

Parishes of Newry & Saval

Sunday 15th February 2026
The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The scribes and Pharisees get such a bad press in the New Testament that we might imagine they were purely malicious people. This would certainly be unjust to them as a group. They were generally dedicated and conscientious people, though narrow and legalistic in outlook. Not all of them were as extreme as the sub-group called the Kizai, or 'Stumblers', mentioned in the Talmud, who shut their eyes when they went out, so that they might not see a woman. St Paul, while he was still Saul, would not have remained long a Pharisee if they were all as we usually imagine them. Even after his conversion he could still proudly describe himself as a Pharisee (Acts 23:6-8). Still, in the first mention of them in the New Testament (Mt 3:7), they are ranked by John, with the Sadducees, as a "generation of vipers."

In today's reading, however, Jesus might appear to be exceeding even the Pharisees in strictness of interpretation of the Law. "Until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished." Many Christians (and others) have a core feeling that religion is essentially about strictness and restraint; and so they feel that the more rigid they are, the more religious. Of course there is a place for strictness and restraint, but it is not the first place. Without wishing to trivialise this, one could imagine a driver who rigidly observed all the rules of the road, yet drove "without due care and attention." All rules of the road are general, but every pothole and speed-ramp and every pedestrian is particular; and so is every vehicle on the road. It would be hard to imagine Jesus on the side of the Pharisees; so we have to read this passage very carefully.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil." When is a law perfectly fulfilled? When it is observed to the letter? Hardly.

The scribes and Pharisees adhered to the letter of the Law, yet Jesus accused them of "setting aside the commands of God and clinging to human traditions" (Mk 7:8; see Feb. 10). A law is being fulfilled, surely, when the purpose for which it was made is being fulfilled. A law is a means to an end; but if the end is being subverted by the law, then it is no longer a law. This is the revolutionary teaching of St Thomas Aquinas. Law, he said, is an act of reason (ordering a means to an end), not an act of will. Law is not the grip of someone's power over you, but guidance for your mind. It subverts neither your mind nor your will, but guides you along a path. It does not take away your freedom, but supports, enlightens and defends it. This is how there can be such a thing as the 'law of God'. It makes us open our eyes, not close them. Strictness is not the essence of law; the essence of law is seeing. Jesus told the Pharisees they were "the blind leading the blind" (Mt 15:14).

"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees," Jesus said, "you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." For 'exceeds', another translation says 'goes deeper than'. A shallow religion has to compensate for lack of depth by excessive strictness; and it tries in advance to make rules for every possible situation. In King Solomon's Ring Konrad Lorenz gave a memorable description of the little semi-blind creature, the water newt, that makes its way around more by memory rather than sight. A superficial religion is like this. We pay a heavy price for refusing to open our eyes.

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

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Monday – Saturday
10.30am

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Mass) 7.30pm
Friday: 7.30pm

St. Colman's Shinn
Saturday: 6.00pm

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Tuesday: 7.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am

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Wednesday: 7.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 30:3-4

All: Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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 came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: You came in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: You will come in glory with salvation for your people:
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 teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true,

grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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 Ecclesiasticus

15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R v.1

(R) They are happy who follow God's law!

- They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **(R)**
- You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **(R)**
- Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **(R)**
- Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION **1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68**

All: Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew **5:17-37**

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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 oblation, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse and renew us and may it become for those
who do your will the source of eternal reward.
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 (I in Ordinary Time)

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 through his Paschal Mystery,
he accomplished the marvellous deed,
by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and
death, summoning us to the glory of being now
called a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people for your own possession,
to proclaim everywhere your mighty works,
for you have called us out of darkness
into your own wonderful light.

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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

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. Ps 77:29-30

All: **They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

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. Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May God bless you with every heavenly blessing, make you always holy and pure in his sight, pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his glory, and teach you with the words of truth; may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation, and ever endow you with fraternal charity. Through Christ our Lord.

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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Gospel this weekend offers us a monologue from Jesus, a lengthy teaching asking us to be warned against the thought processes and various facades of the Scribes and Pharisees.

Our everyday lives are full of risk. Spiritual risk. We can adopt those facades ourselves indeed, we do adopt them. Jesus is asking us to check ourselves, to not fall into the same spiritual trap.

The freedom that God gives us to follow our own conscience is itself one of the greatest dangers, because we are at our own wheel; we are our own coxswain. We steer, plot, navigate and make the decisions about the journey that we take, the journey through life. But God wants this freedom in our hearts. He wishes us to come freely into his kingdom, into his eternity.

