

Parishes of Newry & Saval

Sunday 16th March 2025

The Second Sunday of Lent

In all three liturgical cycles we have the strange story of the Transfiguration on the second Sunday of Lent. What does it mean? The second reading is a kind of echo of this gospel reading, and perhaps it gives us a key to open up its meaning for us. The Lord, St Paul writes, "will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body." The Transfiguration, then – whatever we discover it to mean – is not only about Jesus but about us. It is to make some discernible difference to us today.

There was the everyday Jesus who was well known to his friends; and then there was the moment when they scarcely recognised him, so transformed – transfigured – was he. Divinity shone through him, revealing depths that they had never imagined. Can this happen only to Jesus? When the little girl was asked what a saint was, she replied (thinking of the stained glass windows in the church), "A person who lets the light through." Lovely – but is it only an image? Can it also be a reality? Could you and I let the light through? We are probably far too aware of our wretchedness to think thoughts like that. But it is just these "wretched bodies of ours" that are the material of transfiguration, according to St Paul.

In a beautiful poem called The sunrise ruby, Jelaluddin Rumi (1207-1273) the Sufi mystic, imagines a girl asking her beloved,

*'Do you love me or yourself more?
Really, tell the absolute truth.'
He says, 'There's nothing left of me.
I'm like a ruby held up to the sunrise.
Is it still a stone, or a world
made of redness? It has no resistance to sunlight.'*

There it is: in one way it is a stone, but in another it is a world of redness. This gives some impression of what transfiguration might mean. When you

are completely absorbed and self-forgetful as you look at the sea, or at a sunset, or the night sky, or a tree, you are still yourself, of course; but you are also more than yourself. At any rate you are a kind of larger self, and not the small self that thinks before speaking, and counts money, and always looks after his or her own interests.

But we would like to hear what Christian mystics have to say about it. Johann Tauler (1300-1361) wrote the following: "God fires the spirit with a spark from the divine abyss. By the strength of this supernatural help the soul, enlightened and purified, is drawn out of itself into a unique and ineffable state of pure intent toward God.... This complete turning of the soul toward God is beyond all understanding and feeling; it is a thing of wonder and defies imagination.... In this state the soul, purified and enlightened, sinks into the divine darkness, into a tranquil silence and inconceivable union. It is absorbed in God, and now all equality and inequality disappear. In this abyss the soul loses itself, and knows nothing of God or of itself, of likeness to Him or of difference from Him, or of anything whatsoever. It is immersed in the unity of God and has lost all sense of distinctions."

Sadly, this aspect of the Christian faith is not as familiar to many as it could be. We have learnt to settle for less. Most people believe that the best things are not for them. But we are all called to deep enlightenment and union with God. Does this mean that we are to be somehow unreal and up-in-the-air? Hardly. Tauler and the people of his time had to be intensely practical. But his words live for centuries beyond the time he uttered them, because he was in touch with the living heart of our Faith. It is he, and the likes of him, who will lead us to the heart of God.

Fr Donagh O'Shea, O.P.,
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Mass Times

The Cathedral of SS. Patrick & Colman, Hill Street

Weekend Mass Times
Saturday (vigil Mass)
6.00pm
Sunday: 9.00am,
10.15am (Po-Polsku),
12noon & 5.30pm
Weekday Mass Times
Monday – Saturday
10.30am

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

St. Colman's Shinn
Saturday: 6.00pm

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

St. Joseph's Sheeptown
Wednesday: 7.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am

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

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 26:8-9

All: **Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.**

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 COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
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 book of Genesis **15:5-12. 17-18**

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven
and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descend-
ants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who
counted this as making him justified.
'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you

out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.'
'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I
shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old
heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a
turtledove and a
young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half
and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but
the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on
the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep
sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and
darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and
a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the
Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R v.1

(R) The Lord is my light and my help.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **(R)**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **(R)**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **(R)**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as
your models everybody who is already doing this and study
them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I
repeat it today with tears, there are many who are
behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are
destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and
they are proudest of something they ought to think
shameful; the things they think important are earthly
things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven
comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ,
and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into
copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same
power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give
way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much,
dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

All: Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud,
the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
Priest: A reading from the holy
Gospel according to Luke
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightening. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with a shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stands

THE CREED

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

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

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

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose
again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

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

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of
the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Congregation sits

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

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

The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:

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

All: Blessed be God for ever.

