

# Parishes of Newry & Saval

Sunday 12th January 2025  
The Baptism of The Lord

Jesus is there anonymously in the crowd, coming forward with the rest to meet the famous John the Baptist. It is impossible for us to see him as an anonymous person; to us he stands out from every crowd and from the whole human race: above them, beyond them; we can't imagine him not yet majestic. But there he is, the village man, Jesus, known only to his family and neighbours. He is not yet famous.

There is only one famous man there: John the Baptist. When you see a famous person among the crowds you notice that there is nearly always something false about it: he or she is looking for something, votes or applause or some other sort of ego-stroking. But John the Baptist wasn't looking for anything; he was delivering! He was delivering a verbal lashing of extraordinary severity, calling the crowd 'a brood of vipers.' Jesus is there, watching, listening, anonymous. He is indistinguishable from the brood of vipers. He is one of us. This is nothing new for him; this is how he has been all the thirty years of his life.

But this meeting with John the Baptist is a turning point. Something happened. He experienced the Spirit, and it is described in the kind of language that mystics have used throughout the ages to describe their union with God: 'You are my son, the beloved.'

Have you ever known that experience, in your very bones: God speaking to you (in some sense), 'You are my son, my daughter, the beloved?' If you experience God at all how could it be otherwise? -God is love. Even the thundering 19th-century preacher, Spurgeon, became quiet in front of today's gospel passage. He wrote: "The wings of the dove are as soft as they are swift. Quietness seems essential to many spiritual operations; the Lord is in the still small voice, and like the dew, His grace is distilled in silence."

The unshakeable intimacy with his Father that Jesus demonstrated throughout the rest of his life bears witness to his experience of God's Spirit.

Was he now somehow 'above' the crowd? Would he no longer queue up with them? On the contrary. He was now more than ever one of them. He spent the rest of his life seeking out "the weak, the sick, the wounded, the strayed, the lost" (see Ezekiel 34). He was for the lost sheep, the outcast, the sinner. This has ever since been the mark of true greatness. Among us human beings (and not only in the farmyard) there is usually a well-enforced pecking order: people who climb up a step are sure to make it visible in some way, and sometimes they will even move into a different circle of friends and abandon the old circle. But Jesus never abandons the abandoned. Again the mighty Spurgeon: "Gentleness is a sure result of the Spirit's transforming power: hearts touched by Him are meek and lowly henceforth and for ever."

Can language convey this? I know a man who conveys it better than words ever could. When he is talking with you (or, much more often, listening) and someone interrupts, he totally ignores the interruption. His attention is unwavering. Nothing else exists for him at that moment, and you know that he would stop at nothing to help you, and there is not the slightest hint of ego in it - he has no agenda of his own. This is a rare quality. People know instinctively that he is a man of God. In case you've never met one, that's what meeting a saint is like.

If meeting a saint is like that, what must it be like to meet Jesus himself?

Fr Donagh O'Shea, O.P.,  
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Saturday (vigil Mass)  
6.00pm  
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10.15am (Po-Polsku),  
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Monday - Saturday  
10.30am

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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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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Mt 3:16-17**

**All:** After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

## 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 came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your 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

## 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, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,

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

40:1-5. 9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R v.1

**(R) Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are.**

1. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **(R)**
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **(R)**
3. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **(R)**
4. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **(R)**
5. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **(R)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

2:11-14; 3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

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

*Congregation stands*

**ACCLAMATION** **Cf. Lk 3:16**

**All: Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Someone is coming, said John,  
 someone greater than I.  
 He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.  
 Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.  
**All: And with your spirit.**  
**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke **3:15-16. 21-22**  
**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**All: 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:** Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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 (Baptism of the Lord)

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

For in the waters of the Jordan you revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism, so that through the voice that came down from heaven we might come to believe in your Word dwelling among us, and by the Spirit's descending in the likeness of a dove we might know that Christ your Servant has been anointed with the oil of gladness and sent to bring the good news to the poor.

And so, with the Powers of heaven, we worship you constantly on earth, and before your majesty 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, 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:** **My Lord and my God.**

**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 willed 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 unailing 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:** all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.  
**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

Jn 1:32. 34

**All:** **Behold the One of whom John said:  
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.**

*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.  
Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,  
that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son,  
we may be your children in name and in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

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

**Priest:** May God, source and origin of all blessing,  
grant you grace,  
pour out his blessing in abundance,  
and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** May he give you integrity in the faith,  
endurance in hope,  
and perseverance in charity  
with holy patience to the end.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** May he order your days and your deeds in his peace,  
grant your prayers in this and in every place,  
and lead you happily to eternal life.

