mary Kelly, Angela Mallon, Peggy Toal,
Months Mind: Margaret Kilpatrick, Geraldine Murphy, Patricia Gilholly.
Recently Deceased: Tommy McCrudden, Bernadette O'Kane.

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Baptism Lines, Marriage Lines etc: will be copied from our register and we will telephone when they are ready. Identification is needed for all Certificates.

Funerals: If you would like your loved one's funeral recorded, please let us know when we are taking the details or let the undertaker know. We need to know beforehand if it has to be recorded.

Marriages: If you want your Marriage to be recorded please inform us when booking the wedding. It is not automatically recorded on the day.

Readers: David Wasson, Brian Lundy, Kathleen Osbourne, Arthur Kealey.
Chris McMullan, Paul Currie, Michael Stevenson, Betty Magee.
James Baker, Michelle McCullogh, John McParland, Wilma Lynch, Kate Lynch,
Jinno Carlloe, Daniel, Rose Kilmartin, Sr. Kathleen Savage, Joseph Bennett.

Music Sunday: 7pm Vigil Tanya and Anne, 10am Mass Betty & James,
12 noon Mass Organist Mark P. Laverty & Holy Cross Choir.7pm folk Group.

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Faith & Film: Unexpected Companions and Unlikely Grace

Join us in the Belfast Jesuit Centre for the next two evenings in our Faith & Film series as we explore stories of unexpected friendship, reconciliation, and the surprising ways grace can emerge in ordinary lives.Thursday 26th November - 7.00pm: The Straight Story, Thursday 17th December - 7.00pm: *The Holdovers*

Waiting in Wonder 2026: Lectio and Visio Divina for Advent

Join us at the Belfast Jesuit Centre for a gentle, reflective journey through Advent. Each Tuesday evening, we'll pray with the Gospel for the following Sunday, alongside poetry, art and music, using the contemplative practices of *Lectio* and *Visio Divina*. Dates: Tuesdays – Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15 Time: 7:00–9:00pm
Location: Belfast Jesuit Centre, 193–195 Donegall Street Tea and coffee provided
Small donation welcome.

"Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat | 11th-13th December 2026

Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to meet other young people. To register visit youth 2000.ie.

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{Church Services TV}

Office Hours: Weekdays 9am – 5pm
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur 6 – 8 Houben
CLOSED 1-2, SUNDAYS 9.30AM -1.30.
6-8 PM, SICK CALLS 24/7



Sunday 22nd November 2026
Feast of Christ The King

Passionists Community: Fr. Charles Cross CP Superior
& Parish Priest, Fr. Aidan Troy CP. Assistant, 07517889434 (24/7)
Bro. Conor Quinn CP
Weekday Masses: Monday – Saturday 10am.
Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil 7pm, Sun. 10, 12, & 7pm, Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows Monday 7pm, First Friday: Healing Mass of St. Charles & Penance Service 7pm.
Confessions: 20 Minutes before each mass by the celebrant of the mass.
Sick Calls: are normally covered by the Priest on duty
Tel: 90748231 pastoral care of sick in hospital is covered by The Hospital Chaplain.
Baptisms: From September onwards 2nd Saturday of the month 12noon Baptism Meeting first Sunday of the month 1pm.
Funerals: are celebrated at 10am mass (unless there is more than one funeral or because of time due at the cemetery).
Wedding Bookings: Please contact Parish office 028 90748231.
Pre Marriage-Courses: Wilma 07791148340 after 6pm.
City Hall forms www.groni.gov.uk.
Relic of St. Charles: available at Chapel of Passionist saints.
Requests for Home Blessings: Can be made with any of the priests.
Please phone Parish office 028 90748231.
Children's liturgy: Sunday 12noon.

Today is the Feast of Christ the King. This feast day completes the Church's liturgical year. For over fifty one Sundays, here in the Church of Holy Cross we have heard the good news of Christ among us declaring over and over again in many ways and by many deeds his unconditional love for us. We have heard how far he will go to both embrace and chase us, even when we flee from him. Today on this final Sunday of the Church's year the equation is reversed. We are asked how we have embraced and chased Jesus in the poor and the needy. It is a sober thought that on the last day we shall be judged. Someone outside of us will judge us. This very notion grates on our modern sensitivities. In our value-neutral society where we like to believe that there is no higher standard of judgement than our own self-measurements, this gospel today as the effrontery to remind us that we shall be judged by Another. We declare this reality of judgement when we pray in the Creed: *"He will come to judge the living and the dead"* In this Gospel today (Matthew 25:31-46) we are told that we shall be judged in according to our reaction to human need. God's judgement does not depend on the knowledge we have gained, or the fame that we have gathered, or on the fortune that we have collected, but on the help we have given. Jesus tells us it must be help in the simple things - giving a hungry person a meal, a thirsty person a drink, welcoming the stranger, cheering the sick and visiting the prisoner. These are things that anyone of us can do. We hear in the Gospel those who helped did not think that they were helping Christ…..they helped because they could not stop themselves from helping. It is the natural, instinctive, quite uncalculating reaction of a loving heart. Jesus confronts us with this truth, that all such help which is given is given to Himself, and all such help which is withheld is withheld from Him. If we really wish to delight a parent's heart, if we really wish to move them to gratitude, then the best way to do it is help his/her child. God is the great Father, and way to delight the heart of God is to help his children, who are our fellow men and women. It is a grace that before Mass, we sometimes pray …."I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I HAVE FAILED TO DO" Those good things that we failed to do are called the sins of omission. In the New Testament, the classic example given by Jesus is the account of the Good Samaritan. After a man had been beaten and left in need of help, the first two men to pass by—a priest and a Levite, both of whom knew better—failed to act. The third man, a Samaritan, stopped to show compassion to the man in need (Luke 10:30-37). There was no sin committed in today's Gospel against these needy people—they were not intentionally starved or deprived of their clothing. But the sin of omission was committed when those who could have provided for them chose not to. Our Lord is the Servant King, the Good Shepherd and shows us the way to act and from Ezekiel in today's first reading we hear the Lord say: *"I will look after the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them"* (Ezekiel 34:16)

Father Charles C.P.



November Dead Lists: are available in the church and the Parish Office in The Houben Centre. They can be left in the box provided or handed in at The Parish Office. We thank you for your cooperation at this time of the year.
S.V.D.P: Meeting Wednesday night at 7pm in the Houben Centre.
Holy Cross Choir: 7:30pm Wednesday. In the Houben Centre
AA: Wednesday 7pm – 8:00, Saturday 11 – 1pm Houben Centre
NA: Sunday 7:30 – 8:30pm in the Houben Centre
Prayer Group: 8pm Sunday in the Houben Centre
Legion of Mary: 7pm Thursday in the Houben Centre.

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First Friday Film: 8pm in The Houben Centre.
Film in The Houben Centre: Friday 27th November 7:30pm Our Lady of Knock. Produced by Paul McKee. Tea & Biscuits provided.
Old School Café: 9:30am – 1:30pm. Monday – Friday
We Welcome new volunteers
Weekly Bingo each Tuesday: From 7pm Flax Room
The Listening café at the Houben Centre: Do you dabble in poetry, songwriting, or storytelling? Join us for an evening of homegrown, original works in a warm, inviting space. Friday 13h November 7:30 – 9:30pm. (Registration for performers opens at 7pm). Café open for light refreshments. (No alcohol event, Donations voluntary).
Christmas Craft Fayre: Sunday 6th December 10am – 2pm in Houben Centre.
Christmas at The Houben: Friday 11th December 8pm – 11pm. Dance, Song, Eats. A night of festive fun. Tickets £10.

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From Darkness to Light Retreat Day: an Advent Retreat focused on the journey 'From Darkness to Light' is a profound way to step out of the seasonal rush and enter a space of quiet preparation. Advent is uniquely structured around this tension – the winter solstice brings the literal darkest days of the year, while the weekly lighting of the Advent wreath symbolizes the gradual, unstoppable arrival of Christ, 'The light of the world'. Saturday 12th December 2026 Tobar Mhuire. Retreat Centre. 10:30am – 4pm cost £30. Contact secretary@tobarmhuire.com

Mercy Primary Open Night: Thursday 3rd December 2026. We invite all girls starting school 2027 and their families to come along. Caters for all abilities. If you need to arrange an appointment for another date, please contact the school: 028 90391670.
Feast Days this Week: 23rd St. Columban, 24th St. Colman,
St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, 25th St. Catherine, St. Clement, 27th St. Fergal

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Additional Masses during Lent: **Monday Novena Mass as usual 7pm, Wednesday 7pm.**

Confessions: **15 Minutes before each mass by the celebrant of the mass.**

Music Sunday: **7pm Vigil Tanya and Anne, 10am Mass Betty & James, 12 noon Mass Organist Mark P. Laverty & Holy Cross Choir. 7pm folk Group.**

Readers: **Sr. Kathleen, Wilma Lynch, Arthur Kealey, Michelle McCullagh, Brian Lundy, Chris McMullan, John McParland**
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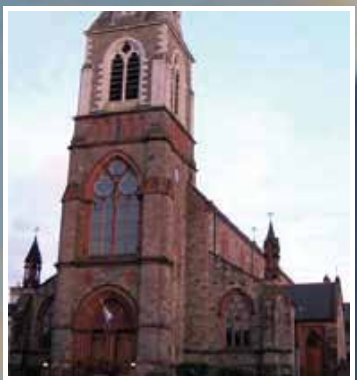
Sunday 22nd November 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
Masses Monday – Friday 10.00am
Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.00am & 12 noon

LIVE WEBSTREAMING OF ALL MASSES

Please note many parishes in the Diocese have webcams installed which provide live coverage of various Masses taking place daily throughout the Diocese. These can be accessed by visiting www.downandconnor.org Links to Parish Webcams. Live Church webcam links: CHURCH SERVICES. TV & MCN MEDIA CHURCH WEBCAMS

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
escorted by all the angels,
then he will take his seat on his throne of glory.'
Matthew 25:31






Fr. Dermot McCaughan, PP: 028 9266 2341
Fr. Eamon Magorrian, CC: 028 9266 2348

Parish Office Opening Hours:
Monday-Friday 10.30am-4.00pm.
Closed 1.00pm-2.00pm.

Parish Office: 028 9266 0206 Fax: 028 9266 5690
Email: lisburn@downandconnor.org
Pastoral Centre: 028 9260 7110
www.parishoflisburn.org

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon **Rv 5:12; 1:6**

All: **How worthy is the Lamb who is slain,**
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

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 healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you gave yourself to heal us and bring us strength:
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: Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray, that the whole creation,
set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
All: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R v.1

(R) **The Lord is my shepherd;**
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **(R)**

2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **(R)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God

the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

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

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION **Mk 11:10**

All: **Alleluia, alleluia!**
Blessings on him
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom
of our father David!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
All: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stand

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 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 offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice
by which the human race is reconciled to you,
we humbly pray,
that your Son himself may bestow on all nations
the gifts of unity and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.
All: **Amen**

Congregation stands

EUCHARISTIC 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 (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

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 anointed your Only Begotten Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness
as eternal Priest and King of all creation,
so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross
as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace,
he might accomplish the mysteries of human
redemption and, making all created things subject
to his rule, he might present to the immensity of
your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom,
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice,love and peace.

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

ACCLAMATION

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

Congregation kneels

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

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

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice and,
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 Leo 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 Ps 28:10-11

All: **The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray.
Having received the food of immortality,
we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience
to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,
we may live with him eternally in his heavenly
Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May God bless you with every heavenly blessing,
make you always holy and pure in his sight,
pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his
glory, and teach you with the words of truth;
may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation,
and ever endow you with fraternal charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

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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TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You as King of the universe.
All that has been created has been made for You.
Make full use of Your rights over me.
I renew the promises I made in Baptism, when I renounced Satan and all his pomps and works,
and I promise to live a good Christian life and to do all in my power
to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church.
Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer you my efforts to obtain that all hearts may acknowledge your Sacred Royalty,
and that thus the Kingdom of Your peace may be established throughout the universe.



We pray for our dead:
FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Patrick Sharkey
ANNIVERSARIES: Jean & John O'Kane: Henry (Harry) Jennings: James McMahon: Sam & Arthur Lundy: Robin D'Souza: Sarah Burns: Louis Bradley: Bridget McCaugherty: Maureen Morgan: John Hamill: Maura McCann: John Ferris: Mary Peter: Joe Laverty: Mary Brennan: Patrick Rice: John Hughes: John O'Reilly: Edward Murray.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 23 November - St Columban, Abbot and Missionary
Tuesday 24 November - Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday 25 November - St Colman, Bishop
Friday 27 November - St Fergal, Bishop and Missionary

ST ALOYSIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL – OPEN DAY

Prospective families are warmly invited to our **Open Day on Saturday 5 December at 10.00am.**
Come along to visit our school, meet our staff and find out more about life and learning at St Aloysius.
Principal's Address: 10.15am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will finish on Sunday 13th December for Christmas holidays and will resume again in the new year on Sunday 3rd January 2027.
Wishing all the children and families a very happy and holy Christmas.

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Masses are offered daily during November for all names included in November Dead Lists.

God, thank you for the people in our lives who we are remembering
in a special way during the month of November.
We thank you for being a compassionate God who walks with us in our dark moments of grief and loneliness.
We are thankful for all who continue to love and support us throughout our grief.
Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us hope, direction and courage.
May we now live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people
we have known and loved and help us to bring light and hope to others.

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED DIOCESAN CLERGY & RELIGIOUS

The Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy and Religious will take place
On: Tuesday 24th of November 2026
In: St Peter's {Cathedral}, Belfast
At: 7:30 pm
In particular we remember and offer Mass for those who have died in this past year.
All are welcome to join Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ as he celebrates this Mass.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, LISBURN
Open Evening: 6:30pm on Thursday 26th November 2026
Open Morning: 9:30am on Friday 27th November 2026

HOLY TRINITY NURSERY SCHOOL, LISBURN
OPEN MORNING
Date: Saturday 28th November **Time:** 10am - 12pm

SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Mass will be celebrated in Syro-Malabar Rite for all the Faithful Departed on Friday 27th November at 6.30pm.

BULLETIN NOTICES AND ANNIVERSARIES

Bulletin Notices should be with the Parish Office by 12 noon on Monday to be included in the weekend bulletin.
Please note all emails to Parish Office should be addressed to – lisburn@downandconnor.org

SUICIDE AWARENESS & SUPPORT GROUP invite you to our **MASS OF HOPE** this afternoon (Sunday 22 November) at 3pm in Clonard Monastery. All families bereaved and all denominations welcome.

