

# Parishes of Newry & Saval

Sunday 1st March 2026  
The Second Sunday of Lent

The Transfiguration of Christ is recorded in the first three Gospels (Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9). The fourth does not recount the story, but John 1:14 is possibly a reference to it: "We have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." And Peter wrote, "We were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain" (2 Peter 1:16-18).

How are we to understand this or any account of the Transfiguration? As an historical event? As a symbolic story? Or as a spiritual experience? It is alright to be puzzled by it; in Mark's account of it, Peter "didn't know what to say."

What kind of clarity can we get today, if those disciples were at a loss? The scholars tell us to look at its context. This voice from heaven was heard once before, at Jesus' baptism in the Jordan. The words were the same in all three gospels (except that Matthew says 'This is my Son,' while Mark and Luke write 'You are my Son'). In each case a cloud overshadows him (in the Old Testament the cloud was frequently an image of God's presence: for example, in Exodus 19:9; Leviticus 16:2; etc.). So the scene is like a backward glance to the beginning of his public life. It is also a glance to the future: it is like a moment's preview of the Resurrection. The beginning and the end of the story are brought together in one luminous moment.

But again, how are we to understand it? Let's see what significance it may have had for the disciples.

In all three gospels it comes just after Jesus predicted his suffering and death for the first time. Such talk must have seemed incomprehensible to them.

Their minds turned on fame and success. To make matters worse, Jesus hinted that as followers of his, they would suffer a similar fate. This must have added terror to incomprehension. It was time for an experience that would lift them from the doldrums, it was time for one luminous moment.

They enjoyed the experience, whatever it was. "Lord, it is good for us to be here," said Peter. He even offered to erect some kind of shelters so that they could stay there. He would soon be dragged beyond that instant enthusiasm. It is significant that Jesus told them not to talk about it. Some things, he seems to say, cannot be understood by the busy mind.

Even in the face of less mysterious things our mental categories are limiting and provisional. How hard it is sometimes to describe some event in one's own life. "Did it really happen, or did I only imagine it, or was it something I remember dimly from childhood, or saw on television, or heard my parents talk about...?" In real life, fact and symbol and inner experience all come together. How could anyone know what category to put the Transfiguration in?

Many people admit to having had spiritual experiences of some kind. There is nothing exceptional about this. It stands to reason that there are moments when your mind is clearer, quieter, more receptive. The temptation is to grab these experiences greedily, to consider yourself 'enlightened', and to begin to see yourself as different. The advice is the same as the advice to those disciples: don't talk about it. Talking will make a 'thing' of it. Let it do its work, simply, silently. This is how the Kingdom of God comes about, as Jesus said on many occasions.

Fr Donagh O'Shea, O.P.,  
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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:** 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 came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All:** **Amen**

## 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 **12:1-4**

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.'

All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R v.22

**(R)** **May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Timothy **1:8-10**

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

**All:** **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 Matthew **17:1-9**

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud

covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said. 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**All: 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:** 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*

## EUCHARISTIC 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 (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, 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 unfailling 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

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 forth, the Mass is ended.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

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**MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Reflecting on the Gospel this weekend, I especially related with how Peter, James and John must have felt about the Transfigured Jesus – confused, fearful, shocked. Matthew clearly states Peter, James and John ‘fell prostrate and were very much afraid’. It is easy to let fear prevent our growth and actions. For a long time, some people were so afraid of failing that they never took a risk. Consequently, they were minimally fulfilled and rarely contributed. Until one is willing to take a risk that one’s life feels unfulfilled by one’s willingness to contribute to life. When dealing with fear, we may wish to ask what we are afraid of and take our fear and turn it over to God.

Returning to the Transfiguration scene, imagine the shock of Peter, James and John seeing images of Moses and Elijah, and hearing the Father’s voice. It is this kind of shock St. Francis experienced as he prayed in front of the San Damiano Cross and Jesus told him to ‘Rebuild my Church, which you see is in need of repair’. It is this kind of shock one experiences time after time when one witnesses God’s miracles for family and countless others. This Lent, more than ever, we need to open our hearts to God so we can experience the shock of these miracles.

Confusion, Fear, Shock. On this Second Sunday of Lent, may we overcome any confusion by learning, fear, by courage, and embrace the shock of the miracles God has in store for us. During this Lenten season, on our journey to Calvary, let us recall the prayer of discernment which St. Francis prayed before the San Damiano Cross. “Most High, Glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart. Give me true faith, certain hope and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out your holy and true command.”

