

Parishes of Newry & Saval

Sunday 20th April 2025
Easter Sunday

At some point after we have been bereaved, they tell us, we need "closure": that is, we need to leave the painful event in the past, and though we will never cease to love our departed relative or friend, we have to get on with our life. This process begins with the funeral; "we bring the body of our brother or sister to its place of rest," as the funeral liturgy says. In a strange way, that place of rest is a place of rest for us too. It is painful and yet it is a comfort to visit the grave: our sorrow is able to focus itself there. When for some reason there has been no funeral - when the person is "missing presumed dead" - there is a kind of unending pain that can never come to "closure".

What the disciples found on the first Easter Sunday morning was an empty tomb. There was to be no "closure": it was to become a matter of quite different significance. It was to be the beginning of a story, and not the end. The new story would not be, "He is dead," but "He is risen." Jesus would not belong just to the past, he would never be left behind while we go on with our lives. He is risen! He goes before us! It is not closure but opening to a new kind of life.

"Alleluia!" This has been the shout of Christians from the beginning and uninterrupted through the ages. They pronounce it differently in different places, but it is always the same Hebrew word. It means "Praise God!" It is an exclamation of joy. It's the word that expresses a Christian's fundamental outlook on life.

Is it realistic to be always positive and joyful like that? Surely there are times for sadness and dejection....

In answer, may I quote a passage from an address that Timothy Radcliffe made to a general assembly of Dominicans as Master of the order? He took a verse from John's gospel (20:19): "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' And he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord." Then Fr Radcliffe said:

"It is the sight of the wounded Christ that frees the disciples from fear and makes them glad. It is the wounded Christ that transforms them into preachers...When we see the wounded Christ, then we can face the fact that we are already hurt. Perhaps we have been hurt by our childhoods, by growing up in dysfunctional families, or by our experience of religious life, by botched attempts to love, by ideological conflicts in the Church, by sin. Every one of us is a wounded preacher. But the good news is that we are preachers because we are wounded. Gerard Vann, an English Dominican, was one of the most famous writers on spirituality in the English-speaking world since the Second World War. He struggled with alcoholism and depression all his life. That is why he had something to say. We have a word of hope and mercy because we have needed them ourselves. On my bookshelves I have a book written by an old French Dominican called Les Cicatrices, (The Scars). In this book he tells how he came to Christ through the hurts of his life. And when he gave it to me he wrote a dedication, 'For Timothy who knows that the scars can become the doors of the sun.'"

The wonder of the Resurrection is that everything, even our wounds and failures, becomes the stuff of new life.

Fr Donagh O'Shea, O.P.,
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Saturday (vigil Mass)
6.00pm
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Chapel Street**
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Wednesday: 7.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am

**St. Catherine's Church,
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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 138:18. 5-6

All: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING

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

All: **Amen**

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

All: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

Priest: Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you gave yourself to heal us and bring us strength:
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: O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,

grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
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

10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R v.24

(R) **This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **(R)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **(R)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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

Congregation stands

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
 The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ,
 the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
 Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
 Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
 Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
 The tomb the Living did enclose;
 I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
 The angels there attesting;
 shroud with grave-clothes resting.
 Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
 That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
 Victorious king, thy mercy show!

ACCLAMATION

1 Cor 5:7-8

All: **Alleluia, alleluia!**
Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

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

20: 1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stands

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Priest: Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

Priest: Do you renounce Satan?
 All: **I do.**

Priest: And all his works?
 All: **I do.**

Priest: And all his empty show?
 All: **I do.**

Then the Priest continues:

Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth?

All: **I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered death and was buried,
 rose again from the dead
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: **I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and life everlasting?

All: **I do.**

Priest: And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus
 Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the
 Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our
 sins, keep us by his grace,
 in Christ Jesus our Lord,
 for eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

The Celebrant sprinkles the people with the blessed water.

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: Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Congregation stands

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

PREFACE (The Paschal Mystery)

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

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

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

ACCLAMATION

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

Congregation kneels

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

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

Celebrating the most sacred day of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, and blessed Joseph, her Spouse, your blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, and all your Saints; we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended by your protecting help.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.
All: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

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

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

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us,

who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

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

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

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

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 kneel. 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

1 Cor 5:7-8

All: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, 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.
Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. 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 heirs to an eternal inheritance.
All: Amen

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

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, is the central Feast of the Church. It is God's definitive answer to death. Nothing is stronger nor more powerful than He. Through the resurrection, God has conquered both sin and death. Yet, at times, there seems no lack of despair or hopelessness. Looking about, we cannot deny what we see: moral weakness, physical illness, natural disasters, conflict, hatred, paradox, contradiction, and war.

It seems that there is no end to this catalogue of vexing problems which seem to defy solutions. We know, too, from the Gospel texts that following the Passion and death of Jesus Christ, the Apostles themselves went into hiding because they were anxious and afraid.