A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER
Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend
St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo
Friday 9th to Sunday 11th April 2027
This residential Weekend starts at 7.30pm on Friday and finishes at 4.30pm on Sunday and is open to all married couples.
Online booking only at www.marriageencounter.ie

ST PATRICK'S ACADEMY 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS 1966 – 2026
Invitation to our Anniversary Mass this afternoon (Sunday 22 November 2026) at 2pm.
St. Patrick's Academy, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn
Celebrant: Fr James O'Reilly (Past Pupil)

We extend a particular welcome to:
• Past and present Pupils
• Current and former Staff
• Parents and Families
• Friends of St. Patrick's Academy

During our Anniversary Mass, we will remember in a special way all those who have been part of our journey throughout the past sixty years and bring before the Lord those who continue to walk that journey with us today. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be available, photographs will be on display and you will have the opportunity to meet old friends/teachers.

WHO IS MARY IN GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION?
An exploration by representatives of Christian churches with audience questions chaired by Alf McCreary. Rev Dr Pattrick McGlinchey (Church of Ireland: Martina Purdy (Catholic): Rev Dr Janet Unsworth (Methodist): Fr Toma Puiu (Romanian Orthodox): Rev Prof Stephen Williams (Presbyterian): Fr Angelos (Egyptian Coptic).
DATE AND VENUE: Wednesday 2 December 2026, Corr's Corner Hotel, 7pm. Refreshments will be served.
All welcome! Event is free to attend but to help with planning please indicate your intention to come – email ecumenical@downandconnor.org Arranged by Ecumenical Commission of the Diocese .0of Down and Connor.

LIGHTS & CAROLS AT HILLSBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH
This special cross-community celebration, hosted by Hillsborough Parish Church, will include a short act of worship, some favourite carols around the tree, and of course the magical moment the lights come on!
Afterwards, pop into the Church Centre for mince pies, coffee, and festive chat.
Bring your family, friends, and neighbours - everyone's welcome!

ST PATRICK'S GAC
Many thanks to all who attended our Annual Dinner and awards ceremonies last weekend.
Congratulations to all involved and all the worthy recipients of the awards. Well done!
Thanks also to everyone who purchased a ticket for our "Big Draw" supported by Oasis Travel.
Club coach and volunteer, Grant Devlin is now wondering where he will be going on holiday! Congratulations Grant.
Great to see a good turnout at the AGM on Wednesday night. We are always looking for volunteers.
The more volunteers the less work for all.

SACRED HEART MESSENGERS
Annual order is being placed this week.
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December Messengers are now available in Sacristy. Please collect your copy.

ADVENT MINI RETREAT at Holy Family Church (226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast) on Saturday 5 December led by Fr Columba Mary (Gary) Toman OP.
10.00am: Confessions available
11.00 am: Mass
11.45 am: Brunch
12.15 pm: Talk on Advent

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES

SATURDAY VIGIL
5.00pm – Star of the Sea, Whitehouse
6.30pm – St Mary's, Greencastle

SUNDAY MASS:
9.30am – St Colman's, Greenisland
11.00am – St James', Whiteabbey

WEEKDAY MASSES:
Star of the Sea, Whitehouse: Tuesday 7.00pm
St Mary's, Greencastle: Wednesday 9.30am
St Colman's: Thursday 10.00am
St James': Friday 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER & COMMUNION SERVICE
St Colman's: Monday 10.00am

ST PEREGRINE'S NOVENA:
First Monday of the month at 7.00pm in St Mary's, Greencastle

NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR:
Every Tuesday at 7.00pm in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Every Wednesday in St Mary's, Greencastle 10am – 12pm

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:
After 10.00am Mass on Friday in St James'

DIVINE MERCY EVENING – Rosary, preaching, healing prayers and Eucharistic Adoration on the second Friday of the month 7.00pm – 9.30pm St James' Church.

LEGION OF MARY
The Legion of Mary is a lay association of pious, Marian Catholics, who specialise in both prayer and work. They meet at 7pm every Friday in St. Mary's Church, Greencastle.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are taking place on Saturdays in St James', Whiteabbey. Please contact the parish office for further information.

Parish Priest:
Fr. David Delargy

Parish Office:
824 Shore Road Newtownabbey BT36 7DG
Tel: 0289037 0845
(open Mon – Fri 9.00am – 1.00pm)
E-mail: loughshore@downandconnor.org
website: www.loughshoreparishes.org
Links to webcam via parish website or www.churchmedia.tv

The Loughshore Parishes is a member of a Family of Parishes, comprising the parishes of St Mary's on the Hill, St Nicholas', Carrickfergus and the Loughshore Parishes (Greencastle, Whitehouse, St James' & St Colman's)

REST IN PEACE
Recently deceased: Dolores Fitzpatrick, John Denvir, Michael Gilmore, Paul Derry, Matthew McCormac, Rosemary Fox, Anthony McKenzie
Months Mind: Stephen Murphy, Eddie Friel
Anniversaries: Sr Veronica O'Brien, Anthony Murray, Mark Thompson (16th), Sean & Robert Holbrook (50th), Jeanette Trainor, Lily McCarron, Marie McKeown, Bobby McGrady, John McCarron Jnr, Mary Theresa Butler, Kathleen Timperley, Francis Dominic Butler

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday
Whitehouse 5pm – Mark Thompson 16th anniversary & Sean and Robert Holbrook 50th anniversary
Greencastle 6.30pm – Sr Veronica O'Brien anniversary & Anthony Murray anniversary
Wednesday Greencastle 9.30am – William & Teresa Brown anniversaries

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is going to be offered for children (P1 – P6) at the following Masses:
- 6.30pm Vigil Mass in St Mary's, Greencastle each Saturday*
- **9.30am Mass in St Colman's each Sunday**
- 11am Mass in St James' each Sunday*
*except on weekends when there are Children's Masses



CHILDREN'S MASSES
The 6.30pm Mass in St Mary's, Greencastle and the 11am Mass in St James' this weekend will be special Masses for the children of our parish.

ADORATION & PRAISE AND WORSHIP
Every Thursday 7 - 8pm in St James'. All welcome!
LOUGHSHORE NET TEAM/ YOUTH MINISTRY
Please follow our Net Team on Instagram to stay up to date with events and activities.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
in St Mary's, Greencastle will be each Wednesday from 10am to **12pm** (not 1pm) for the next few weeks.

NOVENA SERVICE
There will be no Novena Mass at 7pm on Tuesday 24th November. A Novena Service will be held instead.

MASS OF HOPE Suicide Awareness & Support Group invite you to our Mass of Hope on Sunday 22nd November 2026 at 3pm Clonard Monastery. All Families Bereaved & All Denominations Welcome.

The Loughshore Parishes

St Mary's, Greencastle; St Mary, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse;
St James', Whiteabbey & St Colman's, Greenisland

22 November 2026 — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER
For the proper use of wealth.
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED DIOCESAN CLERGY & RELIGIOUS will take place on Tuesday 24th November 2026 in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast at 7.30 pm. In particular we remember and offer Mass for those who have died in this past year.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS
You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around the Cross on Friday 27th November 2026, from 8 - 9pm in Holy Family Church. This is an opportunity to take time out to pray with the beautiful Taizé chants, to be still and to prepare for Advent. Everyone is very welcome.

ADVENT MINI RETREAT at Holy Family Church on Saturday 5th December led by Fr Columba Mary (Gary) Toman OP. Holy Mass at 11:00, followed by brunch, followed by a talk on Advent. A great way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!

SYCAMORE COURSE - ADVENT 2026
A four week course beginning on Friday 27th November Four relaxed sessions of film, conversation and friendship, exploring happiness, God, the Bible and prayer as we prepare for Christmas.
Fridays at 7.30pm in St Gerard's. For more information, contact James Gillan jamesmgillan@gmail.com

SONAS SUPPORT OPEN DAY
You're warmly invited to Sonas Support's Open Day on Friday 4th December 2026 with 2 sessions available: 2.30 - 4pm and 5 - 6.30pm.
Come along to the Houben Centre, 432 Crumlin Road, Belfast, BT14 7GE, to meet our team, see the centre and learn about our day opportunities for adults aged 18+ with learning disabilities.

🎄 **CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA** in St James' Parish Hall, Whiteabbey on Sunday 6th December at 2pm. All seniors welcome. Please give your name to any SVP member before 1st December.

TEA AFTER MASS
Please join us in the Whitehouse Hall for tea and refreshments after the 5pm Mass in Whitehouse on Saturday evening.



SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
Sunday 24th January 2027 at 3.30pm in St Anne's Cathedral, Donegall Street.
Thousands of people die each year as they seek refuge or opportunity. Join us to remember the precious lives lost by refugees and asylum seekers, searching for security. All welcome and bring your friends. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

FAITH & FILM: Join us in the Belfast Jesuit Centre for the next in our Faith & Film series on Thursday 26th November - 7.00pm: *The Straight Story*
A gentle and moving pilgrimage that speaks of patience, forgiveness, and grace. All are welcome, no need to register. The screening will be followed by a time of conversation and reflection in the Ignatian tradition.

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT
11th - 13th December 2026. Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included.
Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer. All are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

MEDJUGORJE - What better way to bring in the New Year and begin 2027 than Mass in St James' Church, Medjugorje. New Year trip 27th December - 3rd January. For details, contact Éadaoin 07706288095.

VACANCY – PART TIME COOK
The Jesuit community based at 28 Brookvale Avenue, Belfast are seeking to recruit a To apply or make an enquiry, please contact: peterfabersj@gmail.com
Closing Date: Thursday 26th November 2026

PARISH of Maghera WEEKLY BULLETIN

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2026
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sunday Cycle A, Psalter Week 2

✠ MASS TIMES & LITURGIES

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH NEWCASTLE

WEEKDAY MASSES:
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri at 10am

LITURGY OF THE WORD & HOLY COMMUNION: Wed & Sat 10am

WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm & Sunday Mass at 11.30am

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH BRYANSFORD: Open for Private Prayer Only. Open daily from 10am To 5pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Fridays, 10.30am-5.00pm

CONFESSIONS
1st & 3rd Saturday, 3.30-4.00pm

BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sat, 3-3.30pm. Book in sacristy after Mass. Bring long birth certificate

WEDDINGS: Arrange with Fr Jim after Mass. Weddings can also be arranged in St Patrick's, Bryansford.

The Parish of Maghera is a part of the **Diocese of Down and Connor Trust** and operates in accordance with the Diocesan policies. Registered UK Charity No. **XN46141** Charity Name: **Down and Connor Diocesan Trust**

✠ FAMILY OF PARISHES

Parish of Dundrum & Tyrella
Mon-Thurs 9.30am (Dundrum); Fri 9.30am (Ballykinlar); Saturday Vigil 6pm (Ballykinlar); Sunday Mass 11am (Dundrum)

Parish of Kilmegan & Kilcoo
St. Malachy's Church, Castlewellan
Mon, Tues, Thurs , Fri 9.30am
Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday 10am
(Kilcoo); Sat Vigil 5pm & Sun Mass 10:00am (Kilcoo);
Mon 9.30am; Wed-Fri 9.30am
Tues 9:30am (Aughiisnafin)

✠ CONTACT DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST: FR JIM CRUDDEN
Parochial House 24 Downs Road Newcastle 028 437 22401

PARISH MANAGER: BRENDA WEBB
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Web: www.parishofmaghera.com
FB: Parish of Maghera D&C
To access the Parish webcam: https://www.mcn.live/camera/our-lady-of-the-assumption-church-newcastle

SACRISTANS: STEPHEN BODEN / ANTHONY CREELMAN
Tel: 028 4372 7691 (after Mass)

PARISH SHOP: EUGENE SMALL
14 Main Street – 028 4372 3399
Opening Time: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat – 10.30m-4.30pm (Closed Wednesday)

ROOM/HALL HIRE: PARISH CENTRE & ST PATRICK'S HALL: EAMON LENEGHAN / JOE DUGGAN – Office at 14 Main Street Tel: 028 4372 3399. Office Hours Mon, Wed & Fri 9.00am-12.30pm Email: newcastlebookings@downandconnor.org

SAFEGUARDING. If you have a concern, suspicion or wish to report an allegation of abuse, please contact: Philip O'Hara, Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, 120 Cliftonville Rd, Belfast BT14 6LA Tel: 07534991124 E: philip.ohara@soddc.org

SVP IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF HELP
Please Contact the St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 07889780330 or Lifeline on: 0808 808 8000

✠ MINISTRY OF WELCOME

RECENTLY BAPTISED
Mollie Elizabeth / Avery Rose / Ezra Finn / Tadghan Danny

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
Please remember in your prayers:
MONTH'S MIND: Raymond Devlin / John Smyth
ANNIVERSARIES: Annie Maginn / Sally Burns / Mairead Keery / Evelyn Briones

✠ MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, 21ST – 29TH SUN NOV 2026
Sat, 21st 6pm Carol Johnstone / Dylan Murray / Kenneth Ballie / Mary Kinsella / Patsy Sawey / Elizabeth Corrigan / Eileen Devlin / Lucinda McMurrough / Vera Lowe
Sun, 22nd 11.30am Raymond Devlin (MM) / John Nugent / Laura Mary Wager Payne (1st) / Mary Hanna / Thomas Donnelly / Jim & Bernadette Gallagher / Ted Rice / Sue Rooney (1st)
Mon, 23rd 10am John Leneghan
Tue, 24th 10am November Dead
Thu, 26th 10am November Dead
Fri, 27th 10am November Dead
Sat, 28th 6pm John Smyth (MM) / May Zenzs / Crea McCormick / Marie & Jack McGuirk
Sun, 29th 11.30am Felicity Fitzsimon / Patrick McNiff / James Savage / Patsy Kelly
"May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace."

✠ SANCTUARY CANDLES

This week's Sanctuary Candles will burn for: **Mairead Keery**

✠ OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

£2269.03, Standing Order: £661.83, Total: £2930.86.
Diocesan Bishop's Commissions: £ 352.40, Standing Order: £85, Total: £437.40. Thank you.

The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Flame of Love Cenacle takes place every Friday after 10am Mass at the side chapel. All welcome!

Holy Rosary every morning from Monday to Saturday at 9.30am.

DONATE TO THE PARISH

PRAYER PETITION

SCAN QR CODES WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA TO:

PARISH CENTRE / HALL

PARISH FORMS

PARISH OF NEWTOWNARDS & COMBER

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &
SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER-FEAST OF JESUS CHRIST, THE UNIVERSAL KING

PARISH PRIEST
Very Rev. Brian McCann PP
Tel: 028 91812137
PERMANENT DEACON
Rev. Derek Le Mahieu

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH
71 Upper North Street, Newtownards BT23 4JD
CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION
Killinchy Street Comber BT23 5AP

Email: newtownards@downandconnor.org
Parish website:
www.newtownardsandcomberparish.com
Facebook: Parish of Newtownards & Comber
ST PATRICK'S PARISH HALL
Brian McDonald 028 91815051 for all enquiries

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

You are most welcome to come along to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession at the following times:

Tuesday 7pm+ in Comber
Friday 9am+ in St Patrick's
Saturday 5.45pm+ in St Patrick's

PRAYING OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Saturday 6-6.15pm in St Patrick's
Sunday 9.30-9.45am in Comber
Tuesday 7pm in Comber
Mass will be preceded by 15 minutes silence.

