

# Parishes of Newry & Saval

Sunday 28th April 2024  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

In last Sunday's gospel reading Jesus was the good shepherd and we the sheep. Today's image expresses an even closer relationship: a vine and its branches. This is so close a relationship that you could say it is beyond relationship; it is identification. "I am the vine...you the branches." But a vine is all branches! It is not like a tree or a big shrub where you have a substantial trunk and a profusion of branches. The vine is just branches. He has identified himself with us. It is obvious that a branch cut off from the vine (or from any tree or shrub) will wither. In the case of the vine, not only is the branch destroyed but the vine itself is diminished. To destroy a branch is to destroy the vine in some measure; to cut off a brother or sister in Christ is to cut off Christ.

This is also the teaching of St Paul. Christ, he said, is the head and we are the body. "We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another" (Romans 12:4); "Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12).

A favourite word in John's gospel and letters is 'abide' (or the rather colourless translation 'remain'): abiding in God, abiding in Christ, abiding in his word.... I counted thirty-seven. To abide is not to be a visitor, it is even more than being a friend, it is to be at home.

It seems that no image can go far enough in expressing our union with Christ and God. Meister Eckhart said, "If anyone put water in a barrel, the barrel would surround the water, but the water would not be in the barrel [i.e., it would not occupy the same space as the wood of the barrel], nor would the barrel be in the water: but the soul is wholly one with God....In spiritual things there is no separating of one from another."

I remember a magazine article some years ago, "After affluence, what? Individualism." It was ever only a dream, of course – one that the world is waking up from now. Nobody can really be an independent individual, least of all a wealthy person. Wealth does tend to separate people from one another, while poverty often brings them together. But then wealth traps people in a complex financial web with other people, a very caricature of closeness. The dream of individualism is just a bad dream. We depend on other people in a thousand ways. Our Christian faith celebrates this and reveals its ultimate depth. Even the Persons of the Trinity depend on one another. To live, through Christ, in the heart of that mystery is our destiny.

Fr Donagh O'Shea, O.P.,  
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### **The Cathedral of SS. Patrick & Colman, Hill Street**

#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday (vigil Mass)

6.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am, 12noon

& 5.30pm

#### Weekday Mass Times

Monday – Saturday

10.30am

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

#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Evening (vigil

Mass) 7.30pm

Friday: 7.30pm

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Tuesday: 7.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am

### **St. Joseph's Sheeptown**

Sunday: 10.30am

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 97:1-2**

**All:** O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, 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 raise us to new life:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:  
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, constantly accomplish  
the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy  
Baptism may, under your protective care, bear  
much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.  
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

**9:26-31**

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples,  
but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he  
was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of  
him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how  
the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his  
journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in  
the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them  
in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord.  
But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with  
them, they became determined to kill him. When the  
brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off  
from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and  
Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up,  
living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation  
of the Holy Spirit.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R v.26**

**(R) You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

- My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R)**
- All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him. They  
shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before  
him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R)**
- And my soul shall live for him, my children serve  
him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to  
come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet  
unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **(R)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John

**3:18-24**

My children,  
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,  
but something real and active;  
only by this can we be certain  
that we are the children of the truth  
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,  
whatever accusations it may raise against us,  
because God is greater than our conscience  
and he knows everything.  
My dear people,  
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,  
we need not be afraid in God's presence,



and whatever we ask him,  
we shall receive,  
because we keep his commandments  
and live the kind of life that he wants.  
His commandments are these:  
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and that we love one another  
as he told us to.  
Whoever keeps his commandments  
lives in God and God lives in him.  
We know that he lives in us  
by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

*Congregation stands*

### ACCLAMATION

**Jn 15:4-5**

**All:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

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

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** A reading from the holy  
Gospel according to John

**15:1-8**

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

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes  
to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away -he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much  
fruit, and then you will be my disciples.

**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:** O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in  
this sacrifice has made us partakers of the one  
supreme Godhead, grant, we pray,  
that, as we have come to know your truth,  
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

*Congregation stands*

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

**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 (IV of Easter)

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

For, with the old order destroyed,  
a universe cast down is renewed,  
and integrity of life is restored to us in Christ.