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

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

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

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

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:

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

Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:

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

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

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse us of our faults
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind
for the celebration of the paschal festivities.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Congregation stands

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

PREFACE (The Transfiguration 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,
through Christ our Lord.

For after he had told the disciples of his coming
Death, on the holy mountain he manifested to
them his glory, to show, even by the testimony of
the law and the prophets, that the Passion leads to
the glory of the Resurrection.

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,
the fount of all holiness.

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

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

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

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

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

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

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

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

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

All: **Amen.**

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

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

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

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,

that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

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

All: **Amen.**

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

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

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

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world, grant us peace.**

Congregation kneels

The celebrant says quietly:

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

Mt 17:5

All: **This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well
pleased; listen to him.**

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.
As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Priest: Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
with a blessing that endures for ever,
and keep them faithful
to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,
so that they may always desire and at last attain
that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body,
to the amazement of his Apostles.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Priest: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit

All: **Amen**

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

Priest: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Gospel this weekend is Luke's account of Jesus' transfiguration. It is only Luke who tells us that Jesus was transfigured 'as he prayed'. He had taken Peter, James and John up a mountain and they saw Jesus transfigured while He was at prayer. As Jesus opened himself in prayer to His loving Father, His divine glory shone through His humanity, and His disciples saw Him as they had never seen Him before. It was, in a sense, a glimpse of heaven, which is why Peter exclaimed, 'It is wonderful for us to be here'. Every experience we have of the Father's love, of God addressing us as beloved son or daughter is anticipation of heaven, our ultimate destiny. Such moments can come to us on the mountain of prayer; they leave us transfigured in some sense. We cannot manufacture such moments. They come as pure grace, as sheer gift, as we try to open ourselves to the Lord in prayer. We do not pray in order to receive such graces. In prayer we seek the God of consolation rather than the consolation of God. Yet, when we come before the Lord in prayer, we will find ourselves wonderfully graced at times. Like Peter, we will want to prolong the moment. Yet such moments are only ever glimpses of what awaits us beyond this life. The mountain of prayer is not an escape from the journey of life with its share of sorrows, disappointments and struggles. Luke tells us that on the mountain Moses and Elijah spoke to Jesus about his passing that He was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Even on the mount of prayer Jesus was very aware of his passion and death which awaited Him in Jerusalem. His prayerful communion with His Father strengthened Him to walk that journey in a spirit of total faithfulness to God. Our prayerful communion with the Lord strengthens us to walk the journey of life in a way that is faithful to what the Lord desires for us.

Canon Francis Brown

Maintenance of graves in St. Mary's Cemetery

The Parish maintains paths and shared areas in St Mary's cemetery but the responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of individual graves is a matter for the family who hold the grave.

Jubilee Year of Hope Events Calendar 2025 in the Cathedral of Ss. Patrick & Colman

5th April ~ Visiting speaker Martina Purdy and she will speak on the theme of Hope.

11th April ~ **Service of Reconciliation** – focusing on the Indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope and the theme of Reconciliation.

27th April ~ **Celebration of Carlo Acutis becoming a Saint.** Mass will be celebrated at 5.30pm in the Cathedral celebrating the fact that Carlo Acutis has become a Saint, a young man who lived his life in an extraordinary way. The new Saint will be someone to whom the youth can relate.

18th May ~ **Family Mass**, followed by the blessing of the Grotto in the Cathedral Garden and a Family Picnic. We express our gratitude to the family who donated this beautiful grotto and to the gardening committee who look after the garden so well.

22nd June ~ **Corpus Christi Procession at 3.00pm.** This year the procession will begin in St. Catherine's Church and make its way to the Cathedral for the Benediction.

29th June ~ **Mass Rock Commemoration at 3.00pm.** The Mass Rock is in a beautiful setting in Ballyholland. It is in a secluded setting, giving an appreciation of the hardship our forbearers endured to attend their weekly Mass, risking their lives.