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK

Monday 16th November	No Mass
Tuesday 17th November	Comber 7.30pm
Wednesday 18th November	Newtownards 9.30am
Thursday 19th November	Newtownards 9.30am
Friday 20th November	No Mass

Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd November Weekend Masses at usual times.

Monday 23rd November	No Mass
Tuesday 24th November	Comber 7.30pm
Wednesday 25th November	Newtownards 9.30am
Thursday 26th November	Newtownards 9.30am
Friday 27th November	Newtownards 9.30am

DIVINE OFFICE

Morning Prayer of the Church is celebrated in St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning at 9.10am.
All welcome!

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

For enquiries, contact the Parish Office on 02891812137

PARTICIPATION IN THE HOLY MASS-- Scripture Verses.

For those who would like to prepare for Mass in advance:

This Sunday-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A
First Reading-Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20, 30-31
Psalm 127
Second Reading-1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel-Matthew 25:14-30

Next Sunday-Feast of Christ, the Universal King -Year A
First Reading-Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalm 22
Second Reading-1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel-Matthew 25:31-46

CONTINUOUS PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

During this month of November we are asked to pray for all our beloved dead.

PRAYING WITH POPE LEO XIV

During the month of November, Pope Leo invites us to join with him in prayer for the following intention:
-Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity with those who have less.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Sincere thanks to those who regularly donate to the SVP box at weekend Mass. Your generosity helps many needy individuals and families in these challenging times.
In addition, donations of non-perishable items can be deposited in the designated containers in both churches. Donations will be passed on to the local foodbank for distribution.
The SVP Christmas Appeal will take place on the weekend of the 21st/22nd November. Members of the parish conference will speak at Masses.

Christmas cards are available after Mass-minimum donation of £3 a pack.
The Christmas Dinner will be on Sunday the 6th of December at 3pm in St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Tickets at £10 available after Mass.

MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 25th November 10am to 4pm in St Patrick's Church. Please sign-up in advance to spend some time in prayer in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. There was a good attendance last month, with at least three adorers present in the Church for each hour. Thanks to all who participated.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Thanks to parishioners for their generosity to recent collections.
14th/15th November-there are two collections: the ***Weekly Offering*** in support of the parish and the ***Annual Collection for the Irish Bishops Commissions.***
21st/22nd November- the ***Weekly Offering*** in support of the parish.
The ***Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal*** will take place after Mass.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The club meets in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Newtownards every Wednesday 2pm-4pm. Do come along to form and renew friendships. The club provides many opportunities for company, conversation and activities with many events organised throughout the year. Please spread the word-invite friends along too!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY AT SAINT PATRICK'S

The members of the parish hospitality team will provide tea/coffee and toast in the parish hall following Mass in St Patrick's on Sunday 29th November. Do come along to experience the hospitality and meet fellow parishioners.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Saint Vincent de Paul Helpline	07738837984
Down & Connor Bereavement Support	07563195580
St Patrick's Funeral Catering Team	07769796997

TIDY-UP SATURDAY

Following on from the 'tidy-up' Saturday in October, for those who would like to participate in a 'follow-up' day, on Saturday 21st November 10am-12noon, you will be most welcome! Do come along to the minor hall at St Patrick's for the final 'tidy-up' before winter! The ladies of the hospitality team will provide 'the elevenses!

WEEK OF WITNESS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity Aid to the Church in Need, which works to support them, is organising a Week of Witness from November 15-22 to highlight their plight with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on *'Red Wednesday'* November 18. More information is available at www.acnireland.org

SAINT FAUSTINA'S PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Eternal Father,
turn your merciful graze
upon the souls suffering in Purgatory,
who are enfolded in the
Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus.
I beg you, by the sorrowful Passion
of Jesus Your Son,
and by all the bitterness
with which His most sacred Soul was flooded,
manifest Your mercy to the souls
who are under Your just scrutiny.
Look upon them in no other way
than through the Wounds of Jesus,
Your dearly beloved Son;
for we firmly believe that there is no
limit to Your goodness and compassion.
Have mercy, O Lord,
have mercy on the Poor Souls in Purgatory.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

In Preparation for and in Celebration of the Feast of Jesus Christ, the Universal King

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.
We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You,
O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.
Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth.
Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.
Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.
Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.
Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.
We have deserved Your Just Judgment
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
We trust in Your Great Mercy.
O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray;
May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth.
Amen

SAINT COLUMBANUS FESTIVAL

Commemorating the life of Saint Columbanus & Saint Gall
21st-22nd November

The influence of the monastic heritage in Bangor and throughout Ireland still pertains today in the Irish place names. This sense of place was carried by St. Columbanus and his followers in the 6th & 7th centuries. Events during this year's festival include:
St Columbanus Lecture-A Sense of Place
Stained-Glass Window Tour, Columban Way Walk, St Columbanus Ecumenical Church Service in St Comgall's Church.
For information: www.firendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk

KNOCK ALL NIGHT VIGIL FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Departing Clonard Monastery 1pm on Monday 7th December, returning 8th December 12noon. Includes All Night Vigil at 11pm, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Benediction, concluding with Mass at 4am Price £75 includes dinner and breakfast. Tel: Brendan 90665211



ST. PATRICK'S BALLYPHILIP
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Sunday 22nd November 2026

Fr Feargal McGrady PP Tel: 028 427 28234 Deacon Paul Bradley, Tel: 07910430227
Facebook: Portaferry Parish Livestream: www.churchmedia.tv
Email: portaferry@downandconnor.org
Parish Office: 028 427 28373, Monday – Friday 9.00am – 1.00pm

Parish Bereavement Ministry
This group offers support for anyone experiencing bereavement. If you would like to talk to a member please Telephone: 07564293692

ST PATRICK'S COMMUNITY CENTRE CONTACTS:
MADELINE DYNES 07999945936 & JAMES MAGEE 07542530006
During Business Hours

	St Patrick's Portaferry	St Cooey's Oratory	St Patrick's Ballygalget
Sunday 22nd November	11am Mass		9.30am Mass
Monday 23rd November **St Columban**		7.00pm Rosary 7.30pm Novena Mass	9.30am Mass 7.30pm Mass
Tuesday 24th November **St Andrew Dŭng-Lac and Companions.**			9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Wednesday 25th November **St Catherine, St Colman, St Clement**		7.00pm Rosary 7.30pm Mass	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Thursday 26th November			9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Friday 27th November **St Fergal**	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	Eucharistic Adoration 11.00am – 6.00pm	7.00pm Rosary 7.30pm Mass
Saturday 28th November	5.45pm Adoration 6.30pm Vigil Mass		5.00pm Vigil Mass

Our prayers are requested for the following whose anniversaries occur around this time:
Roseleen Cord, Rosena & Joseph Cord, Vera & Jimmy Trainor, Jeannie Trainor, Ruby Smyth, Agnes Walsh, Roland Crangle, James Crangle, Mary Gilmore, Francis McKissick, Jim & Mary Hinds, Pat Kearney, Vincent Fitzsimons.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace, Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 21st November: **Roseleen Cord, Rosena & Joseph Cord**
Wednesday 25th Nov: **Vera & Jimmy Trainor**
Saturday 28th November: **Jim McClurg & Elizabeth Donnelly (First Anniversaries), Gerry Donnelly, Cyril Dooner, Gertie Tomelty, Nancee Wine**
Sunday 29th November: **Ciara Mageean & Isobel Bailie (Months Mind), Cathal McGrattan**

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED THURSDAY 26TH & FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

ROSARY IN ST. COOEY'S ORATORY: on Sunday 22nd November at 7pm.
We will offer this Rosary for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
"We must empty Purgatory with our prayers." (St. Padre Pio)



LECTIO DIVINA will be held on Tuesday 24th November in the Parish Office, 15 Church Street at 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.



HOLY HOUR IN HONOUR OF JESUS THE DIVINE MERCY
will be held next Sunday 29th November
in St Cooey's Oratory at 3.00pm



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

07508 549701. If you are struggling to make ends meet as we approach Christmas, **We Can Help.** Ring our confidential helpline and ask to be put on our Christmas List.

SVP can deliver a Christmas dinner to your home, put your name and address on our Christmas dinner list, simply ring our helpline: 07508 549701, closing date Friday 18th December.
SVP Christmas cards are available in the local shops. Your donations will help us help others.

JJ Tohill's book, The Upper Ards, is for sale in Blaney's shop and Vincents Kircubbin.
The proceeds of this book will be given to SVP & The Salvation Army.

The Annual SVP pulpit talk will take place at the Masses this weekend 21st & 22nd November.
The SVP Christmas collection begins First Sunday of Advent, 28th / 29th November.
Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support.

Weekly Offering: £1,386.00. **Mission Sunday Collection:** £1,516.00.
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

The Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy and Religious will take place on Tuesday 24th of November 2026 in St Peter's {Cathedral}, Belfast at 7:30 pm.
In particular we remember and offer Mass for those who have died in this past year.
All are welcome to join Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ as he celebrates this Mass.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

ST PATRICK'S SATURDAY NIGHT CHURCH CHOIR

We're getting ready to raise our voices in song for the coming **Advent and Christmas celebrations!**
Our Monday night choir practices are starting again, and we'd love to welcome some new voices to join us.

Next Practice: Monday 23rd November
Time: 8.00pm
Venue: St Cooey's Oratory, following the Novena.

Males and females of ALL ages are very welcome!
Whether you're a regular singer or simply enjoy a good singalong, come along and be part of the music, friendship and festive spirit.
No experience necessary – just bring your voice and enthusiasm!

TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES WEEK COMMENCING 23rd NOVEMBER
ST PATRICK'S COMMUNITY CENTRE, PORTAFERRY

DAY	TIME	EVENT
MONDAY	11.00-12.00	Chi Me and light lunch
	2.00-4.00	Bridge
	7.00-8.00	Tin Whistle
	6.15-7.15	Youth Club
	7.30-9.00	Line Dancing
TUESDAY	10.30-12.30	Portaferry Crafters
	11.00-8.00	Blood Transfusion
	6.30-8.00	Ukulele
	7.15-8.15	Ceili
WEDNESDAY	9.30-10.15	Fit For All
	5.00-9.00	Judo
	7.00-8.30	Ceramics
THURSDAY	10.30-12.00	Sing For Joy
	12.30-2.30	The Hive
	5.00-9.00	Portaferry Integrated School Christmas Fair
FRIDAY	9.30-10.15	Dance Fit
	11.00-12.00	Walking Group
	6.00-7.00	Netball
	7.00-8.00	Youth Club
SATURDAY	10.00-3.00	Christmas Art & Craft Fair
SUNDAY	3.00	Bingo

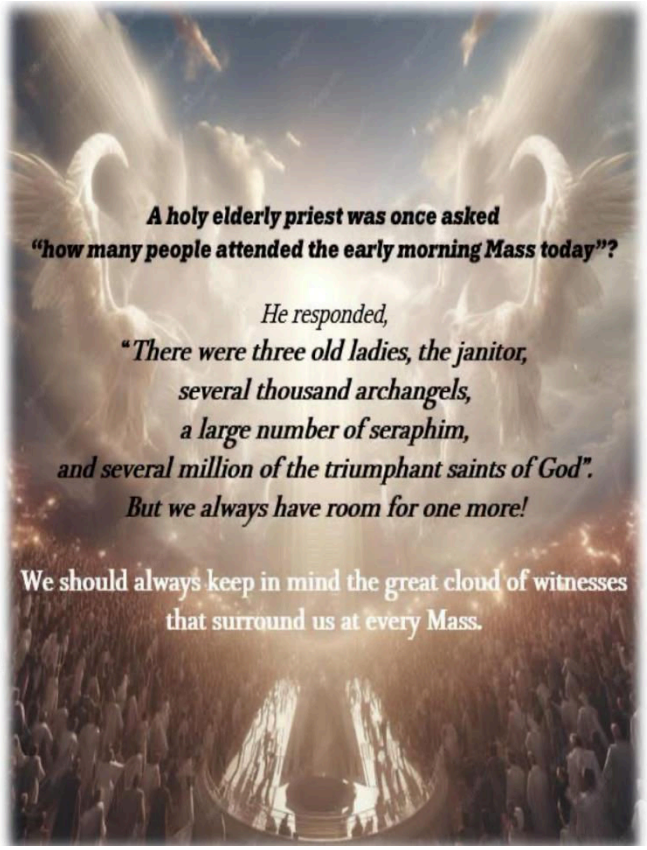


Please contact 07999945936 to book the Community Centre.

Prayer of St Gertrude the Great

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with all the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and within my own family. Amen.
Jesus, Mary, we love you, save souls, save priest's souls with a plea that we make a thousand times, this act of love, with every breath we take and every heartbeat we make. Amen

The Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great is one of the most beloved Catholic prayers for the souls in purgatory. St. Gertrude (1256– 1302), a German Benedictine nun and mystic, received many revelations about God's mercy and the afterlife. According to tradition, Our Lord told her that this prayer would release many souls from purgatory each time it is recited. While the Church has not officially defined the exact number of souls released, the prayer remains a powerful expression of Catholic belief in intercession, the communion of saints, and the infinite value of Christ's Precious Blood.





Friday Eucharistic Adoration in St Cooey's Oratory, 11.00am - 6.00pm.
Could you try and spend some time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, believing that Jesus Christ is truly present—body, blood, soul, and divinity—under the appearance of the consecrated host.