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:** You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
and all you have created  
rightly gives you praise,  
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,  
you give life to all things and make them holy,  
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,  
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting  
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:  
by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts  
we have brought to you for consecration,  
that they may become the Body and + Blood  
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed  
he himself took bread,  
and, 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 the chalice  
and, 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:** **Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**Priest:** Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate  
the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son,  
his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into  
heaven, and as we look forward to his second  
coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and  
living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church  
and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose  
death you wished to reconcile us to yourself, grant  
that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood  
of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may  
become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you,  
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your  
elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse,  
with your blessed Apostles and glorious  
Martyrs with Saint Patrick and with all the Saints,  
on whose constant intercession in your presence  
we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray,  
O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the  
world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity  
your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant  
Francis our Pope and N. our Bishop, the Order of  
Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you  
have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,  
whom you have summoned before you:  
in your compassion, O merciful Father,  
gather to yourself all your children  
scattered throughout the world.  
To our departed brothers and sisters

and to all who were pleasing to you  
at their passing from this life,  
give kind admittance to your kingdom.  
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of  
your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom  
you bestow on the world all that is good.

**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:*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,  
who, by the will of the Father  
and the work of the Holy Spirit,

through your Death gave life to the world,  
free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood,  
from all my sins and from every evil;  
keep me always faithful to your commandments,  
and never let me be parted from you.

## 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 15:1. 5*

**All:** **I am the true vine and you are the branches, says  
the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him,  
bears fruit in plenty, 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.  
Graciously be present to your people, we pray,  
O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with  
heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to  
newness of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

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

**All:** **Amen**

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

**All:** **Amen**

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

**All:** **Amen**

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

**All:** **Amen**

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

**Priest:** Go in peace.  
**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Some branches produce fruit and are pruned, cared for and nurtured. Some branches do not produce fruit and are removed, thrown away and burned. Fruit production is the natural consequences of staying connected. You can see that in long-term friendships, marriages, community loyalty.

Sometimes we lose touch with a particular person. We no longer know where he or she is, what he or she is doing, or what is happening in his or her life. One day we run into him or her. It is a bit awkward. There's not much to talk about. There was no deep abiding presence, the connection is lost, and it seems as if what was has been is thrown away. Other people we run into after five years and the conversation immediately picks up where we left off those many years ago. Even though we were apart we never left each other. There was and remains a connection and mutual abiding that time, distance, and the circumstances of life cannot sever.

"What fruit am I producing?" "How much?" "Is it an acceptable quality?" Those are good questions if we understand and ask them diagnostically, as questions not about the quantity of our lives but the quality of our lives. This is what Jesus is after. That is the deeper question he is asking. It is the invitation to join the conversation, jump into the game, to participate, and to live fully alive. That only happens when the life, the love, and the goodness and holiness of Christ flow in us. We become an extension of and manifest His life, love and holiness.

It is a relationship of union even as a branch is suited to the vine. We live our lives as one. This is not just about relationship with Jesus; it affects and is the basis for our relationships with one another. Love for Jesus, one another and ourselves become one love. We soon discover we are living one life and the fruit of that life and love is abundant, overflowing, and Father glorifying.

Canon Francis Brown

**Sincere thanks** to the pupils of St. Clare's Abbey Primary School for leading the last Family Mass in St. Brigid's Church.

### Trocáire Lenten Campaign 2024

You are reminded that your Trocáire 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.