In our time, in response to all these difficulties, many people have turned in toward themselves; they have 'withdrawn from daily life', so to say. Others pretend that all is well and continue to maintain a selfish and narcissistic way of life. Still, others have become angry, bitter and cynical, assuming a cold indifference toward everyone and everything, caring only for themselves. Sadly, among many young people, there has been a choice to participate in artificial and selfish behaviours, believing that this would relieve their anxiety and that they would find true happiness. However, the contrary is true. Young People who live this way discover only hopelessness and despair.

On the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, I ask you to believe and to understand that the only true and authentic answer to the most profound and difficult questions of life must always begin with the Risen Jesus Christ. It is the Risen Jesus Christ and only He who makes us holy and wise. It is the Risen Jesus Christ who grants us peace. It is He who gives Himself to us in the Eucharist. He forgives us our sins in the Sacrament of Confession and speaks to us through the Sacred Scriptures and through His Church He says to us what He has said to the Apostles on the First Easter: Peace be to you. It is I. Do not be afraid!

On behalf of Archbishop Eamon Martin, Fr. Alphonsos, Fr. Wojciech, Fr. Carlos, Fr. John, Rev. Anthony Moffett and on my own behalf, I wish you a peace-filled Easter. We are aware of the many families who have had a bereavement this year. You and your loved ones will be in our prayers on Easter Sunday, the day we celebrate the Lord's resurrection. Our prayers are that our loved ones are with the Saviour.

We thank all those people who are such support to us and give of their time for the parishioners. Our sincere thanks to the various groups who work unceasingly for their fellow brothers and sisters and give so generously of their time. May this Holy Season bring you many graces.

Canon Francis Brown

Ordination to the Diaconate: on the 11th May at 3.00pm Archbishop Eamon Martin will ordain Rev. Anthony Moffett to the Order of diaconate for the Diocese of Dromore. Please keep him in your prayers in the weeks leading up to his ordination.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM NEWRY PARISH

to John Gough who celebrates his 100th Birthday on Monday 21st April and Margaret Woods who celebrates her 100th Birthday on Wednesday 23rd April.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Canonisation of Carlo Acutis

We celebrate the Canonisation of our Millenium Saint on Sunday 27th April at the 5.30pm Mass. We welcome and encourage all young people and families to come along.

Trocáire Lenten Campaign 2025

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

The Feast of the Divine Mercy

will be celebrated in Newry Cathedral and St. Catherine's Church on Sunday 27th April. Newry Cathedral commencing 2.00 – 2.45pm with Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions Holy Mass, 3.00pm. St. Catherine's Church commencing 1.45 – 2.45pm with Eucharistic Adoration and confessions, Holy Mass 3.00pm. Please join in celebrating the gift of this beautiful feast.

Postcards for the Assisted Suicide Vote

The assisted suicide Bill will be voted on in Parliament in Westminster on 25 April. Although this Bill would change the law in England and Wales, MPs in Northern Ireland are able to vote on this Bill. If assisted suicide is legalised in England and Wales, this will put pressure on Northern Irish lawmakers to legalise assisted suicide in Northern Ireland too, to keep UK legislation consistent on this issue. You are encouraged to write to your local MP asking them to vote against the legalisation of assisted suicide in the parliamentary vote in Westminster on 25 April. To this end, pre-printed postcards are available at the back of the church. Please take a postcard and send it to your local MP in advance of the vote.

MASS TIMES FOR EASTER WEEK EASTER SUNDAY

Cathedral	9.00am, 12 noon
St. Mary's	10.30am
St. Brigid's	10.30am

NO 5.30PM in the Cathedral on Easter Sunday

10.30am Mass ONLY in the Cathedral Monday – Saturday

NO Evening Mass on Tuesday 22 April in St. Mary's Church

NO Evening Mass on Friday 25 April in St. Brigid's Church

NO 7.30am Mass in St. Catherine's Church from Monday 21st April 7.30am Mass will resume on 5th May

Vigil Masses as usual on Saturday 26 April in the Cathedral, St. Brigid's, St. Colman's' Shinn & St. Catherine's

Knights of St. Columbanus CK10, Newry & Armagh

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 25th May. A bus will leave Newry Parish Centre, The Mall, at 7.00am via Armagh with one stop in Belcoo. Bus returns via Belcoo on return journey. Cost £25 per person. Booking forms available from Newry Parish Office. Closing date for applications is Monday 19th May at 4.00pm.

Venerable Matthew Talbot – The Knights of St. Columbanus will accompany the relic of Venerable Matt Talbot to the Cathedral on Friday 25th April. The relic will arrive before the 10.30am Mass and will remain in the Cathedral until 2.00pm. Though he has not yet been formally recognised as a saint, he has been declared Venerable and is considered a patron of those struggling with alcoholism. His life would have gone unnoticed were it not for the cords and chains discovered on his body when he died suddenly on a Dublin Street in 1925. He was a member of the Third Order of St. Francis.