"*Every time I pass a church, I stop and make a visit, so that when I'm carried in, God won't say, "who is it?"*

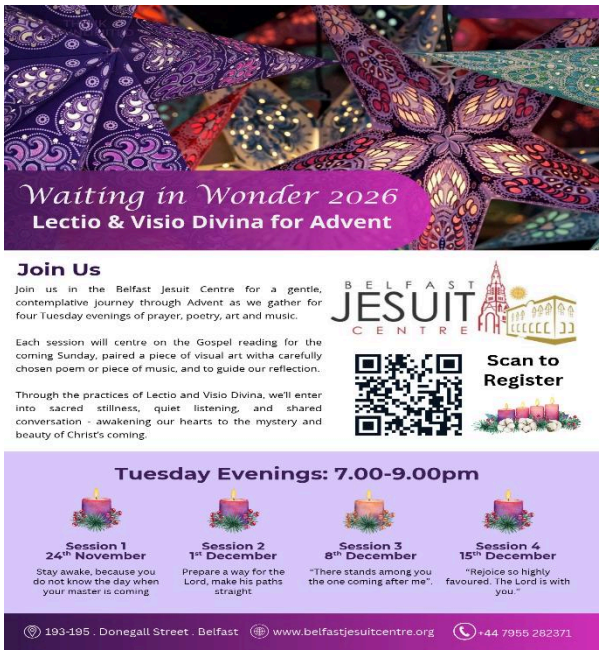
Notices for the parish bulletin need to be with the parish office by Wednesday 12noon. Anniversary notices can be left in the anniversary boxes in either church, (Boxes beside the candle shrines), sent by email, or rang into the office**.**

BAPTISMS: Portaferry Parish: 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month
Ballygalget Parish: 1st & 3rd Sunday
Please book with the parish office, (Not the parochial house) Portaferry: 02842728373 Mon - Fri 9am–1pm.
Ballygalget: 07398623134 Wed & Fri 9am -1pm.
A copy of your child's Birth Certificate (Long version) is required prior to the Baptism date.

Advent Mini Retreat at Holy Family Church (226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast) on Saturday 5th December led by Fr Columba Mary (Gary) Toman OP. Holy Mass at 11:00, followed by brunch, followed by a talk on Advent. A great way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!

Medjugorje- What better way to bring in the New Year and begin 2027 than Mass in St James Church, Medjugorje. New Year trip 27th December- 3rd January. For details contact Éadaoin 07706288095.

Fully Escorted Pilgrimage
SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE
LISIEUX, RUE DU BAC, NEVERS, PARIS, ROCAMADOUR and LOURDES. 11th – 18th June 2027
7 Nights flying from Dublin to Paris/Lourdes to Dublin
Including visits to the home of the Miraculous Medal and see the incorrupt body's of St Catherine Laboure and St Bernadette.
In Paris visit Sacre-Coeur.
Visit the Lourdes, plus much more.
Comprehensive Travel insurance is EXTRA £35.00
COST £1,200 PER PERSON SHARING. SEATS ARE LIMITED
Single room supplement is £345.00 EXTRA.
£250.00 deposit secures a seat!
Spiritual Director: Fr Joe McGuigan.
For further details contact: Jean Reynolds 07729 402311
or email: jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk



Faith & Film: Join us in the **Belfast Jesuit Centre** for the next in our **Faith & Film** series on
Thursday 26th November - 7.00pm: *The Straight Story*
An elderly man embarks on a remarkable journey across the American Midwest on a lawnmower to reconcile with his estranged brother. A gentle and moving pilgrimage that speaks of patience, forgiveness, and grace.
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THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS & ST. MALACHY'S COLERAINE

North Connor Pastoral Community

Fr Kevin McGuckien PP Telephone: 028 7083 2534 Email: k.mcguckien@downandconnor.org

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



22nd November 2026 **Sunday A / Psalter Week 2**

MASS TIMES

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, PORTSTEWART

TUESDAY:	7.00pm
WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY:	9.30am
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:	4.30pm
SUNDAY MASS:	10.00am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 10.00AM MASS

CONFESSION:

SATURDAY: 4.00pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - THURSDAY 10am-5pm

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ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH, COLERAINE

TUES, THURS, FRI & SAT:	10.00am
SUNDAY MASS:	11.30am & 5.00pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11.30AM MASS

CONFESSION:

SATURDAYS: After 10.00am Mass

SUNDAYS: 4.30-4.50pm

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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, PORTRUSH

MON, TUES & FRI:	10.30am
SUNDAY MASS:	12 Noon

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - FRIDAY 11am-1pm

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OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYMONEY

MON & WED:	10.00am
FRIDAY:	7.00pm
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:	6.00pm
SUNDAY MASS:	9.30am

COLLECTIONS

PORTSTEWART

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £1950
Bishop's Commission: £1001
Our account details are: Portstewart Parish
Sort Code: 95-04-28 Account number: 91011049

PORTRUSH

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £549
Bishop's Commission: £451
Our account details are: Portrush Parish
Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207

ST. MALACHY'S COLERAINE

Last weekend's Collections: Weekly Offering: £1116
Bishop's Commission: £513
Our account details are: St Malachy's Church
Sort Code: 90-48-00 Account number: 88609151

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!

ST. MALACHY'S APOSTOLIC WORK

Apostolic Work wish to thank our parishioners for the support given to our recent event. A total of £2913 was raised. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PORTSTEWART

Parish Support Officer: 028 7083 2534
Email: portstewart@downandconnor.org
Parish Office Hours: Mon 9.00am -1.00pm
Tues: 2.15 – 5.00pm Wed & Fri: 9.00am – 5.00pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Kathryn Flynn, Anne Marie McNeill (nee Carey), Jack Boote (Norfolk), Margaret McCarter, Fr. Philip Scott, Michael McKeever, Sadie Mellon, John McQuillan RIP
ONE MONTH AGO: Jim Forde (Canada)
ONE YEAR AGO: Simon Leslie RIP
ANNIVERSARIES: Darren Leslie, Anna Curry, Pat Curran, Catherine Crawford, Gerry Magee, Christopher Trolan, Eugene Campbell RIP

NEXT WEEKEND – 29 NOV (PORTSTEWART)
VIGIL MASS: 4.30pm
Minister of the Word: Seamus O'Hara
Eucharistic Ministers: Ruth McGuckian, Martina Murphy, Alison Rankin

SUNDAY MASS: 10.00am
Minister of the Word: Michael Bradley
Eucharistic Ministers: Julie Roantree*, Deirdre Bannon*, Margaret McLernon*, Liam Brolly

COLERAINE

Email: coleraine@downandconnor.org
During Office Hours Only: 028 7034 3156
Parish Office: Thurs 9.00am - 5.00pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Aidan Mooney, Karl Joseph Doherty, Brian Higgins, Sheila Moriarty, Simon Yin RIP
ONE YEAR AGO: Simon Leslie RIP
ANNIVERSARIES: Charles (Dickie) Bradley, Margaret Devine, Anna Curry, Darren Leslie, Tom Fleming, Michael Doey, Michael Joseph Diamond, Michael Moore, Gerard Bradley RIP

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy: 028 7082 3388
Email**: portrush@downandconnor.org**
PARISH OFFICE: Tuesday – 9.00am-1.00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – 29 NOV (PORTRUSH) 12.00 Noon
Minister of the Word: Stephen O'Neill
Eucharistic Minister: Malgorzata Rutka
Altar Society: Marie McAuley, Mary McIntyre-Loveridge

REST IN PEACE

ANNIVERSARIES: Shaun Richardson, Marie Thérése McGuckian, Teresa Burns RIP

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBANUS MASS FOR DECEASED

Mon. 23rd Nov. at 7pm in St. Malachy's Church, Coleraine with refreshments after the Mass in St. Malachy's Parish Centre.

ST PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND IS BACK!

Join us for a magical family evening of festive crafts, Santa and Mrs Claus, raffle, tombola and plenty of Christmas cheer! Enjoy tea, coffee, mince pies and mulled wine. Tickets must be booked in advance – Sunday 13th and Monday 14th December (various time slots available) visit St Patrick's Church or School Facebook pages for details. Everyone welcome!

THE CHOSEN - WATCH, REFLECT, CONNECT

Come and join us in watching **'The Chosen'**, a fantastic series on the life of Christ on Tuesday 24th November in the Marian Hall from 7.45pm-9.15pm. All welcome!

SVP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The SVP Christmas Lunch is taking place on Tuesday 8th December at 1.00pm in the Cromore Halt Restaurant, Portstewart. Pensioners of St. Patrick's Parish, Portrush and St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Parish, Portstewart are invited to attend. Menus will be made available at the back of both churches. Should you wish to attend, please complete the form and submit with a £10 donation.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 13th December | 3.00pm-5.00pm
St Mary's, Star of the Sea Parish Centre
Christmas Together - ***Bringing generations together through the joy of Christmas.*** Join us for a warm and welcoming afternoon of festive celebration. Enjoy the sounds of traditional Christmas carols, savour delicious homemade Christmas bakes, and relax with a cup of tea or coffee. We're hoping to have a very special guest or two! This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of Christmas as one parish family. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas by the Coast, Eoghan Rua, 4–6 Dec 2026

A warm welcome awaits your family and friends for a magical festive experience with Santa, Mrs Claus and their magical elves (tickets required). Too old for Santa? There's still plenty to enjoy, with festive hot drinks, delicious food, traditional Irish music, local choirs and much more (no tickets required for outdoors). We warmly welcome your support through sponsoring a family in need, helping them attend share in the magic of Christmas. To sponsor a family, contact Debbie on 07725171047.

HEALTHY AND SMART CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Dr Christian will be making an appeal for his charity at the weekend Masses in Portrush next weekend, Sun 29 Nov.

ST COLUM'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING - SUN 29 NOV.

In St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Parish Centre, Portstewart, from 11.00am - 12.30pm. Come along for a morning of family festive fun. Everyone welcome.

Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy & Religious

The Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy and Religious will take place on Tuesday 24th of November 2026 in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast at 7:30 pm. In particular we remember and offer Mass for those who have died in this past year. All are welcome to join Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ as he celebrates this Mass.

OLIVE BRANCH COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Morning and Craft Sale in the St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Parish Centre, Portstewart on Sunday 22nd November from 10am-1pm. All proceeds will go to the Olive Branch who provide free mental health counselling in our local area. £4 admission.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Causeway Churches Forum and Counterpoint Choir warmly invite you to join them in "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols " be held in St. Malachy's Church Coleraine on Sunday 6th December at 7.30 pm. Refreshments afterwards beside the Church in St. Malachy's Pastoral Centre. Hoping to see you there.

PORTSTEWART MEN'S SHED

Portstewart Men's Shed (at 24 Central Avenue) will be open on the morning of Sat. 28th November from 10.30am-1.00pm. This coincides with the Christmas Market in the Presbyterian Church Hall next door. This will enable visitors to see the facilities available for the recently relaunched activities and to encourage further use and engagement for the whole community. There will be a selection of bicycles, many of them children's bicycles, that have been donated for refurbishment/repair as part of the Shed's Recycle programme; these bicycles will be available at reasonable cost to young families (essentially a donation to cover the expense of repairs) with an understanding they're not, in the short-term, for resale outside of the recipient family.

'SVP GIVING SUNDAY - 06 DECEMBER

The annual Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) Christmas collection will take place after both Masses in St. Malachy's Church, Coleraine on Sun 6th December. Our thanks to everyone for their donations throughout the year. All donations will be warmly welcomed.



SACRED HEART PARISH

Sunday 22nd November 2026

Christ the King

Priest: Fr Eamon Devlin **Deacon: Joe Baxter**

Parish Office: 1B Glenview Street, Belfast, BT14 7DP
Email: sacredheart@downandconnor.org
Phone:028 90751543
Emergency Phone Number:07427189388
Hours open:9am-2pm , Mon,Tues,Wed, Fri
Parish Support Officer: Cathy Carroll
Sacristan: Collette Delaney
Acolyte: Thomas Liddy
Webpage:https://www.sacredheartparishbelfast.com
Webcamsacredheartparishbelfast.com/Webcam

Mass Times~

Saturday Vigil:	6.00pm: Vigil	Mary Gray, Anniversary Mass
Sunday Masses	9.30am:	Isobel Brady& Patricia Morris , Anniversary Mass
	11.30am:	Norah Lowe (nee Barr), Anniversary Mass
Weekday Masses:	Tuesday 7.00pm: Novena	Agnes McComb, Anniversary Mass
	Wednesday 10.00am	Mary Fairfield, Anniversary Mass
	Thursday 10.00am	Missa Pro Populo
	Friday 10.00am	Roy Douglas

Confessions & Adoration: Saturday:5.00pm-6.00pm.
Divine Mercy: Friday 2.30pm,Exposition,Prayer and Confessions

~Sacrament of Baptism~
Baptisms are held on the1st & 3rd Sundays of each month, at 12.30pm.
~Sacrament of Marriage~
Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.

Mass cards are available from the office. £2.50 each.

~Upcoming Feast Days~
23rd November
St Columban

25th November
St Colman

27th November
St Fergal

~Recently Deceased~
Claire Petticrew
Michael Thompson
James Simpson
Bernadette McAreavey
Sheena Harrison
Mary Ross
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

~Sanctuary Candles~
Norah Lowe (nee Burns)
Joe Canavan
Ed McLaughlin
Vera Fox
Mary Ellen & Frank Murphy
Anne Hillick

A Donation of £5 per candle greatly appreciated

~Weekly Collection~
£1329.58
~Bishops Commission~
£295.80
The ParishThanks You For Your Kindness And Generosity

~Anniversaries~
Mary Ellen & Frank Murphy
Anne Hillick

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

~Baptisms~
Welcome into our Community
Ricco Errol Surman Marguerite
Luca Christopher Duffy Heron
Bonnie Rae McAllister
Lochlainn Charlie Varndell

~A Spiritual Communion~
Jesus, I believe that you are present in the **Most Blessed Sacrament.** I love You above all things, andI desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, I embrace You as if you are already there, and I unite myself wholly to You.

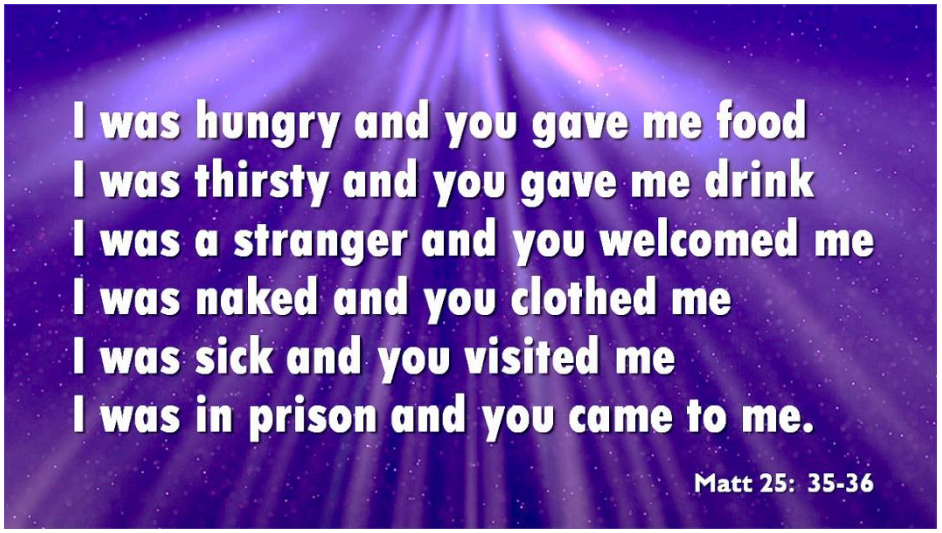
The Lord asks of you only this, that you act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

St. Anne's Parish

Fr. Martin O'Hagan, PP
Rev Pat McNeill, Deacon
Sr. Mary Murray, Parish Sister

***Parish Office**: 02890610112* ***Parish Centre**: 07762909559*
***www.*saintannesparish.net** ***Email**:* **stannes@downandconnor.org**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Mass this Week

St Anne's

***Saturday* 5pm Vigil** *(Confessions 4.30pm)*
***Sunday* 11.00 am**
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00 am

St Colman's **Sunday 12.00 noon**
Tuesday – 10.00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this week:

St Anne's **Monday after 10.00 am Mass**
St Colman's **Friday 10.30am to 6pm**

Mass to Remember Deceased Parishioners



Masses to remember parishioners who have died during the last year will take place on Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th of November.
Light refreshments after mass Sunday.

