

# Parishes of Newry & Saval

Sunday 7th April 2024  
The Second Sunday of Easter

In all three Liturgical cycles this is the gospel reading for this second Sunday of Easter. 'Doubting Thomas' makes his appearances at this point every year.

Is there anything to be said for doubt? Surely there is. It is a good thing to be able to doubt oneself (provided it doesn't become an addiction that cripples you), to doubt one's ideas, one's principles, one's work, even one's very eyes at times.... It is a proof that your life is not on automatic pilot, that you have not finished thinking and weighing things up. Doubt is not always the opposite of faith; the real opposite of faith is a certain kind of fear. Fear makes you curl up and do nothing, or it makes you run away. Faith pushes you to take chances, to risk yourself, to pit yourself against difficulties. Thomas was a careful man, but he was not a fearful one; he was capable of fearless action: "Let us go to Jerusalem and die with him," he said (John 11:16). It is not that Thomas lacked faith, it is simply that he did not want to be deluded.

He wanted to "see the holes that the nails made in his hands and put my finger into the holes they made...." He wanted to experience it for himself. The same John who tells this story about Thomas once wrote, "What we have heard, what we have seen with our own eyes, what we have watched and touched with our hands...this is our subject" (1 John 1:1). There is no blame to Thomas for wanting to experience the reality for himself. Isn't it what every disciple of Jesus has to do?

Thomas was also a thinking man; he always wanted to understand and figure things out. Once when Jesus was speaking obscurely about going away and said, "You know the way to where I am going," Thomas cut in and said, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" (John 14:4-5). It was a practical man's question, and you can see the puzzled look on his face.

It was puzzlement, not doubt. He didn't doubt Jesus or lack trust in him. Well, why was he missing from the group when Jesus appeared? (today's reading). Isn't it very likely that he had gone away by himself to think? It would be entirely in character. We dishonour him when we call him 'doubting Thomas'. We should call him 'thinking Thomas'. There is no area of life more subject to delusion than religion. We have to thank Thomas for his distinctive combination of caution and courage.

Mary Magdalene was told by the Risen Lord (verses 17 and 18, just before the beginning of this reading) to "go and find the brothers." Obviously she found them here, in "the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews."

"The fact that none of the disciples is mentioned by name and no number is given indicates that disciples as such are implied here, and the scene that follows is addressed to all disciples of Jesus" (F.J. Moloney, The Gospel of John). All are called to go out to the whole world with the Good News.

Fear had locked them in, but he sent them out: "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." "He breathed on them." This is seen as an evocation of the creation story in Genesis, where God "breathed into [Adam's] nostrils the breath of life" (2:7). Jesus' gift of the Spirit makes us a new creation.

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#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday (vigil Mass)

6.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am, 12noon

& 5.30pm

#### Weekday Mass Times

Monday – Saturday

10.30am

### St. Brigid's Church, Rooney's Meadow

#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Evening (vigil

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Friday: 7.30pm

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Sunday: 10.30am

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Sunday: 10.30am

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## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon** **4 Esdr 2:36-37**

**All:** Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,  
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

## 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 are mighty God and Prince of peace:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of  
the Father:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All:** Amen

## THE GLORIA

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

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

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

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

## THE COLLECT

**Priest:** Let us pray.

*Pause for silent prayer*

**Priest:** God of everlasting mercy,  
who, in the very recurrence of the paschal feast  
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,  
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,  
that all may grasp and rightly understand  
in what font they have been washed,  
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,  
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

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

**All:** Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Congregation Sits*

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one  
claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they  
owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the  
Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who  
owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from  
them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any  
members who might be in need.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24. R v.1

**(R) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.**

- Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' **(R)**
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. **(R)**
- The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **(R)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ  
has been begotten by God;  
and whoever loves the Father that begot him  
loves the child whom he begets.  
We can be sure that we love God's children  
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;  
this is what loving God is –  
keeping his commandments;  
and his commandments are not difficult,  
because anyone who has been begotten by God  
has already overcome the world;  
that is the victory over the world –  
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?  
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;  
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,  
not with water only,  
but with water and blood;  
with the Spirit as another witness –  
since the Spirit is the truth.

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

*Congregation stands*

**ACCLAMATION**

**Jn 20:29**

**All:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.  
**All:** **And with your spirit.**  
**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John **20:19-31**  
**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**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, 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:** Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

*Congregation stands*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

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

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

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

### PREFACE (The Paschal Mystery)

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

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

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

### ACCLAMATION

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

*Congregation kneels*

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

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

Celebrating the most sacred day of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,

Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, and blessed Joseph, her Spouse, your blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, and all your Saints; we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended by your protecting help.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

**Priest:** The mystery of faith.  
**All:** **My Lord and my God.**

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

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

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high

in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

Remember also, Lord, your servants **N.** and **N.**, who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace.