**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**

Most of those coming to John the Baptist were repentant sinners. Our baptism, too, is partly to rescue us from the power of sin by being bathed in the redemptive love of Christ. How does Jesus himself fit into this? We always say that He is like us in all things, except sin. Moreover, John clearly states that he himself is not the Messiah but only the forerunner, the herald of his coming. And yet – Jesus is to be baptised by John. There are two answers we can give to this question:

(i) By being baptised in the River Jordan with all those self-proclaiming sinners, Jesus shows his total solidarity with us. In becoming a human person, Jesus identified with us not just in our humanity but in our weak human-ness.

(ii) Secondly, something different is happening here beyond an ordinary baptism. Luke says significantly that Jesus was at prayer when his baptism took place. At all the significant moments in His public life, Luke represents Jesus as praying. It was at this moment that the Spirit of God in the visible form of a dove comes down on Jesus. So, through His baptism, Jesus is being officially commissioned to begin His public work of teaching, healing and liberating enslaved souls up to the climactic moment of His passion, death and resurrection.

And our baptism is linked with that of Jesus. It is not something which happened a long time which ‘made us’ Catholics. It is not just a ceremony lasting a few minutes which produces magical effects; it is the beginning of a lifelong journey. It is the beginning of a process of growing into the Body of Christ as its members.

Each one of us is called to be a living witness to the Gospel: to be the salt of the earth, a city on a hill, a lamp radiating light for all. Our baptism is a never-ending call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. For it is a sobering fact that without our co-operation, much of God’s work will never get done.

**Canon Francis Brown**

We welcome into our parish Fr. John Anih, Msp. The Archbishop has appointed him to Newry Parish for the next few months. He belongs to the same missionary order as Fr. Alphonsus, the Missionary Society of St. Paul.

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- Jimmy McGovern, Thomas Street
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- Corrina Magill, Parkhead Crescent
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| <b>Priests' Collection</b> | £ 55.00 |
| <b>Shrine -Shinn</b>       | £ 74.00 |

**Christmas Day** £ 484.78

**Sunday 29th December**

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Weekly</b>      | £ 227.00        |
| <b>Loose Plate</b> | £ 87.20         |
|                    | <u>£ 314.20</u> |

**Priests' Collection** £ 50.00 + €20

**Sunday 5 January 2025**

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Weekly</b>        | £ 257.00        |
| <b>Loose Plate</b>   | £ 48.25         |
| <b>Direct Debits</b> | <u>£ 126.59</u> |
|                      | £ 431.84        |

**Priests' Collection** £ 199.00

**NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES**

Cathedral Anniversaries

|                             |                                 |   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday 11 January</b>  | <b>6.00pm</b>                   | John & Elizabeth Magill, Hennessy Park   Brian & Mary McAteer, Castle Street<br>Stephen Woods, Craigmores Road & deceased family members<br>Jim Matthews, Chapel Road & Teddy Matthews, Ballyholland<br>Joseph & Mary Carlin, Water Street   Elizabeth McCamley, Well Lane<br>Kevin Morgan, Flagstaff Court   Michael McAteer, Chancellors Road |
| <b>Sunday 12 January</b>    | <b>9.00am</b><br><b>12 noon</b> | Deceased members of the Campbell Family, Linenhall Square & the Shill Family Birmingham<br>Gary Quinn, Stream Street   Kathleen & Patrick McShane, Greenwood Drive<br>Felix Fegan, Ballykeel Road, Mullaghbawn   Oliver Magill, Ashfield Avenue   |
| <b>Tuesday 14 January</b>   | <b>10.30am</b>                  | <b>James Quail, Slievenabley Road, Leitrim (M.M)</b><br>Paddy McCabe, Mourneview Park   |
| <b>Wednesday 15 January</b> | <b>10.30am</b>                  | Margaret Rose Boyd & Dr. Eamon Boyd, Newry, Omeath & Leixlip  |
| <b>Friday 17 January</b>    | <b>10.30am</b>                  | Dean Anthony Davies   Gene & Phil Farrell, Church Street & deceased members<br>Of the Farrell Family, Erskine Place   Margaret McDonnell, Hennessy Park<br>Robert Fitzmaurice, Dominic Street   |
| <b>Saturday 18 January</b>  | <b>10.30am</b><br><b>6.00pm</b> | Maire O'Hare, Betty's Hill Road & Brendan O'Hare, Meigh<br>Thomas & Susan Mulholland, Bingian Terrace & Eileen Mulholland & Lillian Havern<br>Raphael Morgan, Cornmarket   Kathleen Gallagher, O'Neill Avenue<br>Bridie Devine, Castle Enigan Road  |
| <b>Sunday 19 January</b>    | <b>12 noon</b><br><b>5.30pm</b> | Michael McKeown, Fullerton Road<br><b>Lou Morgan, Main Avenue, Derrybeg (M.M)</b><br>Rosaleen & Peter Colgan & The McEvoy Family, Church Street   |