6th July ~ **Mass for Our Communities Together** – bringing together all communities in the Diocese at 7.30pm. We appreciate the different communities that make up our parish / diocese and discuss and acknowledge the richness and diversity.

15th August ~ **Procession on the Feast of the Assumption at 7.30pm.** Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral, followed by a procession to the Grotto in the Cathedral Garden.

14th September ~ Retreat on the theme of Hope.

7th October ~ **International Rosary** – "The Rosary of Hope" at 7.30pm – the decades of the Rosary will be recited in various languages.

20th November – **Special Mass for all bereaved people in the parish** – an additional Mass for all bereaved persons. We acknowledge how difficult bereavement can be for people.

8th December ~ **Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** Mass for all those who work/serve in the Diocese at 7.30pm, showing appreciation for all the good work that is taking place, in the parish and in the diocese.

NEWRY PARISH BAPTISMS

Eve Catherine Carr, 35 Castleowen
Caitlin Conlon-Moan, 21 John Mitchel Street
Liam Marcus McKevitt, 39 Mourneview Park
Denis Suvorov, 44 Carrickshane, Bessbrook

RECENTLY DECEASED

Allen Larkin, High Street
Margretta Murtagh, Kilmorey Street
Beth O'Hagan, Windsor Avenue

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASSES

Monday 17th March

Cathedral: 10.30am

St. Mary's: 10.30am

St. Joseph's Sheeptown: 10.30am

St. Brigid's: 10.30am – St. Catherine's Band will be present.

St. Catherine's: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am & 12.30pm

Mass in Irish

**Beidh Aifreann Gaeilge ceiliúrtha san Ard-Eaglais ar leath i ndiaidh a deich ar Lá Fhéile Pádraig.* * The 10.30am Mass in the Cathedral for St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated in Irish.

St. Patrick's Day Irish Language Collection

The Annual Collection for the Irish Language will be taken up at all St. Patrick's Day Masses in Newry Parish. Bígí fial leis an Ghaeilge.

Join us on the Irish Synodal Pathway!

To prepare for the 2026 National Synodal Assembly for Ireland, the Diocese of Dromore invites you to attend one of two consultation evenings to reflect on the Universal Synod themes and set priorities for action.

Newry Parish Centre – 2nd April 2025 at 7pm or Lurgan Parish centre – 9th April 2025 at 7pm

You can either complete the required pre-reading independently or attend an online orientation event via Zoom on Wednesday, March 26, at 7 PM. Register by 19th March 2025 here: www.dromorediocese.org/events

Dromore Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Anyone wishing to travel with The Dromore Pilgrimage from the 9th to 14th June please contact Sean Gorman on 028 302 63739 for a booking form. Price £850 all-inclusive including transfers from both airports.

Anyone wishing to put their name forward for consideration to travel to Lourdes as an assisted pilgrim please contact: Phil Downey 07803264298, Deirdre Quinn 07511692550 or Sean Gorman 028 302 63739.

NEWRY PARISH COLLECTIONS Sunday 9 March 2025

Weekly	£ 2162.94
Loose Plate	£ 2498.94
Direct Debits	<u>£ 1438.45</u>
	£ 6100.33

Priests' Collection £ 290.15

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SAVAL PARISH COLLECTIONS Sunday 9 March 2025

