

Parishes of Newry & Saval

Sunday 4th January 2026
The Second Sunday after The Nativity

A circle has no beginning. That is because it is not a real thing. Circular things are real—such as wheels and coins and clock-faces—but a circle is a mathematical concept, not a thing. Nor does a circle have an end; it is going nowhere; it has no story to tell.

Both the Old and the New Testaments begin with the words “In the beginning.” That gives notice that we are about to hear a story. “In the beginning was the Word.” Today’s gospel passage is the opening of the New Testament. The Greek word logos (‘word’ in English) is of immense significance, more than is revealed by the English word. To begin: ‘word’ is ambiguous. It can mean a written or a spoken word. French is more precise: in the beginning, it says, was la parole, the spoken word. The story is not going to be about old texts and lexicons and dictionaries, it is going to be story of Someone breaking the eternal silence, Someone speaking to us. More still: logos has a range of meanings that no modern translation captures. Besides word, it also means inner principle, meaning, harmony....

In the beginning was the Meaning... and the Meaning became flesh and lived among us. In the beginning was the Harmony.... To dwell with these words is to allow the Gospel to go deeper in us than all our practised words and thoughts.

Many people today experience overwhelming dread when they look at how our world is faring in the hands of powerful leaders. The first victim is the truth. It would be unusual but not be far-fetched to translate logos also as truth – particularly in John’s gospel, where Jesus declares, “I am the way, the truth, and the life” (Jn 14:6). To lie, especially to lie systematically, is to shatter the original Meaning, as far as one is capable. It is like turning the signposts around: everyone who pays attention is liable to go astray.

It is to destroy all harmony, to demolish human society, as far as we are able. In principle it is to turn the universe into a heap of unrelated fragments, to become a “destroyer of worlds.”

It was in this tormented world that the Logos became flesh. It is here that he still lives among us. It is here that he is mocked and tortured to death in millions of innocent victims, who are his Body. From his first moment among us, killers were on his trail. That was the first Christmas. There has never been a peaceful one, unless you except the Christmas Truce of 1914, where soldiers played football together before going back, next day, to slaughtering one another.

Is there any hope? But there has to be. To give up hope is the same as to give up faith and love – for these are aspects of one another. No, we were not idle fantasists when we wished one another a Happy Christmas or A Peaceful Christmas last week. We were expressing the Christian belief expressed in today’s gospel passage: “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”

The conflict is not a clash of armies. That is now how God enters our world. The Child born today is God’s new deed: the newest, the youngest, the most recent. But this is not announced with a roll of drums, nor even in the excited voices of advertisers; it is a silent deed. He is the Word made flesh, but he lies there as helpless to speak as any infant. Only in silence can this silent Word be heard, this Logos welcomed in our being. The new blade of grass does not make a scene or a noise; nor does the Word made flesh.

Fr Donagh O’Shea, O.P.,
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Weekend Mass Times
Saturday (vigil Mass)
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Monday – Saturday
10.30am

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Sunday: 10.30am

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon**

Wis 18:14-15

All: When a profound silence covered all things
and night was in the middle of its course,
your all-powerful Word, O Lord,
bounded from heaven's royal throne.

GREETING

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

All: Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

Priest: Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Priest: Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All: Amen

GLORIA

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

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

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

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

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: Almighty ever-living God,
splendour of faithful souls,
graciously be pleased to fill the world with your
glory, and show yourself to all peoples by the

radiance of your light.
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.
Amen.