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

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

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

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

*Congregation stands*

## THE COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*The celebrant may add these or similar words.*

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

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

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

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

*Congregation kneels*

*The celebrant says quietly:*

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

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

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

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Cf. Jn 20:27*

**All:** **Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**

*Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Congregation kneels*

**Priest:** Let us pray. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

**Priest:** May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** And may he, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

**All:** **Amen**

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

**All:** **Amen**

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

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

### MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

We often read the Gospel of this weekend and focus on Thomas, the doubting disciple who needed to put his finger in the marks of the nails before he would believe. But the story is really about all of those fear-filled disciples, trembling behind that locked door, and wondering what it all means. This story is really about each and every one of us: trying to live a life worthy of our Lord and Saviour; struggling with doubt, weighed down with fear, and constantly falling short of what we know that he expects from us.

And this story is also about how Jesus comes to us, in the midst of our doubts, fears, sin, and guilt, to offer each and every one of us that simple word of grace, and mercy and forgiveness. 'Peace be with you', says our risen Lord to us all. The Gospel reading this weekend is really about the peace which surpasses all understanding; the peace which the world cannot give; the peace that can only come from our crucified and risen Lord; and the peace that comes when we most need it.

Think back to a time in your life when you feel as though you have truly disappointed God. And now, imagine Jesus showing up at that very moment, and saying to you 'Peace be with you!' That is what our Lord does for each and every one of us. That, too, is what the miracle of Easter means for us.

But the Gospel this weekend is also about the ways in which we are called to share that peace and that joy, with a world so filled with doubt and fear. Jesus did not join his disciples in the upper room simply to celebrate his resurrection with them. He also joined them to give them the gift of the Holy Spirit, and to send them into the world to continue his mission. We are sent-out people of God, with a mission that comes straight from our crucified and risen Messiah.

### Canon Francis Brown

#### Trocáire Lenten Campaign 2024

You are reminded that your Trócaire Collection box should be returned to the parish either by putting it in the collection basket at Masses or by leaving it in the Sacristy or Parish Office. Please DO NOT leave your Trocáire box in the Churches.

#### Knights of St. Columbanus CK10 Newry & Armagh Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday 26th May 2024

Organised by The Knights of St Columbanus CK 10 Newry  
A bus will leave Newry Parish Centre at 7.00am  
Booking form can be obtained at Newry parish office.  
Please bring a packed lunch or alternatively food will be available in Knock on arrival.  
Please return your form and payment to the parish office (between 9.30am – 1.00pm & 2.00pm- 4.00pm (Mon to Fri).  
The bus will return to Newry via the same route stopping only in Belcoo. Cost is £25.00 per person.  
Closing date is Monday 20th May 2024 at 3.00pm.  
Book your place ASAP.

#### The Feast of Mercy will be celebrated in Newry Cathedral and St Catherine's Church on Sunday 7th April.

Newry Cathedral commencing 1.45 - 2.45pm with Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. Holy Mass 3.00pm  
St Catherine's commencing 1.45 - 2.45pm with Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. Holy Mass 3.00pm.  
Please join in celebrating this beautiful Feast.

#### Family Mass

St. Clare's Abbey P.S will lead the family Mass on Saturday 13 April at 7.30pm in St. Brigid's Church.

**1000 Hours for Vocations through the Intercession of Blessed Carlos Acutis.** Thanks to all who came to the Cathedral to pray for vocations for the Diocese of Dromore on Thursday 21st March. It was encouraging to see a lot of people praying for vocations.

#### VERITAS

**Please Support the Veritas Shop on the Mall.**  
**We have a wide variety of Cards, Candles, Books and a range of different gifts for Holy Communion, Confirmation etc. The shop opens 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday – Saturday inclusive.**

#### Blessing of Graves in Newry Parish

Monkshill Cemetery	Sunday 5th May	7.00pm
St. Mary's Cemetery	Sunday 12th May	7.00pm

#### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

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

#### DIRECT DEBITS

We encourage parishioners to consider very seriously the use of Direct Debit to support our parish. It is a very secure way of doing so. Last April 650 envelopes were distributed. On a weekly basis 250 are returned. We ask you to consider signing a Direct Debit form as a sure way of supporting the parish on a regular basis. Forms can be obtained from the Parish Office.