Weekly	£ 322.15
Loose Plate	£ 75.65
Direct Debits	<u>£ 126.59</u>
	£ 524.39

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NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Saturday 15 March	6.00pm	David & Rose McManus, Crown Crescent, Crieve Rd Michael Fegan, Drumgullion Ave Thomas & Patricia McCoy, Newry
Sunday 16 March	12 noon	Peggy Campbell, Erskine Street
Monday 17 March	10.30am	Billy McDonald, Mourneview Park & Teresa McDonald, Drumgullion Avenue Michael Rose Anne, Philomena & Mary McGuigan, Mary Street Charlie & Eileen Rice, Belfast
Wednesday 19 March	10.30am	Russell Boyd, Newry, Omeath & Warrenpoint Hugh Devine, Downshire Road Mary Kennedy, O'Neill Avenue
Friday 21 March	10.30am	Margaret & Paddy O'Neill & deceased members of the O'Hanlon families, Dromalane Park Jimmy Jones, Third Avenue, Derrybeg
Saturday 22 March	10.30am 6.00pm	Sr. Perpetua McArdle, Convent of Mercy (M.M.) Pat & Philomena Keenan, Mourneview, The Commons Patricia (Pat) Devlin, Oaklands Michael Brady, Barrack Street George & Josephine McAteer, & the McAteer & Roe family, Ballyholland Grace Havern, Crieve Road & deceased Members of the Havern family Eileen & Arthur Murphy, Cronin Park Elizabeth & James McCreesh, Damolly Village Sr. Mary Colette Lambe OCarm., Ann, Mary & Bridie Lambe, Carnagh Park
Sunday 23 March	9.00am 12noon	Dr. Patrick Lane, Cedar Grove Seamus & Jean Rooney, Church Street Benny & Rosaleen Hughes, High St Noel Murphy, Larchmont Patricia Blackshaw, Markethill

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 16 March	10.30am	Bernadette & Frank Keenan, Darragh Park Peter Keenan, Derrylecka Brigid O'Rourke, Clanrye Park Joseph Marner, Aghagallon Tom Reilly, O'Neill Avenue Mary Little, Greenfield Park Brian Hughes, Hennessy Park
Tuesday 18 March	7.30pm	Tom Grant, John Martin Street
Sunday 23 March	10.30am	Edward, Jim, Elizabeth & Thomas Lavelle, Rostrevor Bridget McCourt, Billy's Road Rita & Dan Madden & Maura Rice, Commons School Road Agnes & Justin Phillips, Burren Mary & Pat Fox, Daisy Hill Gardens John Rooney, Glen Hill Mary Dawes & Patrick & Catherine White, O'Neill Avenue Mary Dolores McAteer, Betty's Hill Road, Ballyholland

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 15 March	7.30pm	Gerard Murtagh, Ballinlare Gardens (M.M) Dominic Loughran, Derrybeg Drive Edward & Bridget Mallon, Eddie, Michael, Pat Joe & Stephen Mallon Columba & Josephine Mathers, Derrybeg Drive & deceased family members Patrick Rice, Ballinlare Gardens
Friday 21 March	7.30pm	Alice Spencer, North Street Gary McLoughlin, Orior Road, The Meadow Sean Donaghy, Carnagh Park Frances Magee, Slievegullion Road
Saturday 22 March	7.30pm	Patrick, Margaret, Patsy & John Magill, Cowan Street Margaret Jones, (née Magill) & Kathleen Johnston, Clitheroe, Lancashire Deceased members of the Finnegan family, Crossan Road, Mayobridge Dominic Casey, Mountainview Drive Sean Donohoe, Derrybeg Cottages

Saval Anniversaries

Saturday 15 March	6.00pm	Joseph & Lily Monaghan & the McGrath Family Anne Rice
Monday 17 March	10.30am	Patsy Cull

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 15 March	7.30pm	Mary Fearon & The Carroll Family
Sunday 16 March	11.00am 12.30pm	Patrick McDonald Wesley Andrews & deceased family members Benefactors of the Church & Priory
Monday 17 March	11.00am	Brigid McCaffrey & Family Mannix Fox Samuel Ferris & deceased members of the Ferris, Noade & Mallon Families Ted Clark deceased members of the Newry Dockers Pat & Maria Joseph Drummond
Tuesday 18 March	7.30pm	Margaret & Patrick Craven & deceased family members
Wednesday 19 March	11.00am	Malachy Maguire Rebecca Cregan & Willie Cregan
Thursday 20 March	7.30pm	Deceased members of the Dominican Family
Friday 21 March	7.30pm	Frank, Margaret, Gereald & Brendan Lennon
Saturday 22 March	11.00am 7.30pm	Jim Canavan Annie Smyth Eddie & Christie Ruddy & deceased family members Paddy, Veronica & Kevin McDonald May & P J Fegan Patrick & Josephine Coyle Michael & Nellie Clarke & Hollywood Family Noel Keenan Pat & Kathleen Kenna Daniel & Vera Doran
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