**Canon Francis Brown**

**Mass at 7.30am during Lent**

Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral each morning during Lent, Monday to Friday to suit those going to work.

**Congratulations** to the Staff and Pupils of St. Colman’s Primary School, Saval for leading a lovely family Mass last weekend.

**The next Family Mass** in Newry Parish will be led by Bunscoil an Iúir on Sunday, 8th March at 12 noon in the Cathedral.

**Enjoy an upcoming Concert of Sacred Music with Mike Denver** with the Choirs of St. Joseph’s Boys’ High School and St. Mary’s High School in Newry Cathedral on 15th March 2026 at 7.00pm. Tickets on sale in the Parish Office, Hill Street and the Cathedral Bookshop, the Mall. Admission £35.

**Holy Hour in Honour of Jesus the Divine Mercy & Our Lady** in St. Catherine’s Church on Sunday 1st March at 3.00pm. Come spend one hour with the Eucharistic Lord.

**DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Monday 9th MARCH 2026: @7:30PM**

The Society will host an online lecture by **Geoff Cobb** entitled **Celtic Park, New York and Irish American Olympians**. We are delighted to welcome back our New York contributor, Geoff Cobb. Geoff, the author of four books on Brooklyn history, and a 2021 publication entitled, “The Irish in New York: Profiles of New Yorkers who have Shaped the Empire State”, is vice president for local history for the New York Irish History Round Table and a regular contributor to Irish America magazine. The ZOOM room will open at 7:15pm. The talk will start at 7:30PM sharp. A link to the talk can be obtained by e-mailing the Hon Secretary goss.jjm@gmail.com and will be forwarded on Monday MARCH 9.

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Sunday 22 February 2026**

<b>Weekly</b>	£ 751.50
<b>Loose Plate</b>	£ 123.30
	£ 874.80
<b>Priests’ Collection</b>	£ 146.30
<b>Trócaire</b>	£ 234.70

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**BENEDICTION ON THE SUNDAYS DURING LENT**

Benediction with evening prayer of the Church will be prayed every Sunday afternoon in the Cathedral at 4.30pm

**LENTEN PROGRAMME**

The parish is holding a sycamore Lenten Programme every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm – 9.00pm, beginning on 24th February. The topics being covered are: 24th February – Who is Jesus. 3rd March: The Holy Spirit and the Church: 10th March: Gift of Faith. 24th March: Finding True Freedom: 31st March: The meaning of love. Please register with Daniel, email address is Daniel.mcanulty01@yahoo.com

**NEWRY PARISH – BIG PRIZE DRAW  
Winners for Draw Number 4  
23 February 2026**

1st Prize £1000 – Draw ticket no. 476

**Winner Seamus Macdhaibhidh**

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5th Prize £50 – Draw ticket no. 19 – **M & E Byrne**

6th Prize £50 – Draw ticket no. 211 – **Eileen McStay**

7th Prize £50 – Draw ticket no. 612 – **Roisin Braniff**

**Sellers Prizes**

1st seller’s prize £50 Draw no. 95 – **Joan McAteer**

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**Young Adult Event (18 to 30 +)** you are invited to join us in Dromantine. Thursday March 5th, 6.30 pm for 7 pm start, until 9 pm. We are very conscious of the struggles faced by so many of our young people today. We are keen to hear from you and your friends to share your thoughts about how together you can be part of pastoral renewal in the Diocese of Dromore and how we can offer new opportunities to you, your peers, and the next generation. It will help us with hospitality if you pre-register via email youthdirector@dromorediocese.org.

**NEWRY PARISH COLLECTIONS  
Sunday 22 February 2026**

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## NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