St. Mary's Anniversaries

|                           |                |  |
|---------------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Sunday 12 January</b>  | <b>10.30am</b> | Mary & Owen O'Gorman & McGeown Family, Bessbrook<br>Brendan Murphy, O'Neill Avenue & deceased members of the Murphy Family<br>Oliver McEvoy, Chapel Street   Michael, Christine, Dessie & Marie McAteer, Home<br>Avenue & Lily McAnulty, Mountainview Drive<br>Ursula & Pat Kearns, Ravensdale Villas   Josephine Hughes, Ardcarne Park<br>Paul Carr, Damolly Village   Ann & May Maguire, High Street |
| <b>Tuesday 14 January</b> | <b>7.30pm</b>  | <b>Sheila McDonagh, formerly Derrybeg Lane (M.M)</b><br><b>Noel Curran, Cathedral View (M.M)</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 19 January</b>  | <b>10.30am</b> | John Fitzpatrick & deceased family members, Chapel Hill<br>Christina & Denis McKeown, Carnagh Park & Lily & Joe Fegan, Aughnamoira &<br>Harold & Florence Condie, Warrenpoint   Michael Roe, Courtney Hill<br>Mary & James McGroary, Carnagh Park & Paddy & Minnie Griffen & Michael & Ellen<br>Griffen   Mary Shields, Carnagh Park   |

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

|                            |               |   |
|----------------------------|---------------|---|
| <b>Saturday 11 January</b> | <b>7.30pm</b> | Gerry Carroll, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg   Nancy Taylor, Derrybeg Drive<br>Gwen Reilly, Chestnut Grove   Dominic Fegan, Killeavy Road<br>Kathleen & Vincent Carroll, Second Avenue, Derrybeg<br>Paul Mullin, Ballinlare Gardens   Margaret Brown & deceased members of the<br>Brown & Finlay Families, Mourneview Pk   Mary McEnteggart, Fifth Ave, Derrybeg<br>Mary & Stanley Payne, Derrybeg   Francis & Maureen McDonald, Third Avenue,<br>Brigid & James Fearon & deceased family members, Davis Street<br>Kathleen & Bernard Larikin & P. J. Larkin, Cornmarket |
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Saval Anniversaries

|                             |                |   |
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| <b>Saturday 11 January</b>  | <b>6.00pm</b>  | Declan Malley   Josie & Frank McGennity & deceased family members |
| <b>Sunday 12 January</b>    | <b>10.30am</b> | P. J. Patrick & Kevin Travers                                     |
| <b>Wednesday 15 January</b> | <b>7.30pm</b>  | Hugh, Minnie & Danny Mullan                                       |
| <b>Saturday 18 January</b>  | <b>6.00pm</b>  | Aoife Keenan   James, Annie & George Weir                         |

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

|                             |  |   |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Saturday 11 January</b>  | <b>7.30pm</b>  | Sean Gribben   John & Kathleen Hollywood   Arthur Lavery   Peter Celestine Foy  |
| <b>Sunday 12 January</b>    | <b>11.00am</b><br><b>12.30pm</b>                                   | Myles, Bridie, Paddy, Lorraine, Stephanie, Anna Marie & Eileen McCourt<br>Sinead McKeown   John Fox   Dan Coyle<br>John McParland   Briege Campbell   Malachy Byrne & deceased family members<br>Ena Quin   Jim Poucher<br>Maureen Murtagh  |
| <b>Monday 13 January</b>    | <b>7.30am</b><br><b>7.30pm</b>                                     | <b>Damien McLoughlin (M.M)</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 14 January</b>   | <b>11.00am</b><br><b>7.30pm</b>                                    | Deirdre Lambe<br>Eileen Ruddy   |
| <b>Wednesday 15 January</b> | <b>7.30pm</b>  | Peggy O'Neill   |
| <b>Thursday 16 January</b>  | <b>11.00am</b><br><b>7.30pm</b>                                    | Norah McAteer<br>Jim Gaffney  |
| <b>Saturday 18 January</b>  | <b>11.00am</b><br><b>7.30pm</b>                                    | Lily Finnegan & Margaret Toner   Jaqueline Magee<br>Michael McKeown   |
| <b>Sunday 19 January</b>    | <b>8.00am</b><br><b>9.30am</b><br><b>11.00am</b><br><b>12.30pm</b> | Michael Rice   James Mulholland   Elizabeth O'Hanlon   Johnny & Mary O'Hanlon<br>Andrew & Catherine Kearns   Mary & P. Joseph McVey   Michael & Phlomena Toner<br>Kathleen McDermott   James McGuckin<br>Thomas Braniff   Loretta & Sean McStay   Teresa Brady & Lily Byrne   Willie Hogan<br>Baby Harvey McCabe   Desmond Daly   Dr. Subier Banerjee<br>Thomas & Mary Reilly & deceased family members   Annie & Patsy Carragher |

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