All welcome.

YOUR GIVING: **This Weekend 21st & 22nd November**
Weekly Offering

Weekend 14th & 15th November: –
Weekly Offering-Envelopes £1020.90 Loose £514.90
Bishop's Commission £373.23

Set up a **Standing Order**. **Contact the Parish Office for forms or download the forms from our website:** www.saintannesparish.net. **...or Donate Online** to St. Anne's Parish –

A/C No. 07707787 Sort Code 93 83 00

We Remember:

Recently Deceased: **Sean Kelly, Roísin Grimley, Msgr. Pablo Colino, Bernard McCloskey**

Month's Mind: **Dympna Marshall**

Anniversary: **Peter Tuite**

Anniversary Mass Bookings

To ensure smooth continuation of Mass Requests please call, in person, to the Parish Office with full details and stipend. Telephone and email requests will no longer be accepted.
Parish Office: 9am to 1pm Monday to Thursday
Tel: 028 9061 0112 – Email: saintannes@downandconnor.org.

Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy & Religious

The Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy and Religious will take place

On: Tuesday 24th of November 2026
In: St Peter's {Cathedral}, Belfast
At: 7:30 pm
In particular we remember and offer Mass for those who have died in this past year.

All are welcome to join Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ as he celebrates this Mass.

Save the date! All are invited to come and hear from representatives of 6 Christian Churches who will consider: **'Who is Mary in God's Plan of Salvation?'** Martina Purdy will present on behalf of the Roman Catholic tradition. There also will be time for audience questions, chaired by Alf McCreary (*Belfast Telegraph, BBC News)* This is an opportunity to listen and understand other perspectives. **Wednesday, 2 December 2026 at 7pm in Corr's Corner Hotel, Newtownabbey.** Refreshments will be served. To aid in planning please rsvp to ecumenical@downandconnor.org or via QR code on website

Advent Mini Retreat – Holy Family Church
Saturday 5th December at Holy Family Church (226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast) led by Fr Columba Mary (Gary) Toman OP.
Holy Mass at 11:00, followed by brunch, followed by a talk on Advent. A great way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!

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St Anne's Primary School 70th Anniversary ball - Ticket sales are now open
📅 **- 27th Feb 27 -** 📍 **- Crowne Plaza -** 👗 **Dress code - Dress to Impress. -** 💷 **- £75 per ticket.**
🎟️ **- Tickets can be bought individually or by tables of 10.**
💁 **- We will contact you closer to the ball, to check who you would like to be seated with.**
💸 **- We have a limited number of tickets. So get in early, to get yours.**
https://hub.klubfunder.com/StAnnesPTA/payit/ticketsale/st-anne-s-70th-anniversary-gala-ball/detail

St. Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit

Nursery and Primary 1 Open Days

We warmly invite prospectus parents and children to visit St Anne's Primary School and Nursery Unit ahead of enrolment for September 2027.

Nursery Open Days	Wednesday 9th December 2026	2.30pm – 3.30pm
	Thursday 7th January 2027	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Primary 1 Open Days	Thursday 10th December 2026	1pm – 2pm
	Wednesday 6th January 2027	1pm – 2pm

St Anne's has a proud tradition of serving children and families from our parish and beyond. We look forward to welcoming you, introducing you to our school community and sharing with you what makes St Anne's such a special place to learn and grown.

Foodbank Team - *This time of year is the busiest for the foodbank. Winter and the extra demands of Christmas are approaching.* Please remember the Foodbank can only accept **non-perishable** foods. Also, they do not accept presents. Leaflets are available in the Church porch with full details. Sadly it is often a time when stocks are at their lowest. As always thank you for your generous support.
We would like to ask those who do not presently donate, to consider joining us. Every little helps. Thank you



DIOCESAN NOTICES AND LEAFLETS are available on the parish website: www.saintannesparish.net

Jesuit Community Belfast – Vacancy
Part-time Cook Required – To apply please contact peterfabersj@gmail.com – see leaflet and St Anne's Parish website.

Make Room for Jesus – 6 week Advent and Christmas Retreat. 29 November – 10 January 2027
The best gift you can give your children this Christmas

Belfast Jesuit Centre:
Waiting in Wonder 2026: Lectio and Visio Divina for Advent

Faith & Film: Unexpected Companions and Unlikely Grace
Join us in the **Belfast Jesuit Centre** for the next two evenings in our **Faith & Film** series as we explore stories of unexpected friendship, reconciliation, and the surprising ways grace can emerge in ordinary lives.

Thursday 26th November - 7.00pm: *The Straight Story*
An elderly man embarks on a remarkable journey across the American Midwest on a lawnmower to reconcile with his estranged brother. A gentle and moving pilgrimage that speaks of patience, forgiveness, and grace.

Thursday 17th December - 7.00pm: *The Holdovers*
Over the Christmas holidays, a group of lonely and mismatched individuals discover unexpected companionship and belonging. Warm, funny, and deeply humane, this is a story of healing, and hope.
All are welcome, no need to register. Each screening will be followed by a time of conversation and reflection in the Ignatian tradition

Who is Mary in God's Plan of Salvation?
Wednesday 2nd December Corr's Corner Hotel

Sonas Support – Open Day – Day opportunities for adults aged 18+ with learning disabilities.
Friday 4th December 2026 2.30pm and 5pm

The Journey to Bethlehem
Saturday 5th December – Holy Family Church

"Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat | 11th-13th December 2026
Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included.
To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

Medjugorje- What better way to bring in the New Year and begin 2027 than Mass in St James Church, Medjugorje. **New Year trip 27th December- 3rd January** . For details contact Éadaoin 07706288095.

Embrace – St Anne's Belfast Cathedral – Service of Remembrance and Prayer for Christian Unity.
Sunday 24th January 2027 at 3.30pm

St. Malachy's Parish Bulletin

24 ALFRED STREET, BELFAST, BT28 EN
TEL: 028 90321713 EMAIL: stmalachys@downandconnor.org
Website: https://www.saintmalachysparish.com/

Sunday 22nd November 2026

We want St. Malachy's to be a Living Community of Faith, centered on the person of Jesus Christ where all people are accepted, made welcome and called to New Life

The Parish Bereavement Ministry
If you would like to contact us please phone 07954350848

Jesus said "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full" John 10:10

Recently Deceased

Mary Keenan & Pauline Mulholland - Months Mind
Lesley Allison
Roseleen Crimmins
John Denvir
Anne Lavery
Jacqueline Donnelly
Billy Ross (Cromac Square)
Raymond Crawford
Gerard McDonnell
Terry Rock

Anniversaries

Angela Mallon
John Murphy
Hugh McFall
Nell Logue
Angela Rooney
John Turkiewicz
Alice Toner - nee McGahan
Annie McAllister
Sadie Johnston
Gerald Morris
Eileen Lagan
Gerry Hanna
Charlie Murray
Ciaran Johnston
Tommy McCrudden
Freddy McReynolds
Laurence Kelly

Mass Times

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday & Friday 1 pm

No Mass on Wednesdays

Saturday Vigil
5 pm

Sunday 10.30 am

Baptism 2nd & 3rd Saturday of the Month
2 pm

Confession - Saturday
4.15 pm - 4.50 pm

If you would like to be added to the list of Parishioners who receive home visits please contact the parish office

Last Weeks Collection

Offertory: £608.90

Second Collection: Bishops Commission
£357.28
Many thanks!

Santuary Lamps

Bridget, Theresa & Davy Campbell
Patricia Walker & Family
Marie McManus & Family
Terry O'Neill
Sean
Brendan
Special Intention
Kathleen Lagan & Family
John Lagan
Joe Dornan
Lynn Lagan
Laurence Kelly
Pat Watson
Sammy Watson

St. Vincent de Paul will be selling Christmas Cards as part of their annual Christmas Appeal in the Church porch after Mass. A member of St. Vincent de Paul will be speaking about the Appeal at Masses next weekend. Many thanks.

'Nature reminds us that the dog will wag its tail, the cat will sing, and the horse will neigh as we approach if we are only kind to them. They do not forget kindness, and that is more than some of us can say.'

~Charles F. Raymond, "A Desire," Just Be Glad, 1907

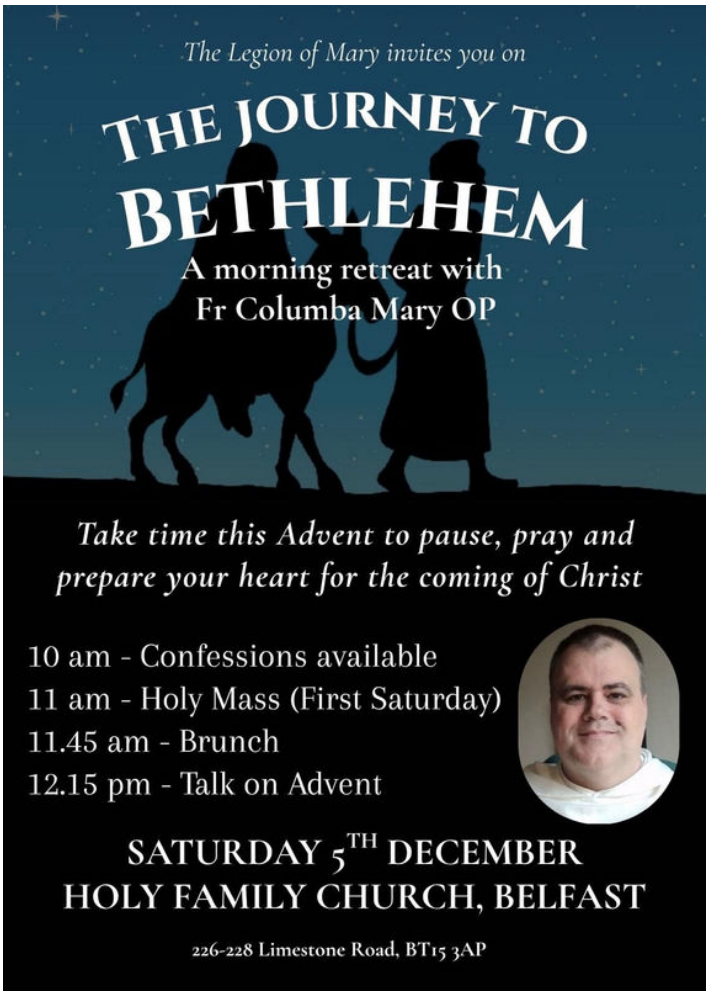
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The Clergy of the Vicariate are gathering on the four Sundays of Advent for Night Prayer
in our Churches across the Vicariate at 7.00 pm
We invite parishioners to join us if they can:
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church 1st Sunday 29th Nov
Good Shepherd Church 2nd Sunday 6th Dec
St Colmcille's Church 3rd Sunday 13th Dec
St Brigid's Church 4th Sunday 20th Dec

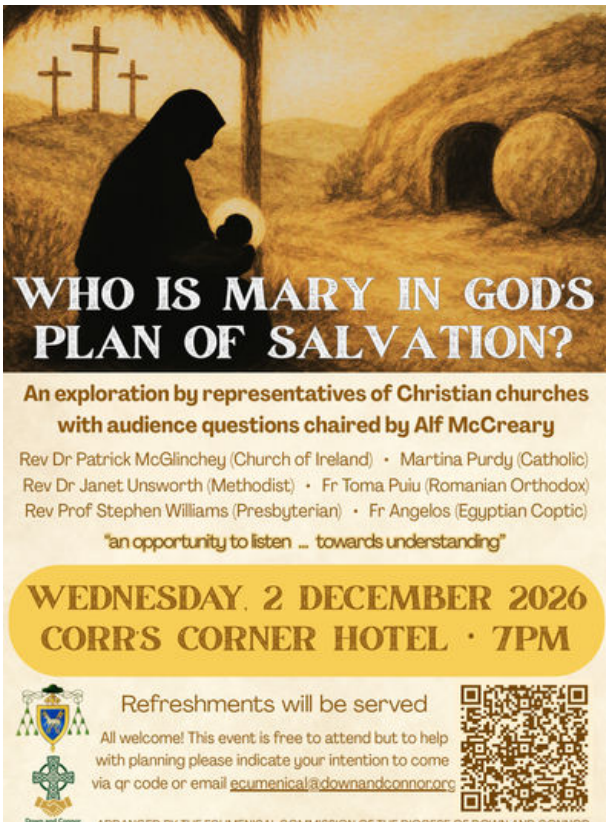


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Downpatrick Family of Parishes
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe
Sunday 22nd November 2026

Mass Schedule for the coming week:

Date	St Patrick's Saul	Stella Maris Strangford	St Joseph's Ballycruttle	St Malachy's Kilclief	St Tassach's Carlin
Sunday 22nd November	9.30am			11am	12noon
Monday 23rd November	10am	7.30pm			
Tues 24th November	10am				
Weds 25th November	10am				
Thurs 26th November					
Friday 27th November	7pm			9.30am	
Sat 28th November	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 29th November	9.30am			11am	

Masses are available to view online at www.saulandballeeparish.com and www.churchmedia.tv

Eucharistic Adoration in St Patrick's Church, Saul

Over the winter months, Eucharistic Adoration will be held in St Patrick's Church Saul from 10.00am to 3.30pm. There will also be evening Adoration each Tuesday from 7.00pm to 8.00pm to facilitate those who are working. Eucharistic Adoration is an opportunity for everyone to respond to Jesus words to his disciples "Could you not watch with Me one hour".

Our Lady of Knock Novena each Monday evening in Stella Maris, Strangford at 7.10pm.

The Sanctuary Lamp in St Patrick's Church, Saul has been lit for private intentions. If you would like it lit for your intentions please contact the Parish office. The cost is £5 per week.