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## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 6 April</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Patsy Farrell, Windsor Avenue   George & Josephine McAteer, Lower Ballyholland & Deceased members of the Roe Family, Ballyholland   Bobby & Lily White, Templehill Mary, Sean & Lawrence McConville, Carlingford Park
<b>Sunday 7 April</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>12 noon</b>	Bernard & Peter Murray, Mourneview Park   Oliver & May Hogan, Chapel Street Edward McAteer & Roisin Doran, Mountainview House, Ballyholland Michael O'Hanlon   Eileen Crinion, Fairlawns Way   John O'Donnell, Dora Avenue Seamus O'Brien, Crieve Court
<b>Wednesday 10 April</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <b>10.30am</b>	Molly Ward, Bearna Park, Meigh Phil & Gene Farrell, Church Street & deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family, Pool Lane   Fr. Jack Keenan, San Diego & Monaghan Street
<b>Saturday 13 April</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Finbar McGreevy, formerly Newry
<b>Sunday 14 April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>   <b>12 noon</b>	Mary Catherine Torley, (née Brady), Yew Tree Park   Patrick & Martha Pearce, North Street & deceased family members   Arthur Hollywood, Dublin Road John, Rose & Patrick Keenan, Lower Ballyholland <b>Michael (Mickey) Fegan, Drumgullion Avenue (M.M)</b> Russell Boyd, Newry, Omeath & Warrenpoint   Jean Rooney, Church Street

St. Mary's Anniversaries

<b>Sunday 7 April</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	James & Catherine McEvoy, John & Ivy McEvoy, Niall Fretwell & Nicola Carroll, O'Neill Avenue   Denis McGivern, Chapel Street   Eddie & Irene Campbell, Oaklands Lily McAnulty, Mountainview Drive   Kevin McShane, Carlingford Park Mary Catherine & Patrick Hughes, Boat St & Patsy & Phyllis Hughes, Mountainview Drive   Dolores McAteer, Betty's Hill Road   Sean O'Hare, Rockfield Heights Tony Carr, Toragh Park   Teresa & Pat Bannon, Barley Lane. Brendan McGrath, John F Kennedy Park, Bessbrook.
<b>Tuesday 9 April</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Yvonne Charnock, The Hughes Family, Warrenpoint Road & Riley Family, Ardee
<b>Sunday 14 April</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Rosena Rodgers, O'Neill Avenue   Nora & Johnny Keeley, Windmill Road Mary Keenan, Priory Crescent   Patrick & Mary Campbell & deceased family members Ballyholland   Briege Campbell, Commons Way   Oliver Boyle & deceased family Members, O'Neill Avenue   George, Mary & Patrick McAteer, Ballyholland Road Michael & Margaret Fearon & deceased family members, High Walk, Chapel Street

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 6 April</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Margaret & Mairead Larkin, Derrybeg   Tommy McCabe, Second Avenue, Derrybeg John Kane, Ballinlare Gardens   Colm & Mary Mathers, Cloverdale
<b>Friday 12 April</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Deceased members of the Matthews Family, John Martin Gardens
<b>Saturday 13 April</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Francis, Elizabeth & William Spencer, St. Patrick's Avenue & Madge Smyth, Dublin Ave Maria & Jackie McClelland, St. Patrick's Ave   Kathleen Finegan, Helens Terrace John & Mary O'Hare, Slievegullion Road & Austin O'Hare, Warrenpoint Sean McCracken, Killeavy Road.

Saval Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 6 April</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Danny Turley   Conor Byrne
<b>Wednesday 10 April</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Vincent & Josephine Sands & deceased family members
<b>Saturday 13 April</b>		James Haughey

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 6 April</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Ronnie O'Hare (M.M)</b>   Mary Margaret McKeivitt   Patrick, Mary, Rose, Hugh & Michael McGuigan   Robert Kerwick   Ann Andrews
<b>Sunday 7 April</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Vera McGahan (M.M)</b>   John Campbell & Kathleen Dodds   Ray Byrne   Teresa Mulholland   Margaret & John Mallon   John McGovern   Lily McKeown   Patsy McKeown   Peter O'Reilly Ann Crothers   Mick & Molly Hillen
<b>Monday 8 April</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Catherine McAleavey Thomas Conlon & deceased members of the McNally Family   Teresa McCaughy & Malachy, Karl, Gervase & Martin & Michael McCaughey
<b>Tuesday 9 April</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Jackie Auden
<b>Thursday 11 April</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Michael, Bernadette & Paul Murray
<b>Saturday 13 April</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Patsy Doherty   Mary Ann & James Fleming
<b>Sunday 14 April</b>	<b>11.00am</b>   <b>12.30pm</b>	Br Mark McGreevy OP   John McLoughlin   Brendan & Christina Carroll Peter, Margaret & Gerald O'Rourke   Vincent Kelly Benefactors of the Church & Priory   Frank Cole   Geraldine Stokes

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