RECENTLY BAPTISED NEWRY & SAVAL PARISHES

Ellie Emma Gibney, 88 Killeavy Road
 Erin Noelle-Marie Woods, 39 Drumgullion Avenue
 Shanea Grace Agnes McKenna, 1 Hollyridge Lane
 Leana Rose Smyth, 37 Carnagh Park
 Keeley Gillett, 4 Derrybeg Villas
 Oisín Raymond Sharkey Sloan, 63 Hillcrest Heights
 Bernard Thomas Rooney, 20 Carney Hall
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NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Sunday 20 April	9.00am	Kathleen & John Smith, Plunkett Street, Catherine Casey, Plunkett Mews & John & Brigid Casey, Mourneview Park.
	12.00pm	Raimondas Kilimavicius, Lithuania (M.M) Larry Fox, Henry Street, (M.M) Kathleen Johnston, Mountainview Drive (M.M) Jim Havern, Greenfield Park Jean & Paddy Connell, Beech Hill John & Maureen McHale, Carnagh Park John Joe, Carmel & Louis Quinn, High Street & deceased family members of the Hanna Family Danute Kasputiene, Martynas Jocas, Krizentas Kasputis, Petras Klimasauskas Dr. Peter McMahon, Newry Stephen Fitzpatrick, Margot & Stephanie Foley, Rathfriland.
Monday 21 April	5.30pm	NO MASS
	10.30am	Joe Campbell, Greenfield Park Helen Devine, Downshire Road Kathleen, Malachy & Elizabeth Cunningham, Monaghan Row. Fergal, Vincent, Joseph & Mary Rennick, Maginnis Villas. Michael Reilly, Flagstaff Court Jessie Hamill, Armagh Eithne & Thomas McMichael, Upper Damolly Road. Father Jack Lynch
Tuesday 22 April	10.30am	Joseph McClean, Lower Catherine Street (M.M) Philip & Stephen Craven, Barcroft Park William & Margaret McKeown & deceased Family members, St. Clare's Avenue May & Paddy Woods, Carlingford Park & Fred & Lily Jolley, Newry Bridie McNulty, Greenwood Drive Jenny Kelly, Chapel Road Terry Duffy, Annsville Gerald Murphy, Loughview Park Nancy Morgan, Ardmaine Gardens Anne & Kevin Short, Maryville Park.
Wednesday 23 April	10.30am	
Friday 25 April	10.30am	
Saturday 26 April	6.00pm	

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 20 April	10.30am	Anne Rice, O'Neill Avenue Margaret & Matthew McAteer, O'Neill Avenue Maura & Austin Slevin, Loughview Park Rosina Rodgers, O'Neill Avenue Ann Carragher (Neé Keenan), Barnmeen, formerly Hennessy Park Mary McMahon & deceased family members, Drumgullion Avenue Gerard McGivern, Beechmount Park Dan & May McCann, O'Neill Avenue, Paddy & Bridie McCann, Drumgullion Avenue, George & Bridget McGivern, High St. Mary O'Hanlon, Chapel St. Patrick Quinn Bennett & John Declan Bennett, Barley Lane Eddie & Irene Campbell, Oaklands Bernadette Brown, Warrenpoint & Terry O'Neill Athlone Philomena McParland – Daly, Newry George, Mary & Patrick McAteer, Ballyholland Road.
Sunday 27 April	10.30am	Jerome Finnegan, Greenfield Park Moira McCormick, Toragh Park & deceased Members of the McCormick Family, Larne & USA Patrick & Kathleen Sweeney, Grinan Road Jack & Kathleen Bailey, Shandon Park Aiden, Jim & Marion Bagnall, Mourneview, The Commons.

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 26 April	7.30pm	Turlough Marks, Parkhead Crescent (M.M) Margaret & Thomas Malone, North Street John & Kathleen McStay, Killeavy Rd, Irene Morly, Derrybeg & Patsy Watterson, Camlough Hilda Murtagh, Woodlands, Hospital Road.
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Saval Anniversaries

Saturday 26 April	6.00pm	Peter & Mary Kerr Patrick McElroy Thomas & Mary Goodman
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St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Sunday 20 April	8.00am	Austin Smyth (M.M) Foila Rice Theresa, Michael, Carmel, Frederick & Catherine Courtney
	9.30am	Joan, Jessie & Eugene Collins & deceased family members Susan & Owen Magill
	11.00am	Michael & Magdalene Matthews Patrick & Rose Morgan & Marie McClorey John Duffy Christina & Malachy Murphy Marie McAllister McManus & Comiskey Families.
Tuesday 22 April	12.30pm	Maureen Martin
	11.00am	Peter Morley
Thursday 24 April	7.30pm	Brendan Mooney
Friday 25 April	7.30pm	Deceased members of the Dominican Family
Saturday 26 April	11.00am	Hugh & Annie Clarke May & Desy McAviney Kathleen & Pat Corrigan
Sunday 27 April	7.30pm	Bill Connell, Doreen & Jimmy Forsythe & Monica Breen, Michael Connell
	8.00am	Terry Duffy
	9.30am	Geraldine McAteer
	11.00am	Bernard Morrissey Robert Kelly John & Kathleen Byrne & Patrick & Margaret King
	12.30pm	Pat McKeown Vincent Kelly Ross Kerrin
		Lily & Jim McAnuff Joseph Kieran McParland Patrick & Mary McInerney

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