**Saval Parish** will have a day of Prayer for Vocations in Glenvale Convent Chapel on the 8th May beginning at 10.00am and ending with Mass at 7.30pm. Please put the date in your diary.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Gary Taylor, Cornwall, formerly St. Clare's Avenue  
Irene Harbinson, Cronin Park  
Bernard McCorry, Innisfree Park  
Rosaleen Goodman, Carnacally Road  
Kathleen Bradley, Derrylecka Road

### BAPTISMS

Shirley Carla Avallone, 5 Cathedral View  
Killian McEvoy, Flat 17, 36 Lock Keeper's Cottage

### Reflection Day at SMA Dromantine

Saturday 4th May 2024 9.30am – 5.00pm  
Forgiveness: the journey from hurt to healing, freedom, peace and happiness.  
Led by Fr. Des Corrigan SMA.  
Cost (includes lunch) £38/€43  
Tel 028 30821964  
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### Blessing of Graves in Newry Parish

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

**Congratulations** to the P.7 pupils of St. Patrick's P.S., St. Ronan's P.S., St. Colman's P.S., Saval, Ballyholland P.S. and St. Joseph's P.S. on the occasion of making their Confirmation.

### VERITAS SHOP

#### Volunteers Required

If any parishioner is available and willing to help in the shop, your assistance would be appreciated.  
Please leave your name and telephone number in the Parish Office, Hill Street. From Monday 22nd April the opening hours will be 10.00am until 4.00pm, Monday - Saturday

**Schools Singing Programme** - P5 liturgy - will take place in the Cathedral on Tuesday 30th April at 11.30am. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

### NEWRY CATHEDRAL MAY ALTAR

Come Visit and bring flowers of the fairest.

#### "O Mary, we crown you with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May."

May is a special time in the Church calendar when we honour Mary, the mother of Jesus. Again, this year, the parish is inviting the faithful to bring flowers to the Cathedral during the month of May, to decorate Our Lady's altar. We hope that this little act of prayer and devotion will be a sign of the vibrant faith of our parish community.

Simply place your flowers at Our Lady's altar and say a prayer. We will put them in vases for you and look after them.

Some members of the Saval Lourdes Committee are travelling to Lourdes on 17th May. Anyone wishing to send petitions to be placed at the Grotto in Lourdes should leave them in the petition boxes in either St. Colman's Church, Shinn or St. Joseph's Church, Sheeptown. Please do not put any money in with the petitions.

### DROMORE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Balance of fares are now due as soon as possible please. There are still a few remaining places left. If you would like to book a place on the pilgrimage, price £795.00, please contact Sean Gorman 028 302 63739 or any Committee member.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

#### Sunday 21 April

Parish Collection	£ 2176.06
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## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 27 April</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Terry Duffy, Annsville   William & Margaret McKeown & deceased family members, St. Clare's Avenue   Frank McCamley, Well Lane   Michael Ruddy, Mourneview Park
<b>Sunday 28 April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Nancy Morgan, Ardmaine Gardens   Rebecca Kidd, Mourneview Park
	<b>12 noon</b>	Fr. Eric Boule, South Africa
<b>Thursday 2 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Peter & Christine Tumilty, Dora Avenue   Rhoda Hollywood, Beechmount Park
<b>Friday 3 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	P J & Kathleen Shevlin, Pound Street   Jerome Finnegan, Greenfield Park
<b>Saturday 4 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Angela Smyth, Glenpatrick Lawns
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Kathleen Sheehan   Knockdarragh   Michael & Annie Torley, St. Clare's Avenue
		Ted & Lally Harte   Paddy & Margaret O'Neill, Killeavy Road & deceased members of the O'Neill family, St. Clare's Avenue
		<b>Kathleen Carr, Greenisland, Warrenpoint Road (M.M.)</b>
		Jenny Kelly, Chapel Road   Mortimer & Doris Madigan, Pauline Doyle & Esther Cowan, Mourneview Park   John Grogan, High Street   Kathleen & Harold Persaud, London, formerly Newry   Tony Morgan, High Street
<b>Sunday 5 May</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Kieran Hollywood, Dublin Road   Bernadette & Jim Campbell, Church Street & Derek Watson, Hampshire

St. Mary's Anniversaries

<b>Sunday 28 April</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Oliver Dunne, Carlingford Park (M.M.)</b> Pat Joe McAteer, Innisfree Park   Gerald Murphy, Loughview Park Bernadette Brown, Warrenpoint
<b>Sunday 5 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Edward (Sen), Edward (Jun) & Margaret Turley, Church Street Frank & Bernadette Keenan, Daragh Park   Bobby Sands M.P. Jim, Marion & Aidan Bagnall, Ballyholland James McAteer, Templehill Road