New design Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available to purchase from the Parish office priced at £2 each

Kilclief Ben Dearg AGM will be held in the clubrooms on Wednesday 25th November 2026 at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

Recently Deceased: Lorna Duffy, Billy Ross, Raymond Crawford

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Months Mind Masses: Nora Sharvin on Saturday 21st November at 5pm

Anniversary Masses
Saturday 21st November – Mary & Brian Hayes, Shay Hayes, Rosie & Benny Higgins
Sunday 22nd November – Brian & Mena Lennon (12noon)
Wednesday 25th November – Seamus Shiels
Friday 27th November – Frank Mullan, Bobby & Teresa Feenan, Moira Quail, Philomena McKermitt
Saturday 28th November – Brian Connolly, Ita Denvir
Sunday 29th November – Gerard Newton, John McMullan

Parish of Kilclief

Anniversary Masses
Sunday 22nd November – Oliver Sloan
Monday 23rd November – Teresa McMorrow
Sunday 29th November – Thomas & Martha Fitzsimons

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,746.80	£919.34
Bishops Commissions	£877.55	£564.90

Hymns - St Patrick's, Saul
Entrance: Amazing Grace – 131 Offertory: Gifts of Bread and Wine - 273
Communion: You shall cross the barren desert – 757 Recessional: Freely Freely - 286

Hymns – St Malachy's, Kilclief
Entrance: Sing to the mountains – 373 v1 Offertory: Eat this bread - 110
Communion: O the love of my Lord – 323 v1, 2 & 3
Recessional: Go, the Mass is ended – 142 v2

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Stella Maris St Vincent de Paul annual Christmas Lunch
If you are of pension age and live in the Parish of Strangford and Kilclief, you are invited to the St Vincent de Paul annual Christmas lunch scheduled for Tuesday 8th December in the Cuan at 3pm.
Numbers are limited so if you wish to attend please register your interest as soon as possible or at least by Monday 30th November.
To book your place please ring Mary on 07709869448. If you have any dietary requirements please give details when booking. Book now to avoid disappointment as once the number limit is reached, bookings will close!

Parish of Saul & Ballee Mini Christmas Fair

Saturday 12th December (after 5pm Mass) &
Sunday 13th December (after 9.30am Mass)
in the meeting rooms, Parochial house, Saul.

Cake stall, Tombola, Handmade Christmas Craft items, Handmade Wreaths.
There will be a small raffle which will be drawn at the end of the fair on Sunday 13th December.
All proceeds from the fair and raffle will go towards heating our Churches over the winter months.

Everyone welcome!!

Please note this is cash only – unfortunately there are no facilities for card payment.
We need donations of small value, new/unused items for our tombola.
We will also need donations of cakes/buns/traybakes/biscuits etc to sell on our cake stall.

If you can spare a couple of hours to help set up, help out on one of the stalls or help clear up please contact the Parish office.

Fountain Foodbank Annual Christmas Appeal

Once again this Christmas, Fountain Foodbank is asking for your support and generosity for those in need in our community.

On each of the coming four weekends of Advent you are asked to please consider bringing an item or items of ***NON-PERISHABLE*** food for use in food parcels to be distributed before Christmas to those in need in our parish and wider local community.

Items of non-perishable food that are sought include tins of beans, soup, tuna, fruit, spaghetti, ham, corned beef, meals/pies, peas, carrots, sweetcorn and cooking sauces.
In addition, boxes of cereal, teabags, coffee as well as packets of biscuits, pasta and rice are very welcome. Toiletries and cleaning products are also sought by the Foodbank.
All donations, no matter how small, make a difference to those in food poverty.

Throughout Advent a large, marked donation box will be available in Strangford and Kilclief churches. Donations from Saul & Ballee can be left in the Church or the Parish office (during office hours). Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

Advent Mini Retreat at **Holy Family Church** (226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast) on **Saturday 5 December** led by **Fr Columba Mary (Gary) Toman OP**. Holy Mass at 11:00, followed by brunch, followed by a talk on Advent. A great way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!

Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy & Religious on Tuesday 24th of November at 7.30pm in St Peter's {Cathedral}, Belfast. In particular we remember and offer Mass for those who have died in this past year.

Legion of Mary - Our Lady of Good Counsel Presidium Downpatrick are celebrating their annual mass for deceased legionnaires on Monday 23rd November at 7.30 pm in St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick. All active and auxiliary members are invited to attend.
Also the Fatima Statue is available to anyone who would like to have it in their home for a few weeks. Contact Geraldine at 07845422723 and we can deliver it.

Medjugorje - What better way to bring in the New Year and begin 2027 than Mass in St James Church, Medjugorje. New Year trip 27th December to 3rd January . For details contact Éadaoin 07706288095.

St Malachy's Primary School, Kilclief – Upcoming events

Open Evening on Tuesday 1st December from 4pm-6pm and Open Morning on Thursday 7th January from 9am to 11am. We look forward to welcoming prospective P1-P7 pupils and their families. Or by appointment tel: 02844 881477 or email the School Principal amcmullan293@c2ken.net Learners today, leaders tomorrow.

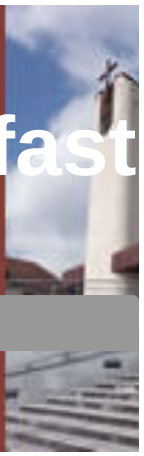
Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto on Thursday 3rd December from 6pm-8pm. Visit Santa in his grotto £5 per child, hotdogs, mulled wine, mince pies, hot chocolate, crepes, tea, coffee, freshly baked goods. Everyone welcome.

Little Learners on Monday 30th November from 10.30am to 12noon in School hall. Tea, coffee, social and play. Everyone welcome.

St Joseph's Primary School, Strangford Open Night on Thursday 10th December from 6.30pm to 8pm.Everyone welcome. "A school at the heart of the community, community at the heart of the school". Tel 02844 881615

SAFEGUARDING - If you have a concern, suspicion, or wish to make an allegation of child abuse, or abuse in relation to an adult at risk, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office: Philip O'Hara, Designated Liaison Person, 120, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA. Mobile: 07534 992124 or Telephone: 028 90 492798. Email: philip.ohara@soddc.org or visit https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com

Very Rev Fr Aidan Brankin, Parish Priest 02844 612525 (Saul) or 02844 260101 (Strangford)
Saul Office: 02844 612525, Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9.30am to 12noon 10 St Patrick's Rd, Downpatrick, BT30 7JG
Kilclief Office: 02844260101 Office Hours: Monday 1pm to 3pm 8 Shore Rd, Strangford, BT30 7NL
Website: www.saulandballeeparish.com
Email: saul@downandconnor.org strangfordandkilclief@downandconnor.org



ST AGNES' PARISH BULLETIN 22ND NOVEMBER 2026

by **Stagnes** on November 20, 2026 in **Uncategorized**

PARISH NEWS…

WEEKLY OFFERTORY PROMISE

The collection amounted to £1401.00

Thank you for your generous financial, support. You can make your envelope contribution via the donate button on the Parish website home page also at www.stagnesbelfast.com

TRÓCAIRE GIFTS OF CHANGE & ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS

Spread hope and goodwill this Christmas! Trócaire Gifts of Change will be available in the Sacristy this weekend, 21st & 22nd November, helping families in need around the world. St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards are also available, with 10 cards per pack. NO CHARGE STRICTLY DONATION ONLY.. All donations support the work of St Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your generosity!

LECTIO DIVINA You are invited to Advent Lectio Divina (Sunday gospel reflection) starting Tuesday 1st December 10am in side chapel for 45 minutes. A wonderful preparation for the next Sunday's Mass.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS and those who crochet or sew! For Bambinelli Sunday (Gaudate Sunday 13th December), we would like to give a little "blanket"

(6-8inch/16-20 cm square suggested) to all those who attend 9.30am Mass with their Baby Jesus crib figure. Could you spare time to make a little blanket for baby Jesus? If so please contact the office for further information.

Black Mountain Family of Parishes **are delighted to offer a Sycamore Advent course for 4 weeks starting Tuesday 1st December 7pm in Oliver Plunkett Church Hall. A welcome time to allow reflection on our faith as we approach Christmas.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 21 (6.30pm):Brendan Moore

Sun 22 (9.30am):Elizabeth Rosbotham

Sun 22 (12.30pm):Joseph Anthony Shevlin

Donal O' Malley

Mon 23 (10am): Requiem Mass for Eileen Mc Mahon

Tues 24: NO MASS

Wed 25 (10am): November Deceased

Thurs 26 (10am): November Deceased

Fri 27 (10am): November Deceased

Sat 28 (1pm): Bridget & Bernard O' Kane & son Barney

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Recently Deceased: Daniel Martin Campbell, Anne Marken, Veronica Fitzpatrick, Gerry Rocks, Roisin Grimley, Eileen Mc Mahon

Month's Mind: Elizabeth Rosbotham

Anniversaries: Marie Barr, Jim & Bridie Nulty, Kathleen Reynolds, Albert & Anna Hewitt ,Brendan Ryan, Kay Dunlop, Harry Bleakley, Kitty Devlin, John O'Rawe, Dermot McCartan, Una Maguire, Bobby Hagan, Mairead Mc Kenna, Thomas & Esther Flynn, Frances Doherty, William & Mary Walsh.

WHAT'S ON…

Mass of Hope – 25th Anniversary

The Suicide Awareness & Support Group warmly invites everyone to attend a special Mass of Hope to mark its 25th Anniversary on

Sunday 22nd November at 3pm in Clonard Monastery.

All bereaved families and people of all denominations are welcome to come together in prayer, remembrance and hope.

Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy & Religious

The Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy and Religious will take place

On: Tuesday 24th of November 2026

In: St Peter's {Cathedral}, Belfast at: 7:30 pm. All are welcome to join Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ as he celebrates this Mass.

HOLY CHILD NURSERY SCHOOL – OPEN AFTERNOON

Holy Child Nursery School warmly invites parents and families to its Open Afternoon on Tuesday 1st December, from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Come along, explore the school, meet the friendly and caring staff, and discover all that the nursery has to offer. Everyone is very welcome! For further information, contact 02890 627732 or www.holychildnursery.co.uk

HOLY CHILD PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT – OPEN DAY

Holy Child Primary School & Nursery Unit warmly invites prospective families to its Open Day on Thursday 3rd December 2026, with sessions at 1.45pm and 5.30pm. Come along and experience the welcoming, family atmosphere of the school, meet the staff and enjoy a tour of the school and nursery facilities. Everyone is welcome!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Join Holy Child Primary School for its Christmas Fayre on Sunday 29th November. 11am-2pm. Admission is just £1, and all money raised will go towards the development of the school's new playground. Everyone is welcome to come along and support this great cause!

The Ecumenical Commission of Down and Connor Diocese public meeting in Corr's Corner Hotel on Wednesday, 2 December at 7pm to consider the question 'Who is Mary in God's Plan of Salvation?'Six representatives of Christian Churches will address this topic followed by open audience questions chaired by Alf McCreary (Belfast Telegraph, BBC News, Radio Ulster).

Healthcare Pastoral Visitation Course Are you a lay person who might be interested in healthcare visitation within your local church context or within a chaplaincy context? Are you a lay person who visits healthcare facilities as part of your church responsibilities? Do you sometimes feel unsure what to do, what to say or how to react to the different pastoral situations you meet or could meet in a healthcare setting? Would you be interested in receiving some training for healthcare pastoral visitors? Visit https://irishmethodist.org/ministries-learning-development for

information on how to apply. Email: ministries@irishmethodist.org Telephone: 028 9076 7950

Why not begin your advent with a retreat. Join us at St Oliver Plunkett Parish on Saturday 28th November from 10am for our Advent Retreat led by Jim Deeds. The theme will be exploring the four candles of the Advent wreath. The retreat is free but numbers are limited. Please ensure you register with us by phone 02890618180 or email stoliverplunkett@dowandconnor.org. There will be a light lunch provided.

‹ ST AGNES PARISH BULLETIN 15TH NOVEMBER 2026

Comments are closed.

Mass Times

MASS TIMES: MONDAY 10AM, TUESDAY NO MASS, WEDNESDAY 10AM, THURSDAY 10AM, FRIDAY 10AM, SATURDAY 1PM & 6.30PM, SUNDAY 9.30AM &12.30PM

CONFESSIONS

EACH SAT 12PM-12.50PM & 5.45PM-6.15PM

EUCHARIATIC ADORATION EACH SAT 1.30PM-6.15PM & Thursdays 3pm-7pm

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

RECORDINGS Please note, all funerals and Masses are recorded. Please tell us if you do not want your loved one's funeral recorded.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:30am & 12:30pm

Daily: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10:00am

Saturday: 1:00pm & 6:30pm Vigil

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 12noon-12.50pm & 5.45pm-6.15pm

BAPTISMS

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:30pm.

To book a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office **02890 615702**

A Long Birth Certificate will be required

Pre Baptism Courses have resumed and are required for first time parents. The course is held in one of the six parishes in our vicariate. Full information will be given when you book a baptism date.

WEDDINGS

To book a Wedding please contact the Sacristy or Parish Office**.**

At least three months notice is required.

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration: Saturdays 1:30pm-6:15pm

& Thursdays 3pm-7pm

Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays at 10:00am Mass

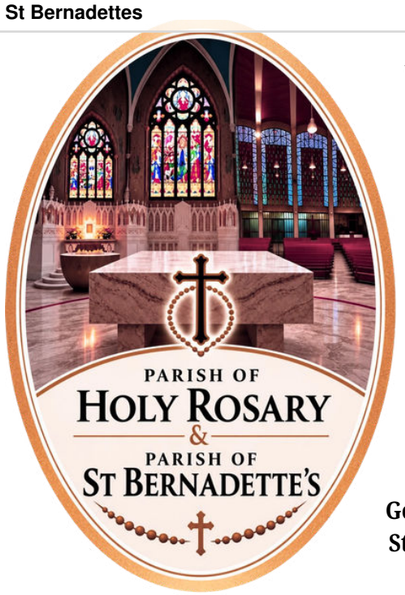
Padre Pio: 1st Saturday of the month at 1pm Mass

Useful Telephone Numbers :

Vicariate Emergency Mobile: 07549209775
Parish Office: For the Parish Secretary 02890 615702 SELECT OPTION 1 or use the Parish email below
p Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm
E-Mail: st.agnes.belfast@gmail.com

Sacristy: 028 90615702 OPTION 2
E-Mail: sacristy@stagnesbelfast.com

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

St Bernadette's Parish
Vigil 6.00pm & 11am
Holy Rosary Parish
9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

WEEKDAYS

St Bernadette's Parish:
Mon, Tues & Wed 9.30am
Holy Rosary Parish:
Thurs, Fri & Sat 10.00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Good Shepherd church Saturday **10.30am**
St. Bernadette's church Saturday **5.15pm**

BAPTISMS

Good Shepherd Church: At 2p.m on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.
St Bernadette's Church: At 2p.m on the 1st Saturday of the month

CONTACT INFORMATION

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b.hickland@downandconnor.org

Fr. Babu Panattuparambil Vareed (028) 9079 3023.
b.panattuparambil@downandconnor.org

Fr.Eddie O'Donnell (028) 95734127
e.odonnell@downandconnor.org

Rev. Patrick Keown (Deacon) p.keown@downandconnor.org

Kylee (Parish Support Officer) Office Hours
Holy Rosary Parish Office (028) 90642446 Option 2
holyrosary@downandconnor.org
Philomena (Finance Officer) p.dawson@downandconnor.org
More Information and resources:
holyrosaryparishbelfast.net and www.st.bernadettesparish.org

Annual Mass for Recently Departed Parishioners (November 2025 – November 2026)

St Bernadette's - Tuesday 24th November (NO MORNING MASS 9.30am) 7PM
Holy Rosary Parish Thursday 26th November (NO MORNING MASS 10am) 7PM

Relatives and friends of all those who have died since 1st November 2025 are warmly invited to attend this Mass. We will also remember in our prayers all deceased priests and parishioners of our parish, together with relatives of parishioners who have died in other parishes during the past year.

