

# Parishes of Newry & Saval

Sunday 17th December 2023  
The Third Sunday of Advent

The first line of last Sunday's gospel reading introduced "Jesus Christ, Son of God." Today's readings (particularly the first, and also the responsorial psalm) show him as "Saviour". These together were the earliest affirmation of faith in Jesus: "Jesus Christ, Son of God and Saviour," in Greek, Ἰησοῦς Χριστός Θεοῦ Υἱός Σωτήρ - Iesous Christos Theou Uios Soter. The initial letters of these words taken together - ΙΧΘΥΣ, ICHTHUS - happen to mean 'fish'. And so the fish became the secret sign of being a Christian in the times of persecution. It can be seen scratched on the walls of the catacombs in Rome.



John the Baptist was a rough-cut individual, appearing from the desert, fulminating against the people, and offering a "baptism of repentance." We mustn't think yet of Christian baptism. John's was a kind of moral baptism. They were turbulent times, and people were looking for a powerful and charismatic leader. John could be the one. The people thronged the him, wanting to signal their identification with him through a symbolic cleansing of sin: immersion in the Jordan (the word 'baptism' means 'plunging').

But John was clear about the limits of his own message. He pointed to another and greater leader to come. "I baptise with water... he baptises with the Holy Spirit" (Jn 1:26, 33). In other words, I plunge you in water, but he will plunge you in God's Spirit.

There is a world of difference between what we might call 'salvation from below' and 'salvation from above'. Today there is a great attraction in the first: our world has countless self-improvement programmes, and many people are greatly helped by this or that one. However, there is some built-in limitation in all of these. What if I were to succeed in improving myself, according to own view? It is always in danger of being a Pyrrhic victory, because the 'I' that is improving itself may be entrenching itself even more deeply in itself. In Zen they call it 'polishing the tile', after an anecdote about a monk who was attempting to turn a tile into a mirror by polishing it. The best things, we discover, are given, not produced. In Christian terms we speak of the "grace of God". The word 'grace' means 'gift'. A gift is from beyond, so I can receive it in simplicity of heart, without the ego's double-binds. This is 'salvation from above'. Far from excluding the other, it comes most often when the other has been taken to its limit and has run aground. If I improve myself I can experience a certain satisfaction, but when the grace of God floods me I know what is meant by joy. Joy is from beyond.

The contrast between John the Baptist and Jesus is fascinating, and the Liturgy gives us many opportunities throughout the year to study it. Jesus once said, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (John 11:11; Luke 7:28).

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## Mass Times

### The Cathedral of SS. Patrick & Colman, Hill Street

Weekend Mass Times  
Saturday (vigil Mass)  
6.00pm  
Sunday: 9.00am,  
10.30am (po-polsku),  
12noon & 5.30pm  
Weekday Mass Times  
Monday - Saturday  
10.30am

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NOURISHED BY WORD AND SACRAMENT WE SEEK TO BECOME CHRIST FOR EACH OTHER.

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

**St. Colman's Shinn**  
Saturday: 7.00pm

**St. Mary's Church,  
Chapel Street**  
Tuesday: 7.30pm  
Sunday: 10.30am

**St. Joseph's Sheeptown**  
Sunday: 10.30am

**St. Catherine's Church,  
Dominican Priory, Dominic Street**  
Mon-Sat: 7.30am & 11.00am & 7.30pm  
Sunday Masses - VIGIL [SAT] 7.30pm  
8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon**

**Phil 4:4-5**

**All: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.**

## GREETING

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

**All: Amen**

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

**All: And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

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

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:  
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**

## THE COLLECT

**Priest:** Let us pray.

*Pause for silent prayer*

**Priest:** O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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 Isaiah **61:1-2. 10-11**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives,

freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R Is 61:10

**(R) My soul rejoices in my God.**

1. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **(R)**
2. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. **(R)**
3. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians **5:16-24**

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

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

*Congregation stands*

## ACCLAMATION

**Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)**

**All: Alleluia, alleluia!  
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

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

**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John **1:6-8. 19-28**  
**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