### Cathedral Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 28 February</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Dan & Peggy McArdle, Grinan, Cathal McArdle, Kilkeel & Fr. Sean Rafferty & Cathal Rafferty, Barr   Theresa Moody, Carrick Ard   Helen Campbell, Commons Way Christine Hanna, Abbey Heights   Kathleen McAvoy, Sean O'Neill Park & deceased Family members   Raymond & Josephine McGovern, Armagh Road & deceased Members of McGovern & Martin Families
<b>Sunday 1 March</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>12 noon</b>	John Taggart, Toragh Park Madge & William Hannigan, Fourth Avenue, Derrybeg   Marie Armstrong, Hollywood Grove Raymond McAllister, Cloughreagh Park
<b>Monday 2 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Kathleen & Patrick McCabe & deceased family members, Linenhall Square
<b>Wednesday 4 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Joe, Mary Allice, Allan Larkin, High Street   Josephine Casey, Luton
<b>Thursday 5 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Most Rev. Dr. Michael Blake   Philip & Gertrude Campbell, New Street
<b>Friday 6 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Andrew Maguire Boyd, Newry & Omeath
<b>Saturday 7 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	Charles, Brigid & Michael McGovern, High Street   Edward & Bridget McLoughlin & Deceased family members, First Avenue   Brea McMullan, Clanrye Fold John & Cissie Turley, Courtney Hill   Charles Keenan, Courtney Hill & Josephine & Joseph Rooney, Courtney Hill   George McIvor, Mourneview Park Rose & David McManus, Crieve   Michael McEvoy, Willow Grove Jim Magee, Windsor Avenue
<b>Sunday 8 March</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>12 noon</b>	<b>Isobel Cranney, Greenan Road (M.M)</b> <b>Anne Mullen, Mountpleasant (M.M)</b>   John Torley, Carlingford Park Beth O'Hagan, Windsor Avenue

### St. Mary's Anniversaries

<b>Sunday 1 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Una Harte, John F Kennedy Park (M.M)</b>
<b>Sunday 8 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Margaret McAteer, Ballyholland Road (M.M)</b>   Molly Maguire, The Manse Noel & Jean McGovern, Ballyholland Road & Pauline & Jack Ilott, O'Neill Avenue Margretta Murtagh, Kilmorey Street
<b>Tuesday 24 February</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Gerry Keenan, Hennessy Park (M.M)</b>   Renee Stokes, Commons Way

### St. Brigid's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 28 February</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Tom, Annie & Mickey Gallagher, North St & Patsy Gallagher, Main Avenue, Derrybeg Thomas & Margaret McCabe, Second Avenue, Derrybeg Patrick Joseph McCann, Parkhead Crescent   Gerald Mullan, Parkhead Crescent Desmond & Brea McGennity, Second Avenue, Derrybeg Brian Magill, Third Avenue, Derrybeg   Donna Keddle, Drumgullion Avenue
<b>Friday 6 March</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Peter, Mary & Teresa Jackson, Orior Road
<b>Saturday 7 March</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Delia Gallagher, Fifth Avenue   Caroline Furniss, Ballynamagna Road, Loughbrickland Patrick Rice, Ballinlare Gardens   Teresa McDonald, Drumgullion Avenue & Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Tumilty & Robert Joseph Tumilty, Drumgullion Avenue

### Saval Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 7 March</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Martin Holt
<b>Sunday 8 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	John McAvoy & Michael & Susan McAvoy   Oliver Byrne

### St. Catherine's Anniversaries

<b>Saturday 28 February</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Brendan Byrne   Pat Kearns, Joe & Olivia Crawley   Bridget & Thomas Shields Geraldine Kelly   Ronnie, Patricia & Michael O'Hare & deceased family members Anna & Vincent McCann   Rosie & Peter O'Hare   Kathleen McCamley Phyllis & Billy Kimbley
<b>Sunday 1 March</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Therese Gorman (M.M)</b> Aloysius & Margaret McGrath   Vera & Tom McGahon <b>John McKenna (M.M)</b>   <b>Kerrie Cranney (M.M)</b>   Gerard Boyle   Dessie Mathers & deceased members of the Mathers & Hughes Families   Ronnie Tremer & deceased family members
<b>Monday 2 March</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Phyllis & Ann Marie Coleman   Peadar Markey
<b>Tuesday 3 March</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Siobhan & Jimmy Cunningham
<b>Wednesday 4 March</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Garry Kane (M.M)</b>   Mary Campbell, Cornelius, Mary & Peter Hart Catherine Blackadder
<b>Thursday 5 March</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Rosemary Haughian   Nicholas Shevlin
<b>Friday 6 March</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Bronagh Flynn   Lizzy, Ellen & Patrick Kelly   Nellie & Peter Murphy
<b>Saturday 7 March</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Owen & Shelagh McDonnell & Nuala Lynch Deceased members of the Watters Family   Jim & Eleanor Flynn Seamus & Margaret Crossey
<b>Sunday 8 March</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>12.30pm</b>	Jim & Kathleen Fitzpatrick   James O'Hare Kathleen & John Wright   Kevin Crummy   Des & Eileen McCann

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