Advent Night Prayer

The Clergy of the Vicariate are gathering on the four Sundays of Advent for Night Prayer in our Churches across the Vicariate at 7.00pm. We invite parishioners to join us if they can:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	**1st Sunday 29th Nov**
Good Shepherd Church	**2nd Sunday 6th Dec**
St Colmcille's Church	**3rd Sunday 13th Dec**
St Brigid's Church	**4th Sunday 20th Dec**

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

22ND SUNDAY
READINGS: A (I) ❖ PSALTER: WEEK I



DATES FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

HOLY ROSARY: **29TH NOVEMBER & 13TH DECEMBER**
ST BERNADETTE'S: **22ND NOVEMBER**
6THDECEMBER & 20TH DECEMBER

St Bernadette's Retirement Group

Just a reminder for the members who have booked and paid for the Templemore Bath's Heritage Tour, **Wednesday 25th November**, we'll meet inside, the tour begins at 11:00. We hope to see you at our next coffee morning on **Wednesday 16th December after Mass**. **AbilityNet** will be there again, to sort out your phone/tablet issues. The annual 2 course lunch is booked for **Wednesday 20th January**, £25...choices can be made at our next coffee morning. Another date for your diary, **the Lyric.... Waking Ned, Tuesday 23rd Feb 7:30. £15** New members are always welcome, just come along to our coffee morning. (£5 registration.) Our Thursday weekly walk: we meet at 10:15 in the church carpark. All members are very welcome to join in at any time.

St. Bernadette's SVP Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens

Will be held in The Ivanhoe Hotel on **Wednesday 2nd December at 12.45 pm**. If you wish to attend please add your name, phone number and menu selection to the list in the sacristy or phone Frances: 07800562398. Names must be in by Monday 23rd November.

CLONARD MONASTERY - The Road Home Sunday 22 November 7.00pm

Join Cappella Caeciliana for The Road Home, an uplifting evening of choral music celebrating belonging, community and hope. Directed by James Grossmith, with pianist Ruth McGinley and cellist Thomas Isaac. Celebrating St Cecilia's Day and the choir's **31st anniversary. Tickets: £20 | Under 25s: £5 Book: www.caeciliana.org**

Trócaire is looking for volunteers to help deliver school talks during our annual Lent Appeal during February and March 2027!

We are particularly interested in hearing from people with public speaking experience, especially retired teachers or those who have worked with young people. Volunteers will visit local schools during school hours to share stories of hope, justice and solidarity from communities around the world. Please contact **Fionnuala McGuinness on 028 9080 8033 or fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org** by the first week of December if you are interested! **Help inspire young people to become agents of change**

Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy & Religious

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Advent Mini Retreat at Holy Family Church

(226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast) on Saturday 5 December led by Fr Columba Mary (Gary) Toman OP. Holy Mass at 11:00, followed by brunch, followed by a talk on Advent. A great way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!

St Michael's Primary School

Classroom Assistant Vacancy 1 day per week (Mondays only, 8:30am - 2:30pm) Seeking to appoint a General Classroom Assistant to work in Foundation Stage, Mondays only, for the remainder of the school year.
Interested applicants are asked to contact the school by email at info@stmichaels.belfast.ni.sch.uk for further information.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat | 11th–13th December 2026

Young people aged 16–35 are invited to the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. Donation-only, with free buses nationwide and all meals included. All are welcome! **Register at youth2000.ie**

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTION: **Holy Rosary: £1809.00**
St. Bernadette's: £972.75

BISHOPS COMMISSIONS: **Holy Rosary: £622.00**
St. Bernadette's: £558.25

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support

The Weekly Collection will be taken up this weekend after Communion.
Offering can be made by standing order or the Dona machines in the church porch.

St Bernadette's Parish Centre

For all bookings and enquiries please email:
stbernadettes@downandconnor.org

100th Every Joy and Blessing to Sr. Catherine Cleary (Good Shepherd Contemplative Community) as she celebrates her 100th birthday .

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Join us for the Christmas Craft Fair on **Sunday 6th December (9:30am-2:00pm)** in the Holy Rosary Parish Centre to browse a wonderful variety of craft stalls and pick up some gifts! We are also looking for donations of baked goods for our cake stall - with all cake proceeds going toward parish funds - as well as a few volunteers to help put up the Christmas trees before the fair. If you can bake or help with the setup, please contact the Parish Office with your name and phone number.

Saint Bernadette's Parish Sunday Reading Group 2027.

The rota for the weekend reading groups are currently being planned, for the masses at **6:00pm [vigil] and 11:00am morning masses, for 2027**. New readers are welcome and any persons who would wish to read at the weekend masses in 2027, approximately 4 times per year, should contact, Joe McLaughlin the Sacristan at St Bernadette's church. They should also obtain and complete a consent form, for data protection purposes, in order to be included in the circulated rota and any updates.

Holy Rosary Nursery School Open Morning

Saturday 12th December 2026 from 10am-12 noon

Holy Rosary Primary School

Wednesday 2nd December 9am -10.30.am



REST IN PEACE

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Brian Magee
Mary (Molly) Hanna
Mary McLarnon
Kathryn Rutherford
Patricia Mary O'Hare
Stephen Downey
Paul Curran
Maureen Smyth

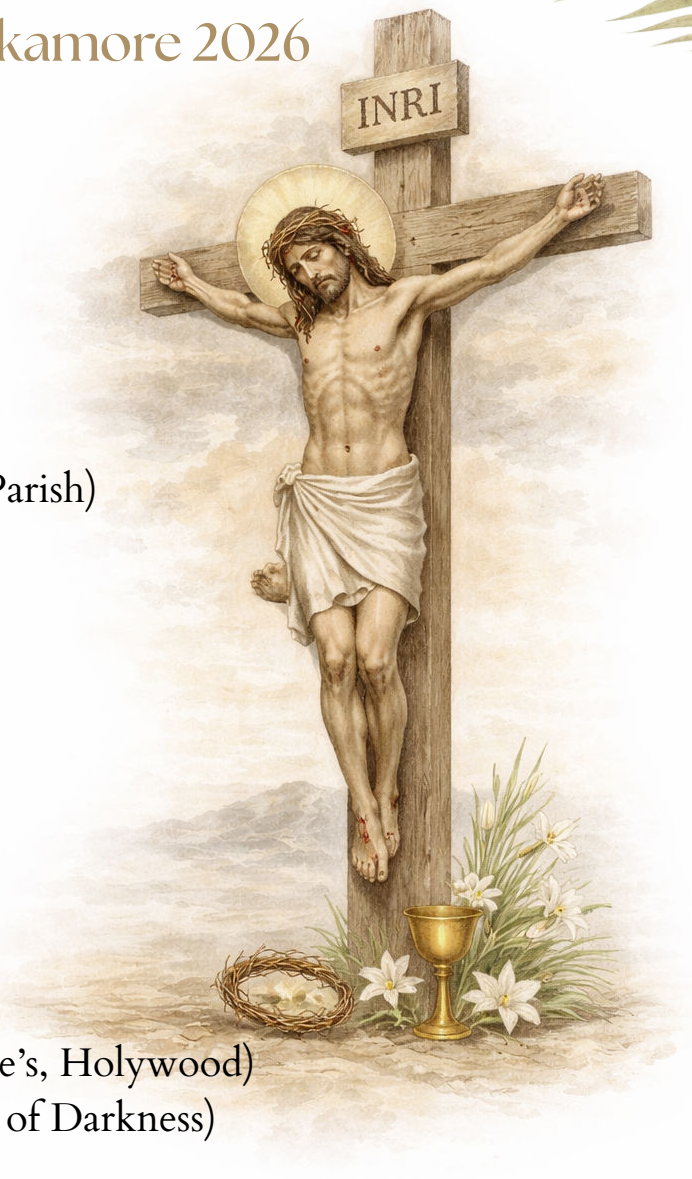
ANNIVERSARIES:

Joseph White (6pm)
Mary Teresa McMorrow (9am)
Bishop Farquhar (10.30am)
Brendan Kerr (11am)
Eileen Moynagh (12.30pm)
Gerald Laverty, Betty Carlin, Brendan Kerr, Michael Devlin, Brian Farrelly, Mamie Blaney, Maurice O'Callaghan, Anthony Kelly, John McClinton, Donal Kane

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

Holy Week

At St Colmcille's, Ballyhackamore 2026



PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, 28th March

5:30 p.m.- Procession & Mass

Sunday, 29th March

9:30 a.m.- Blessing of Palms

9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.- Procession & Mass

4:00 p.m.- Penitential Service (St. Brigid's Parish)

7:30 p.m.- Evening Prayer (St. Colmcille's)

TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.- Mass

7:30 p.m.- Parish Penitential Service

Priests available for Confession

SPY WEDNESDAY

7.30 a.m.- Mass

12:00 Noon- Chrism Mass (Cathedral)

7:00 p.m.- Penitential Service (St. Colmcille's, Holywood)

9:00 p.m.- Office of Tenebrae (The Office of Darkness)

HOLY THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

HOLY SATURDAY

9:30 a.m.- Morning Prayer

9:00 p.m.- Solemn Easter Vigil

GOOD FRIDAY

9:30 a.m.- Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m.- The Passion of the Lord

7:00 p.m.- Way of the Cross

(led by our young people)

EASTER SUNDAY– The Resurrection of the Lord

9:30 a.m.- Mass of the Resurrection

11:30 a.m.- Mass of the Resurrection

Both Masses followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Mass Times This Week



Monday 10.00am Eucharistic Prayer Service
Tuesday - Friday 10.00am Mass
Wednesday 7.00pm Novena Mass
Saturday 5.00pm Vigil
Sunday 11.00am Mass



Adoration will take place this Wednesday & Friday following the 10 O'clock Mass



Sunday evenings from 6.00-7.30pm, a time of intercession for vocations, with a special hour of prayer and reflection. Special prayers will be offered for the Holy Souls in purgatory throughout November. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout.
All are very welcome.

St Michael the Archangel
Parish Bulletin



22nd November 2026
Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle 2 Psalter Week 2



Parish Contact Options

Call 02895 904304 To connect and choose the option for the assistance you require.
The Parish Office will be open Monday - Thursday 9.30am-12.00pm
In the event of an emergency please call the Vicariate Mobile on 07549209775



Scan our QR code
Webcam: Churchmedia.tv or stmichaelsbelfast.co.uk
Facebook Saint Michael the Archangel Parish
Twitter/X @St-MichaelArch
Email: stmichaels@downandconnor.org



We pray for all our deceased relatives and friends and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.
Anniversaries: Patrick Heatley, Jean & Desmond O'Connor, Stephen Trainor, Mark Duffy, Finbar Carolan,Maura McLarnon, Mary Doyle, Harry & Maragret Russell, Joe Toner, Jim, Maura & Seamus Kelters, Sean McMahon, Patrick & Mary O'Hara
Months Mind: Gerry Lundy
Recently Deceased: Mary Gamble, Gail Comerford
You can book an anniversary Mass or give an anniversary intention for this section of the bulletin by calling or e-mailing the parish office 02895 904304 (Option 1)
Email: stmichaels@downandconnor.org



There was an indescribable solemnity and order in all the actions of Jesus during the institution of the Holy Eucharist, and his every movement was most majestic.
- Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich
Jesus, teacher of the apostles, have mercy on us!



The Offertory Collection for the 15th November amounted to £ 2255.50 & Bishop's Commissions £490.65

Thank you

TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE PARISH PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

stmichaelsbelfast.co.uk and click on the

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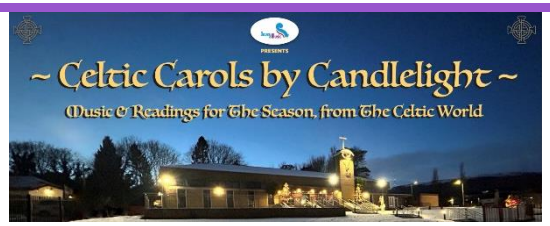
Thank you for your continuous support and Generosity

"STANTON HEALTHCARE BELFAST, the only Pregnancy Care Centre in Northern Ireland, will be holding a **Bambinelli Sunday Collection** on Saturday 12th December and Sunday 13th December 2026 in St. Michael the Archangel parish. Your support will help us provide quality care and practical assistance to women experiencing unexpected pregnancies.

For more information, please contact Stanton Healthcare on 028 9033 2882 "

St Michael the Archangel, St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal, Church collection; Weekend of 5th & 6th December. As we continue to serve all in St Michael's parish. Thank you for your generous and continued support. If you or anyone you know need help at this difficult time please ring or email in confidence.

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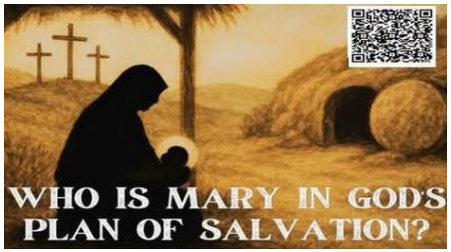


Davey Music is delighted to announce that on Sunday December 20th 2026, we will once again be presenting our 'Celtic Carols by Candlelight' event, which was a huge success last year, raising over £6,000.00 for the wonderful Mary's Meals charity. You are invited to take some time out of the typically busy final Sunday before Christmas, and join with an ensemble of fantastic musicians and singers, directed by Patrick Davey, as they present a beautiful programme of seasonal music and readings from Ireland and the other Celtic nations. The event will last for around one hour and this year we are supporting both Mary's Meals and St. Vincent de Paul. Admission is free but we will be inviting those attending, both in person and online, to make donations to support the vital work of both charities.