A man came, sent by God.  
 His name was John.  
 He came as a witness,  
 as a witness to speak for the light,  
 so that everyone might believe through him.  
 He was not the light,  
 only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:  
 Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

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

*Congregation sits*

## HOMILY

*Congregation stands*

## THE CREED

**All:** **I believe in one God,  
 the Father almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the Only Begotten Son of God,  
 born of the Father before all ages.  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the  
 Father; through him all things were made.  
 For us men and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,**

*(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')*

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
 Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
 Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,  
 and rose again on the third day  
 in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
 to judge the living and the dead  
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver  
 of life, who proceeds from the Father and the  
 Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored  
 and glorified, who has spoken through the  
 prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
 Church. I confess one Baptism for the**

**forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the  
 resurrection of the dead and the life of the  
 world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

*Congregation sits*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

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

*The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:*

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

*Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:*

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

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

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

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Priest:** May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

*Congregation stands*

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

### PREFACE (Advent II)

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

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

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

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

### ACCLAMATION

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

*Congregation kneels*

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

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the

dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and + Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, 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:** **My Lord and my God.**

**Priest:** Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

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

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

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

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

**All:** **Amen.**

*Congregation stands*

## THE COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

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

**All:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

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

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

*Congregation kneels*

*The celebrant says quietly:*

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

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

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

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Is 35:4

**All:** **Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

*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. We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

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

**All:** **Amen**

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

**All:** **Amen**

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

**All:** **Amen**

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

**All:** **Amen**

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

**Priest:** Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

John was a witness sent from God. The priests and Levites were interrogators sent by the religious authorities, 'Who are you,' they ask John. 'Are you Elijah?' 'Are you the prophet?' 'Why are you baptising?' They know neither themselves nor the one who stands among them. They are in the dark. That is how it is with interrogators. Witnesses, however, are different. They talk about light. They know the light.

John knows who he is and who he is not. He claims for himself neither too much nor too little. That is what makes him a credible witness. He speaks the truth, but he is not the truth. He is illumined but he is not the light. He is the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, but he is not the Word of God.

Everything about John points to the light and life of the one who both stands among us and the one who is coming. John will bet his life on that one. That is how it is with witnesses. They live and die based on what they have seen, heard and experienced.

John's is the voice of hope. His words echo through the wilderness of our world and our lives. John's, however, was not the first voice of hope. Before John, Mary was proclaiming the greatness of the Lord. She spoke of the one who shows favour to the lowly, offers mercy, and lends the strength of his arm.

Before Mary, there was Isaiah. The Lord appointed him to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners. He spoke about God comforting those who mourn and rebuilding the ruins of their lives.

John, Mary, Isaiah. Each one is a witness of hope. They look at the circumstances of their life and world and see a greater reality. They each testify to a life and presence beyond their own. Within each of their voices is the Word that enables us to become children of God. That word is our ultimate hope.

**Canon Francis Brown**

**Confessions in Preparation for Christmas**

**Saturday 16th December: 6.30pm – 7.00pm in St. Colman's Shinn**

**Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd December inclusive, confessions after the 10.30am Mass in the Cathedral**

**Thursday 21st December: 6.30pm – 7.15pm, Confessions in the Cathedral before the Carol Service**

**Saturday 23rd December, 11.00am – 12.30pm, Confessions in the Cathedral**

**FAMILY MASS**

Thanks to all the families that came to the Family Mass in St. Brigid's. Sincere thanks to the pupils of Ballyholland Primary School for doing the readings, the Prayers of the Faithful and the Offertory. Thanks to the youth for the music & singing. We look forward to seeing you at the Family Masses in the New Year.

**MASSES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

|                       |  |             |
|-----------------------|--|-------------|
| <b>Christmas Eve:</b> | St. Mary's Church                          | 7.00pm      |
|                       | St. Brigid's Church                        | 7.00pm      |
|                       | (St. Catherine's Band will play from 6.20) |             |
|                       | Cathedral                                  | 8.30pm      |
|                       | Polish Mass                                | 12 midnight |
|                       | St. Colman's, Shinn                        | 7.00pm      |
| <b>Christmas Day:</b> | Cathedral                                  | 9.00am      |
|                       | 10.30am & 12noon                           |             |
|                       | St. Mary's Church                          | 10.30am     |
|                       | St. Joseph's Sheeptown                     | 10.30am     |

**Please note: NO 5.30PM Mass on Christmas Day in the Cathedral. No evening Masses in St. Mary's, St. Brigid's and Glenvale during Christmas week.**

**Glenvale Crib**

The sisters of St Clare invite EVERYONE to join them on Sunday December 17th at **3.00pm** in the Convent Chapel. There will be a short CAROL SERVICE during which the Children from St Colman's School will lead us in the singing and Help us to assemble the Christmas Crib.