All:

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus **24:1-2. 8-12**

Wisdom speaks her own praises,
in the midst of her people she glories in herself.
She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High,
she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One;

'Then the creator of all things instructed me,
and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.
He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob,
make Israel your inheritance."
From eternity, in the beginning, he created me,
and for eternity I shall remain.
I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle,
and thus was I established on Zion.
In the beloved city he has given me rest,
and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.
I have taken root in a privileged people
in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R Jn 1:14

**(R) The Word was made flesh,
and he lived among us.**

- O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **(R)**
- He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **(R)**
- He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
He has not taught them his decrees. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
1:3-6. 15-18

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in
Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in
Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in
his presence, determining that we should become his
adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind
purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free
gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having heard about your
faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards
all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my
prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom
and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full
knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind

so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

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

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

Cf. 1 Tim 3:16

All: Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to you, O Christ,
proclaimed to the pagans;
Glory be to you, O Christ,
believed in by the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy
Gospel according to John

1:1-18

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word:
the Word was with God and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us, and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me
ranks before me because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –
yes, grace in return for grace,
since though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

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

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stand

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: Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make
on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son,
for by it you show us the way of truth
and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Congregation stands

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just.

PREFACE (Nativity I)

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 mystery of the Word made flesh
a new light of your glory has shone upon the eyes
of our mind, so that, as we recognize in him God
made visible, we may be caught up through him in
love of things invisible.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory,
as 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 unfailing help.

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

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you:
in your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.
To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who
were pleasing to you at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of
your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom
you bestow on the world all that is good.

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

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

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

All: **Amen.**

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

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

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

Congregation kneels

The celebrant says quietly:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood,
Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and

condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for
me protection in mind and body and a healing remedy.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 1:12

All: **To all who would accept him,
he gave the power to become children 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.
Lord our God, we humbly ask you, that,
through the working of this mystery, our offences
may be cleansed and our just desires fulfilled.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

Priest: May the God of infinite goodness,
who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness
from the world and by that glorious Birth has
illuminated this most holy day,
drive far from you the darkness of vice
and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

All: **Amen**

Priest: May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's
saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the
Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives
and make you heralds of his Gospel.

All: **Amen**

Priest: And may God, who by the Incarnation brought
together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with
the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers
with the Church in heaven, and give you his peace.

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

The Gospel reading from John states that the Eternal Word, through whom all that exists came to be, 'was made flesh and lived among us.' While the human mind cannot grasp the mystery of a love so great, perhaps the following story may help to give us some limited appreciation of it.

In the ancient kingdom of Siam there lived a prince who fell in love with a fair maiden, the daughter of one of the farm labourers. As he the prince knew that, if he married her, she would become queen and this should make her happy. But he also knew that she would admire him and be grateful to him, but she would not be able to truly love him because the inequality between them would be too great. So, he decided to renounce his kingship, become a humble labourer on his father's vast estate, and offer her his love as an equal.

Gradually, he befriended the maiden and offered her his love. He went out of his way to show how much he loved her. At first, she was withdrawn and distrustful but, as the prince continued to woo her, her resistance broke down and she opened her heart to him. Once she accepted his love she began to believe in her own goodness and was able to love him in return.

This simple story is clearly a parable about the kind of love we celebrate today. The Son of God came in humility and weakness. He wanted to gain our love so that we would follow Him freely out of love and not in servitude. This, of course, involved a risk. People might not accept Him. But an extraordinary transformation took place in those who accepted His love and opened their hearts to Him: 'But to all who did accept He gave power to become children of God. When we accept God's love, we experience our own goodness and are able to love God and one another in return.'

Today, 4th January 2026 marks the end of the Holy Year, the year of hope announced by Pope Francis. For us in Newry Parish it has been a good year and was marked each month by prayer. The highlight of the year was the fact that we now have a grotto in honour of Our Lady in the Cathedral Garden in the centre of Newry City. For many people the grotto is a sanctuary of heart healing and soul rest, where time is properly regarded as the infinite thing it is. Many drop in to place their concerns and worries in the hands of Our Lady.

Archbishop Eamon Martin will celebrate the 12noon Mass in the Cathedral and formally bring this year of hope to a close. The Archbishop will commission the new altar servers, readers and members of the junior choir.

Canon Francis Brown

The next Family Mass will take place on Sunday 11th January in the Cathedral at 12noon. It will be led by St. Patrick's P.S.