The event will last for around 1 hour and the church will be lit by candles. Everyone is welcome to join us for what promises to be a very special, relaxing and worthwhile event. T'Celtic Carols by Candlelight' will take place in St. Michael's Church, Finaghy Road North, Belfast, beginning at 7:00pm, and the event is being presented in association with the West Belfast family of parishes. There will also be congregational carol singing as part of the event, and seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards.

With special thanks to Fr. Ciarán Feeney, PP St. Michael's, for making this event possible.

<u>WHO IS MARY IN GODS PLAN OF SALVATION?</u>



Save the date! All are invited to come and hear from representatives of 6 Christian Churches who will consider:

'Who is Mary in God's Plan of Salvation?'

Martina Purdy will present on behalf of the Roman Catholic tradition.

There also will be time for audience questions, chaired by Alf McCreary (Belfast Telegraph, BBC News This is an opportunity to listen and understand other perspectives.

Wednesday, 2 December 2026 at 7pm in Corr's Corner Hotel, Newtownabbey.

Refreshments will be served. To aid in planning please rsvp to ecumenical@downandconnor.org



Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy & Religious

The Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy and Religious will take place on Tuesday 24th of November 2026 in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast at7:30 pm. In particular we remember and offer Mass for those who have died in this past year. All are welcome to join Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ as he celebrates this Mass.

Medjugorje- What better way to bring in the New Year and begin 2027 than Mass in St James Church, Medjugorje. **New Year trip 27th December- 3rd January** . For details contact Éadaoin 07706288095.

Sisters of the Cross & Passion Glen Road

Urgently require Care Assistant (Waking night shift) 3 nights per week 8pm-8am.Experience desirable but not essential. Apply online @ cpvilla95@gmail.com or call 02890 621766

Parish Draw 2026/27

The draws for October and November will both take place in November to allow all members and promoters to finalise their returns. If you've not yet done so, there is still time to enter the parish draw.

or via QR code.

ABIDE Women's Conference 2026 | 20-22 November: Join hundreds of women at the **Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal**, in just a few weeks for our third Abide Women's Conference!

Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin.

A beautiful weekend of **faith, celebration, healing and joy! Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.**

St Michael's Parish Shop



Why not call into the parish shop, we have some beautiful candles from the Benedictine Monks and lots of new products which would make lovely gifts.

Fully Escorted Pilgrimage

SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE

LISIEUX, RUE DU BAC, NEVERS, PARIS, ROCAMADOUR and LOURDES

11th – 18th June 2027

7 Nights flying from Dublin to Paris/Lourdes to Dublin

Including visits to the home of the Miraculous Medal, and see the incorrupt body's of St Catherine Laboure and St Bernadette. In Paris visit Sacre-Coeur. Visit the Lourdes, plus much more. Comprehensive Travel insurance £35.00

£1,200 PER PERSON SHARING

SEATS ARE LIMITED £345 Single room suppliment

Spiritual Director: Fr Joe McGuigan

£250.00 deposit secures a seat!

For further details contact:

Jean Reynolds **07729 402311**

or email: jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (426 Clontarf Road, D03 FP52) – Advent 2026 Retreat Offerings

- **Advent Triduum Retreat**

Mon-Fri, 30 Nov-4 Dec / Mon-Fri 14-18 Dec
This guided silent retreat offers an opportunity to step away from the busyness of the season and spend time with the themes of Advent – a time of waiting, watching and preparing for the mystery of Christ's coming.

- **Advent Weekend Retreat**

Fri-Sun, 4-6 Dec
Themed around the core themes of Advent, the weekend includes time for personal prayer and reflection, prayer with others, and the opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. It is a chance to step away from the many demands of the season and make space to notice where God's Spirit may be moving.

For more information, check our website: manresa.ie or contact us at reception@manresa.ie / 01 5529 448.



Making your donations go further with no extra cost to you!

Did you know you can GIFT AID your collections to the Parish? Donating through Gift Aid means we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra. If you pay tax, even a tiny amount on a small pension, we can claim an extra 25p in each £1 you donate to St Michael's Parish. Interested in hearing more? Call in or give us a call.

If you already contribute through the envelope system or by standing order and are a tax payer who would like to gift aid your donations please complete one of the gift aid declarations and return to the office.

FAITH & FILM: Join us in the **Belfast Jesuit Centre** for the next in our Faith & Film series on Thursday 26th November - 7.00pm: *The Straight Story*
An elderly man embarks on a remarkable journey across the American Midwest on a lawnmower to reconcile with his estranged brother. A gentle and moving pilgrimage that speaks of patience, forgiveness, and grace.
All are welcome, no need to register. The screening will be followed by a time of conversation and reflection in the Ignatian tradition.

WAITING IN WONDER 2026: LECTIO AND VISIO DIVINA FOR ADVENT
Join us at the **Belfast Jesuit Centre** for a gentle, reflective journey through Advent. Each Tuesday evening, we'll pray with the Gospel for the following Sunday, alongside poetry, art and music, using the contemplative practices of *Lectio* and *Visio Divina*. Tuesdays – Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15 at 7:00–9:00pm Belfast Jesuit Centre, 193–195 Donegall Street Tea and coffee provided Small donation welcome All are welcome to this sacred space of quiet, prayer, and shared reflection. Visit our website to register or for more information: https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk

ADVENT MINI RETREAT at Holy Family Church (226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast) on Saturday 5 December led by Fr Columba Mary (Gary) Toman OP. Holy Mass at 11:00, followed by brunch, followed by a talk on Advent. A great way to prepare our hearts for Christmas!

CELTIC CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT Sunday December 20th in St. Michael's Church, Finaghy Road North, Belfast. Davey Music presents 'Celtic Carols by Candlelight'. This year we are supporting both Mary's Meals and St. Vincent de Paul. Admission is free but we will be inviting those attending, both in person and online, to make donations to support the vital work of both charities. For more information, contact Patrick Davey: info@daveymusic.com

A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo Friday 9th to Sunday 11th April 2027 This residential Weekend starts at 7.30pm on Friday and finishes at 4.30pm on Sunday, and is open to all married couples. Online booking only at www.marriageencounter.ie

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT 11th-13th December 2026
Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included.
Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

PIPS Suicide Prevention Charity : Weekend Crisis Hopeline are as follows:
Friday: 9pm - 10am Saturday and Sunday: 9pm - 9am Monday 028 9080 5850
Freephone 0800 088 6042

Parish of Loughguile

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 22nd November 2026

Very Rev. Canon Colm McBride PP :
Parochial House 44 Lough Road Loughguile BT44 9JN
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Parish Office Hours: Mon Wed Thurs 10 a.m.- 2.30 p.m.
Tues 10-4.30. p.m.

Pope Leo's intention for November: For the proper use of wealth.
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

The 'I' word!

We know this story well. The most important letter in 'it' is 'I'.
Jesus identifies himself with the people he is talking about. He doesn't say people were in prison and you visited them, or sick or naked. He says I who am in prison, sick or naked. It's even more than being a brother or sister of Jesus. He identifies with each of us especially in need. Created as we are in the image of God, Jesus sees right through us to see God. God is the divine life of God in each person.
That makes the difference. We don't help the needy person only because he or she is needy, but because each is in the image of God and Jesus sees him or her and says 'that's me.'

This can be a programme for life. For the young - can you make a decision for your life that includes deep care from your love of those in need?

For those in their busy lives already and who have chosen their way - how can you show deep care for those in need. For the elderly - can you pray for those in need each day and encourage those more active to care for them?

Did you feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty,
welcome the stranger, care for the sick and visit the prisoner?

Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come -
The reign of equality, justice, peace and love.

St. Patrick's Primary & Nursery School, Loughgiel:
OPEN NIGHT on Thursday 3rd of December
A warm Invitation to all prospective Nursey and P1 families.
Nursery Open Session Times 5.45 p.m.-6.45 p.m.
Primary 1 Open Session 6.30 p.m.-7.30 p.m.

KNOCK ALL NIGHT VIGIL (Feast of Immaculate Conception)
Bus leaves St Patrick's Church, Loughguile on Monday 7th December at 5pm.
Price approx. £30. Contact Campbell on 02827641120 or 07871626940

LOUGHGUILE CREDIT UNION AGM – We would like to invite you to join us at our Annual General Meeting on 30th November 2026 in the Donnelly Suite, Millennium Centre at 7.00 pm. The Board would like to thank everyone who supported and participated in the Cash for a Cause projects. We will also have a raffle for the chance to win £250, £150 or £100, followed by tea, coffee and some delicious treats for all.

LOUGHGIEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BUS DRIVER REQUIRED We are seeking a Bus Driver to join our team. Requirements: Full, valid driving licence for 2+ years and aged 25+ A valid PCV/PSV driving licence and up to date Driver CPC. Reliable, professional and safety-conscious approach Good communication and customer service skills Full Job Description available on Job Apply NI. . Please contact us on 028 276 41389 for more information.

Parish Sacramental Dates 2027
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Sat 24th April 2027
CONFIRMATION Thurs 6th May 2027.

WEEKLY COLLECTION £ 1625.00 **Thank you for your support.**

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BAPTISMS The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of the month **only** . To book please contact the Parish Office. A copy of the child's long birth certificate is required within a week of booking. On the day please bring a Baptism Candle and a white Shawl.

ANNIVERSARY/MONTH MIND MASS Please now book through the office, these can be booked for any scheduled Mass **excluding Sunday 9.00 a.m.**

WEDDING BOOKING Please ring the office for initial bookings.

Parish Bulletin Notices by Thursday 12 noon please.
SVP.Helpline 07349983363

Sat 21st Nov	6.30 p.m.	St Patrick's	**Ministers of the Word** **Ministers of the Eucharist** Danny Watt M McCloskey & T. Devlin ***Month Mind Mass Patsy McIlhatton***
Sun 22nd Nov	9.00 a.m.	St Patrick's	Janine McCloskey Bernie Connolly
	10.30 a.m.	St MacNissi's	Tom Laverty M.Young & M McKinley ***Anniversary Mass Brian McGarry***
Mon	7.30 p.m.	St MacNissi's	Mass and Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help ***Anniversary Mass Annie Gillen***
Tues	9.30 a.m.	St MacNissi's	Mass
Wed	7 – 7.20 p.m.	St Patrick's	Confessions before Mass & Chaplet of Holy Souls
	7.30 p.m.	St Patrick's	Mass and Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
	8.00 p.m.	St Patrick's	Holy Hour
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Patrick's	Mass followed by Adoration 10.00 . -12 noon.
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Patrick's	Mass
Sat 28th Nov First Sunday of Advent	6.30 p.m.	St Patrick's	**Ministers of the Word** **Ministers of the Eucharist** D McCloskey & O McArthur D & A Casey ***Anniversary Mass Mary Ann McCloskey***
Sun 29TH Nov	9.00 a.m.	St Patrick's	P. Casey & K.Carey Hannah McCloskey
	10.30 a.m.	St MacNissi's	P. McAuley & P McKendry D McCahon & R McCarry ***Anniversary Mass Margaret O'Neill***

ANNIVERSARIES Margaret (Peggy) Connolly (First Anniversary) Ciaran Connolly Patrick Dillon Joseph Douthart Mary Jane Gamble Annie Gillen Danny Glendinning Mary Henry John Laverty Martin McAuley Edward McCarry Margaret (Meg) McCarry Anthony McGhee Sean & Josie McIlhatton Annie McKillop Margaret Mary O'Neill Mickey Scullion (Bellaghy) Teresa Young

Please note:
From the new Liturgical Year Week beginning Sunday 29th November
Weekday evening Masses in both churches will be at the earlier time of 7.00 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES.
Commencing Thursday 3rd December, in the first week of Advent,
and each subsequent Thursday at the 9.30am Mass,
Holy Communion will be administered under both species by Intinction.
This requires the Minister of the Eucharist to partially dip the Host into a small chalice of consecrated wine (the Blood of Christ) before placing the host directly onto the Communicants tongue.
This is optional, Holy Communion will still be administered under the appearance of bread alone.

PARISH OF ST TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Email: stteresas@downandconnor.org

Black Mountain Family of Parishes

Fr Gabriel Lyons 028 9061 2855 g.lyons@downandconnor.org

Parish Office open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am to 3pm.

22 November 2026 Thirty Fourth Sunday, Christ The King.

Sunday Gospel *The kingship of Christ is not of this world. It is a title that comes to him because of his cross and Resurrection. Through the cross of Christ come the mysterious power of the Father's love. The Father accepts the work and mission of Christ as the means to eternal life for all who believe in his name, and the authority it has over the world. Christ's kingship comes because he has conquered sin and death an brought us to glory and promise of heaven. Jesus was never of this world, he always pointed to the heavenly Kingdom and that is something that we do each day when we pray: 'Thy Kingdom come'. It is a kingdom of truth, justice and peace that certainly will come at the end of time, but today we pray that it will come to our lives everyday.*

November Masses for deceased relatives and friends. *Mass will be celebrated each day during the month of November for the dead.*

Sunday Masses Church of the Holy Spirit (Sat.) Vigil **5pm,** St Matthias' **10am,** St Teresa's **12noon.**

Weekday Masses St Teresa's Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday **10am.**

St Matthias Monday **7pm** Wednesday **9am**, Friday **7am** & Saturday **10am**.

Confessions Saturday **4 30pm** in Church of the Holy Spirit, after any Mass and on request.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday in St Matthias' Church from **11am** to **4pm.**

To book an Anniversary Mass, Baptism or Wedding Ceremony please email the Parish Office.

Recently Deceased: Roseleen Wilson, Sheila Hendron.

Anniversaries: Peter Ferguson, John Kennedy, Kathleen Horan, Mary Frances McEvoy, Lily Fitzpatrick, Liam Kane, Kathleen Ferrin, John McCambridge, Mary Rice, Joseph Morrison, James Walsh, Mark Graham, Martin McLaughlin, Jacqueline Gilmore.

Sanctuary Candle: Kathleen Horan.

Weekly Collection: £1 558. **Bishops Commission:** £324. *Thank you for your continued support.*

Sunday 13 December 2026 Fr Columba Mary OP will lead an afternoon of Advent Prayer and Reflection based on the Church's ancient evening prayers. All are welcome to St Matthias' Church 2pm to 4pm.

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Parish Grand Christmas Draw 2026, Tickets are available for the draw. There are many prizes including £500 cash, shop vouchers and food hampers. £1 each or 6 for £5.