**Recently Deceased**

Ailish Murphy Hughes, formerly Well Lane  
Gerald Woods, Mountainview Drive

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
Sunday 10 December**

|                        |                  |
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| Parish Collection      | £ 2515.07        |
| Loose Plate Collection | £ 1958.98        |
| Direct Debits          | <u>£ 1438.45</u> |
|                        | £ 5912.50        |

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**Newry Cathedral Parish Giving Tree for SVP**

The Giving Tree for St. Vincent de Paul will be placed at the front of the Cathedral There will be opportunities for parishioners to gift toys/gift vouchers and help families with fuel over the Christmas period. SVP will be working hard this Christmas to ensure people in need do not suffer. Due to rising prices many more people are living in poverty and your help will be greatly appreciated.

**Donate a Poinsettia  
to decorate Newry Cathedral for Christmas.**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to last year's Poinsettia appeal. It was very successful, so we wish to repeat it this year. Simply buy a Poinsettia plant and bring it along to the parish office (opposite the Cathedral) during office hours 9.30am – 1.00pm & 2.00pm - 4.00pm Monday – Friday or to the Sacristy after Mass. Thank you.

**Christmas Carols by Candlelight at the Cathedral**

Join us at 7.30pm on Thursday 21 December for a traditional evening of carols and readings as we take time out from all the busyness and prepare our hearts for Christmas. Join the harmonious voices of the choirs of Newry parish and your fellow parishioners and let the uplifting atmosphere fill you with hope. Savour the beautiful setting and acoustics of the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Colman. Mark your calendars and invite your loved ones to this memorable evening filled with music, community, and the true meaning of Christmas. A reception hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council will be held in the Parish Centre on the Mall following the Carol Service.

Please join us for these festivities.

**Dromore Diocesan Pilgrimage 2024  
17th – 22nd May**

Anyone wishing to have their name considered for travelling to Lourdes as an assisted Pilgrim, please contact Phil Downey 07803264298, Deirdre Quinn 07511692550, Sean Gorman 028 302 63739 or any committee member. Places are very limited.

**NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES**

**Cathedral Anniversaries**

|                             |                                 |   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday 16 December</b> | <b>6.00pm</b>                   | Patrick & Emily Woods, Church Street, The Woods Family, Templehill Road & Kathleen, Walter & Isaac Kay, Daisy Hill Gardens   Mary J McAteer & deceased family members, Innisfree Park Patricia & Paul Murtagh, Kilmorey Street   Philip & Kathleen Donaghy, Bessbrook & deceased Family Members   Deacon Brendan McAllister, Rathfriland Road   Brendan McFee, Ballyholland Park   Elizabeth & Patrick McGivern, Nuala Larkin, Maureen Taylor & Sr. Rosaleen Kimmins Paddy & Peggy Carr, Greenisland, Warrenpoint Road   Cathal Lundy, Springfarm Heights James & Elizabeth McCreesh, Damolly Village |
| <b>Sunday 17 December</b>   | <b>9.00am</b><br><b>12 noon</b> | <b>Phyllis Duffy, Rathfriland Road (M.M)   Sheila Warde, Chestnut Grove (M.M)</b><br>Jim & Marguerite Keenan, John Mitchel Street & Doreen Burfold (nee Keenan) & Graham Burford & deceased family members   Mary Connolly, Carlingford Park Frank & Bridie Keeley, Ilish & Ray Gaffney, Maginnis Villas  |
| <b>Monday 18 December</b>   | <b>5.30pm</b>                   | Raymond Parice, Ashbrook Mews   Pat Price, Hollywood Grove  |
| <b>Thursday 21 December</b> | <b>10.30am</b>                  | Michael & Alice McKeown & Michael Rooney, Catherine Street  |
| <b>Friday 22 December</b>   | <b>10.30am</b>                  | Anthony & Elizabeth Pettigrew, Erskine Street   Kevin & Kathleen McEnteggart, Greenfield Park   |
| <b>Saturday 23 December</b> | <b>10.30am</b>                  | Fr. Patrick Francis McComiskey   Patrick Joseph Bannon, Armagh Road   |
|                             | <b>6.00pm</b>                   | Brigid O'Hare, Upper Ballyholland   Mary J McAteer & deceased family members, Innisfree Park  |
| <b>Sunday 24 December</b>   | <b>9.00am</b>                   | Sean, Rosena, Aidan & Sean (Jnr) Kennedy, O'Neill Ave   Gerard Morgan, Ardmaine Gardens   |
|                             | <b>12 noon</b>                  | William, Christina, Michael & Liam Nolan, Carrick Ard   Lauri Rafferty, North Street & deceased Members of the Morgan Family   Martina McDonald, Drumgullion Avenue   |
|                             | <b>8.30pm</b>                   | Deceased members of the Traynor Family, North Street Flats<br>Harry Shields, Cloughreagh Pk, Bessbrook   Vincent Cranny, Greenan Rd   Pdraigin Byard  |