Holy Hour in honour of Jesus the Divine Mercy and Our Lady this Sunday 4th January at 3.00pm in St. Catherine's Church, Dominic Street. Come spend an hour with the Eucharistic Lord.

Answer a few questions to help restore Newry Cathedral. Essential restoration is needed to safeguard our Cathedral's structure, roof and unique interior mosaic. While the parish is applying for National Lottery Funding, the strength of our application depends on the support and voices of our people. Please take a moment to complete our short survey and help preserve this treasured place for generations to come. Complete the survey at the link below or scan the QR code with your phone.
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Dromore Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Anyone wishing to travel with the Dromore Pilgrimage from 15th May to 20th May 2026. Contact Sean Gorman 028 3026 3739 or any committee member. Price £890 all inclusive including transfers from both airports. Cheques payable to Hospitalite Our Lady of Lourdes Newry. Anyone wishing to put their name forward for consideration to travel to Lourdes as an assisted pilgrim please contact Phil Downey 07803 264298 or Deidre Quinn 07511 692550 or any committee member.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

A word of thanks to the members of this team and the great work they do. May I remind parents to book the Course in advance of the proposed date of baptism. I would suggest a date well before the baptism. Parents and GOD-PARENTS are expected to attend. The clergy have noted how much more meaningful the ceremony is since the Baptism preparation began.

Easter Pilgrimage to Medjugorje for 7 nights from Wednesday 1st of April to Wednesday 8th April, Pilgrimage includes.....

Outbound flight, Dublin to Mostar direct (only half an hour from Medjugorje)
Return flight Split to Dublin direct:
Bus transfers to and from Medjugorje:
Half board accommodation:
Local guide for the week:
Extra excursions of surrounding areas such as the Surmanci (Divine Mercy Chapel) and Mostar with its world famous bridge, these are optional and will incur a small fee.
Earlybird deal price of £725 pps if deposit paid before February 1st: Christmas gift vouchers available:
Travel insurance, optional at £35:
Contact Jerome Lynch on 07739092399

Rev. Deacon Anthony Moffett will be ordained a priest on the 11th January 2026 in St. Colman's Church, Dromore at 3.00pm. He will celebrate his First Mass in the Cathedral at 10.30am on Monday 12th January. Please keep Deacon Anthony in your prayers.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Tuesday 6 January 2026

Masses are as follows:

Cathedral: 10.30am St. Mary's 7.30pm

Enjoy an Upcoming Concert with Mike Denver with special guests in Newry Cathedral on 15th March 2026 at 7pm. Tickets on sale in Parish Office, Hill Street and the Cathedral bookshop, The Mall. Admission £35.

Novena to St. Carlos Acutis

Newry Parish is having a Novena to St. Carlos Acutis. It will begin on the 4th October the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and will conclude on the 12th October 2026, the Feast of St. Carlos Acutis.

POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

Opportunities for young people – those who are 16/17 years old – Do you volunteer for a charity, your youth club, sports club or something else. Perhaps you help in your Parish. If yes, then you are welcome to sign up to the Pope John Paul II Award. If you are not already a volunteer join us. Signing up to the Award is a great way to become a volunteer, to meet other likeminded people and to make a difference. If you want more information or to sign up please email the Dromore Diocese Youth Director, Frances McNally on youthdirector@dromorediocese.org or phone 028 30833898

Recording of Requiem & Nuptial Masses in Newry & Saval Parishes

If the family of a loved one in the parishes of Newry & Saval wishes to have a Requiem Mass recorded, please ask the Funeral Director to make arrangements in the Parish Office when they contact the Office to make Funeral arrangements. This gives time to get the recording set up.

For the recording of a Nuptial Mass, the couple should make this request when the papers are being finalised or with the priest celebrating the Mass.

NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Saturday 3 January	6.00pm	Owen Kennedy, Castleowen Joe Coburn, Oaklands Charlie Madden, Forthill Rd
Sunday 4 January	12 noon	Margaret Madden, Bingian Terrace Bridie Ruddy, Mourneview Park
	5.30pm	Gerald & Betty Connolly, Chestnut Grove & deceased family members.
Tuesday 6 January	10.30am	Aidan Traynor, Clonmore, Armagh Road Dominic McGale, Glenard Road, Omagh
Wednesday 7 January	10.30am	Jim McKeivitt, Church Street.
Friday 9 January	10.30am	John Murphy, The Manse.
Saturday 10 January	10.30am	Rev. James Burke
	6.00pm	Father Edward Campbell
		Father John Magee Ella O'Hanlon, Caulfield Place
Sunday 11 January	9.00am	Brian & Mary McAteer, Castle Street John & Elizabeth Magill, Hennessy Park
	12 noon	Joe & Mary Carlin, Water Street Paddy Joe & Nancy McCann, The Manse
		Elizabeth McCamley, Well Lane Deceased members of the Campbell Family, Linenhall Square & the Shill Family, Birmingham.
		Aidan Traynor, Clonmore, Armagh Rd Kathleen & Patrick McShane, Greenwood Drive & deceased members of the Fox Family, Galway

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 4 January	10.30am	Mary Coulter, St. Mary's Villas James & Philomena Magee, Carnagh Park
		Jimmy Fearon, Cole Court Willie Ryan, Carlingford Park Kevin & Maurice McAteer, Innisfree Park
Tuesday 6 January	7.30pm	Deceased members of the McShane Family, Slievegullion Road
Sunday 11 January	10.30am	Poppy & Mae Keenan Courtney Hill & Peter & Mary Keenan, St. Clare's Avenue, & Kerry Brendan Murphy, O'Neill Avenue & deceased family members, St. Patrick's Avenue Mary & Owen O'Gorman & the McGovern Family, Bessbrook
		Oliver McEvoy, Chapel Street Paul Carr, Toragh Park.

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 3 January	7.30pm	Frank Craven, Iveagh Crescent (M.M) Bobby & Mary McAleavy, Second Avenue, Derrybeg Magdalen Gray, Helen's Terrace Francis & Maureen McDonald, Third Avenue & James & Brigid Fearon & Deceased family members, Davis Street.
Saturday 10 January	7.30pm	Gerry Carroll, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg William & Nancy Taylor, Derrybeg Drive Kathleen & Vincent Carroll, Second Avenue, Derrybeg Dominic Fegan, Killeavy Road Maura, Patsy, Pat McDermott, Killeavy Road Gwen Reilly, Chestnut Grove Mary, Pat & Bernard McEnteggart & David Hanna, Fifth Avenue, Derrybeg Park.

Saval Anniversaries

Saturday 3 January	6.00pm	Michael & May McCarthy Declan Malley
Sunday 4 January	10.30am	Teddy Yewlett (M.M)

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 3 January	7.30pm	Damian Moore
Sunday 4 January	9.30am	Arthur & Susan King Patrick & Margaret King
	11.00am	Barry Andrews George & Kathleen Bradley & deceased members of Bradley & Grant Families Frank Matthews Doreen McMillan Eamon Toner
	12.30pm	Benefactors of the Church & Priory Sean & Mary Rice
Monday 5 January	7.30pm	Dan McDonald
Tuesday 6 January	11.00am	Gordon, Sheila, Meredith, Bruce & Elizabeth Macrae Willie, Kitty & Hughie Fegan
Wednesday 7 January	7.30pm	Seamus McGreevy
Thursday 8 January	11.00am	Holy souls
Friday 9 January	11.00am	Deceased members of the Dominican Family
Saturday 10 January	7.30pm	John & Kathleen Hollywood Myles, Bridie, Stephanie, Annmarie, Paddy & Eileen McCourt Sean Gribben Mary & William McCamley & deceased members of the O'Neill & McCamley Families
Sunday 11 January	11.00am	Willie Hogan
	12.30pm	Seamus McGreevy, Jimmy & Mary McGreevy, Charlie & Georgie McGreevy Maureen Robinson (Neé McGreevy)

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