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 27 April</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Gary McLoughlin, Bracken Grove (M.M.)   Mary Carroll, Derrybeg Drive (M.M.)</b> Jeannie Hickey, Islington, London   Hilda Murtagh, Woodlands, Hospital Road
<b>Friday 3 May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Brigid Browne, Mourneview Park & deceased members of the Browne & Finlay families Eugene Mackin, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg   Deceased members of the McCoy family, Slievegullion Road & Pauline McArdle, Cecil Street   James McCrink, Cowan Street   Joanne Bradley, Armagh Road   John & Kathleen McStay, Killeavy Road, Irene Morley & Patsy Watterson
<b>Saturday 4 May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Margaret & Thomas Malone, North Street   John Byrne, Orior Road   John Paul White, Carrivekeeney Road   Michael Hadden, First Avenue   Dessie Lambe, Raymond Kelly Park   David Johnston, Orior Road Margaret Reilly, First Avenue, Derrybeg

Saval Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 27 April</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Peter & Mary Kerr   Thomas & Mary Goodman & deceased family members
<b>Sunday 29 April</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Joseph & Rita McConville
<b>Wednesday 1 May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Sean Mullan, his wife Josie & daughter Cathy   Bridie & Jim McCoy
<b>Saturday 4 May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Siobhan Toner
<b>Sunday 5 May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Paul McDonnell
		<b>May Cull (M.M.)</b>   George, Ita, Eamonn & Leo Sands

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 27 April</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Hugh & Anne Clarke   Geraldine McAteer
<b>Sunday 28 April</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Terry Duffy
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Owen Cromie (M.M.)   Billy McCabe (M.M.)</b> Bernard Morrissey   Pat McKeown   Josephine Rafferty   Kate McSherry
	<b>12.30pm</b>	Brian & Rosaleen Connolly   Benefactors of the Church & Priory
<b>Monday 29 April</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	Ann Coghlan
<b>Tuesday 30 April</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Eileen & Martin O'Cleary   Bernadette & Jim Campbell
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Liam & Rhoda Hollywood   Martha McEvoy & deceased family members
<b>Wednesday 1 April</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Father Jarlath Cushenan   Kathleen Purcell
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Ann Coghlan
<b>Thursday 2 May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Brigid & John McKevitt
<b>Saturday 4 May</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Brian, Moya, Conor & Niall Vint
<b>Sunday 5 May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Pat Craven   Moira McLoughlin   Pat & Kathleen McLogan
	<b>12.30pm</b>	Josephine Auden   Kathleen Fitzpatrick   Patrick (Patsy) O'Hanlon
		William Fitzpatrick   Eugene McGuigan & Raymond & Margaret McGuigan
		Benefactors of the Church & Priory

**Sunday 21st April 2024** was a great day for Newry Parish. It was a day of celebration as Fr. Francesco celebrated his First Mass. A very sincere word of thanks to everyone involved in the celebration. Thanks to Mrs. Teresa O'Hare for her work arranging the flowers in the Cathedral. Thanks to everyone that was involved in any way in the beautiful Liturgy. Thanks to D'Alton, Louis and Micheál for their preparatory work so that the Liturgy was so meaningful. Thanks to Mrs. Janice Gribben, Mr. Cathal Murphy and his choir for the very meditative music. Thanks to the Knights of St. Columbanus for the guard of honour and their support throughout. Thanks to the members of the PPC and Mrs. Pauline McGovern for the wonderful spread provided in the Parish Centre. It was just exquisite, with lots of food and so beautifully laid out. Our thanks also to the Cathedral Gardening Committee for having the garden so beautiful and so fitting for Fr. Francesco to give his first blessing in outstanding surroundings. A wonderful, memorable day in all aspects. Thank you Fr. Francesco for your spiritual input.



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