**St. Mary's Anniversaries**

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| <b>Sunday 17 December</b>  | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>Anne Smith, Dora Avenue (M.M)   Jim, Edward, Elizabeth &amp; Thomas Lavelle, Rostrevor</b><br>Freddie Kearns, Carnagh Park   Sadie Carr, Killeavy Road   Betty McElroy, Mullavat Road Marie McAteer, Woodview, Billy's Road, Pat & Annie Devine, Mournview, The Commons & Teresa & Joe Cullen, Tandragee   Sadie, John & Keiran Jennings, Upper Chapel Street May, Paddy, Jimmy & Catherine Murphy, Windmill Heights   Patricia McCann, Carlingford Park Bridget & Frank Murphy & Keith, O'Neill Avenue   Peter & Margaret Lynch & Peter & Annie Durkin, Burren |
| <b>Tuesday 19 December</b> | <b>7.30pm</b>  | Thomas & Joan Harbinson, Hennessy Park   |
| <b>Sunday 24 December</b>  | <b>7.00pm</b>  | Billy & Evelyn Fegan, Hennessy Park & Gerard Fegan, Donegal   Paschal Hughes, Warren Hill Hugh, Minnie & Max Cunningham, Merchants Quay & the Bailey Family, Ayalogue  |

**St. Brigid's Anniversaries**

|                             |               |   |
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| <b>Saturday 16 December</b> | <b>7.30pm</b> | Arthur McEvoy, Fourth Avenue, Derrybeg   Bridie McGrath, Orior Road   Bridget, James, Seamus & Matthew McGivern, Bessbrook   Margaret Rice, Balliinlare Gardens Eileen Larkin, Violet Hill Avenue   Eileen Jones, Third Avenue, Derrybeg.<br>Pat & Annie Rafferty, Canal Street |
| <b>Friday 22 December</b>   | <b>7.30pm</b> | Stephen & Philip Craven, Barcroft Park   Peter & Philomena McCann, Derrybeg Drive & Deceased members of the McCann & Morley Families   Brigid, James, Matthew & Eleanor McGivern, Newry formerly Bessbrook  |
| <b>Saturday 23 December</b> | <b>7.30pm</b> | Dominic Spencer, Killeavy Road & deceased members of the Spencer Family, St. Patricks Ave   |
| <b>Sunday 24 December</b>   | <b>7.00pm</b> | Rita Downey, Violet Hill Avenue<br>Rita & Sean Dillon, Armagh Road & Kathleen & Patrick Donnelly, Monaghan Row Paddy McAteer, Slievegullion Road & Mary Nicholls (née McAteer), Bedford Raymond & Angela McAllister, Cloughreagh, Bessbrook                                     |

**Saval Anniversaries**

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|-----------------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Sunday 17 December</b>   | <b>10.30am</b> | Maureen & John Digney   Eamonn Sands   Gretta Cull & deceased family members |
| <b>Saturday 23 December</b> | <b>7.00pm</b>  | <b>Brigid Convery (M.M)   Stephen Kerr (M.M)</b>                             |
| <b>Sunday 24 December</b>   | <b>10.30am</b> | Pat McEvoy   |
| <b>Monday 25 December</b>   | <b>7.00pm</b>  | Kathleen & John Magee  |

**St. Catherine's Anniversaries**

|                              |   |  |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Saturday 16 December</b>  | <b>7.30pm</b>                                     | John & Owen Leneghan   Jim McParland   Harry Mullen   Joanne Mallon   Noel & Mary Teresa Mallon Deceased members of the Power & Curran Families & Maureen Keenan   |
| <b>Sunday 17 December</b>    | <b>9.30am</b><br><b>11.00am</b><br><b>12.30pm</b> | Fred & Ellen Woods   Margaret & Eamon McGovern   Kathleen McDermott   Helen & Joe McAllister Catherine Andrews & baby Alexander   Bernadette & Eamon Morgan   Michael, Margaret & Hugh Leo Doran   Johnny, Rita & Ciaran McKeown   Sean & Mary Rose McDonnell   Gene McKeveitt   Bridie Pearce Pat Davey   Catherine & William Quinn   Mary & Eugene O'Leary   Peggy Murphy Peter John McMillan   Teasie Dillon & deceased family members & Teresa & Danny Bennett Sarah Boyle & deceased family members   Pat & Molly McKee   John, James & Connie McGovern John & Margaret Mallon & Teresa Mulholland & Rita Griffin   Patrick Shields & Louise Mallon Molly & Thomas McComiskey, Gerry & Tommy McComiskey |
| <b>Monday 18 December</b>    | <b>11.00am</b><br><b>7.30pm</b>                   | John McAlinden   Catherine & Frank Moan   Kathleen Blackadder & Maisie McGovern Loretta, Corneilius & Eileen Hughes  |
| <b>Tuesday 19 December</b>   | <b>7.30am</b><br><b>11.00am</b><br><b>7.30pm</b>  | Michel & Katie Morgan   Dan, Una, Mary & Martin McDonald Lily Boyle, Ed McManus & Robert Donnelly   Deceased members of the Mackin Family<br><b>Raymond McParland (M.M)   Kathleen &amp; Jackie Gorman   Raymond &amp; Tony Gorman</b><br>Eileen Campbell  |
| <b>Wednesday 20 December</b> | <b>1.00am</b>                                     | Michael Ryan   |
| <b>Thursday 21 December</b>  | <b>7.30am</b><br><b>7.30pm</b><br><b>7.30am</b>   | <b>7.30pm</b> Mary & Pat Lynch<br>Josie McClelland <b>11.00am</b> Mema Magee   Susan, Bill & Tom Waugh<br>Madge Murphy   Rosaleen Wadforth   Noel Keenan   |
| <b>Friday 22 December</b>    | <b>7.30am</b><br><b>11.00am</b>                   | Kevin & May Little & Joe & Peggy Callan<br>Marie McClorey   Teresa Ryan   Edmund Rooney   Arthur Scullion   The Crilly Family<br>Michael & Betty Rafferty  |
|                              | <b>7.30pm</b>                                     | Edward Grimes & deceased family members   Kane Family & Margaret Reilly   Rita McArdle   |
| <b>Saturday 23 December</b>  | <b>7.30pm</b>                                     | Denis & Eileen Duggan & deceased family members   Linda Larkin<br>Keenan & Tremer Families & deceased family members   Catherine & Thomas McLoughlin Kevin McCorry   Deirdre & Tommy Rogers   Sean & Tony McVeigh   Alice Connolly   Mick & Lily Quinn, Malachy, Patrick, Michael & Mary Quinn & Mary Walsh  |
| <b>Sunday 24 December</b>    | <b>9.30am</b>                                     | Richard & Leilia Hughes & Hughes & Brady Families <b>11.00am</b> Liam McMahon  |

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