This freedom is what we must keep in mind daily, moment by moment. By considering God's Scripture in our hearts whenever we make decisions, whenever we speak to our neighbour, whenever we struggle with doubt and temptation, by keeping God close we are giving ourselves the best opportunity to let grace take charge, for the Spirit to steer us. If we ask, God will reply. If we seek Him, He shall come.

Freely coming to God in trust, asking Him to intervene, would have been anathema in the eyes of the Pharisees. And, as Jesus said, 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our virtue is to love and to trust, to make our own journey, but also to ask God to be the waves that steer us, the wind that draws us. If our words are empty, if we seek God only in hushed prayer but not in our relationships, then we shall be lost, Lost, spiritually, and lost to God's Kingdom.

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.

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

Lent in the Diocese of Dromore

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BAPTISED AND LENT

This programme is on March 5th at 6.30pm until 9.00pm in Dromantine College. It is for young adults between the ages of 18-30 who are curious about their faith, have questions, want to learn more, or are simply interested in getting involved or helping in any way. To book, please email the youth director: youthdirector@dromorediocese.org

Sick and Housebound: If any parishioner is not able to make it to Mass at the weekend and would like a visit from a priest, please contact the parish office giving your name and address and a priest will call with you. Tel no: 028 30262586

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret McAteer, Lower Ballyholland Road
Isobel Cranney, Grinan Road

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. For Saval Liz Redmond, Miriam Boyle or any committee member.

**SAVAL PARISH COLLECTIONS
Sunday 8 February 2026**

Weekly	£ 391.00
Loose Plate	£ 94.25
	£ 485.25
Priests' Collection	£ 115.00

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the 18 March this year, Masses on Ash Wednesday are as follows:

Cathedral 7.30am & 10.30am
St. Colman's College Choir will sing at the 10.30am.

St. Joseph's, Sheeptown 7.30pm

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, 31st March; The meaning of love. Please register with Daniel, email address is Daniel.mcanult01@yahoo.com

GIFT PROGRAMME

The Gift Programme (Growing in Faith together) is being offered for all first-year pupils in post – primary schools during Lent in Newry Parish Centre, beginning on the 19th February and every Thursday until the 26th March. It begins at 7.00pm and concludes at 8.30pm. The programme gives the youth the opportunity to meet friends and make more friends. Please come along and avail of this opportunity in your faith.

Lourdes Pilgrimage – 27th to 31st July – we welcome young adults 18 to 30 years to join us on Pilgrimage – includes flight, full board – will be a memorable experience for all – Cost £680 – we have 25 places – to secure your place email youthdirector@dromorediocese.org – need names and £50 deposit before end of February.

RECENTLY BAPTISED

Milena Murphy, 24 Drumgullion Avenue
Aoidan Patrick Flynn, 7 Lock Keepers View
Seáníe Martin Lenaghan, Botany, Australia

**NEWRY PARISH COLLECTIONS
Sunday 8 February 2026**

Weekly	£ 2555.49
Loose Plate	£ 2200.51
Direct Debits	£ 1723.04
	£ 6479.04
Priests' Collection	£ 402.40

To make ends meet each week we need another £2200.00 each week. Newry Parish is part of the Dromore Diocesan Trust. Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. NIC105046

NEWRY PARISH ANNIVERSARIES FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Cathedral Anniversaries

Saturday 14 February	6.00pm	Bernard & Rose Creaney & deceased family members, Davis Street Rhoda & William Carlon & Lily & Jim Heatherington, Mourneview Park. Josephine, Michael & Mary Keenan, Courtney Hill.
Sunday 15 February	9.00am 12 noon	Anne, Bridie & Mary Lambe, Carnagh Park & Sr. Mary Colette Lambe, OCarm Kevin McFee, Larchmont & High Street Gerard Callan, Pound Street Ann Loy, Hawthorne Vilas Lily & Willie McCann & deceased family members, John Mitchel Street.
Tuesday 17 February	10.30am	George McCoy, Clonmore
Friday 20 February	10.30am	Gust & Patsy Toemans, The Glen Elizabeth McDonell, St. Mary's Street.
Saturday 21 February	10.30am 6.00pm	Patrick & Agnes McPhilemy, Mary McKeivitt & Catherine Rocks. Mariana Wiatrowska & Zygmunt Wiatrowski (M.M) Noel Keenan, St. Clare's Avenue Deceased members of the Moore Family & the Carson Family, Newry & Belfast Philomena O'Hanlon, Greenwood Villas Eileen Cowan & deceased members of the Mulholland Family, Ballyholland Brian Kane, Castle Street & deceased members of the Kane Family, Rostrevor Bridget & James Blackart, Carnbane Gardens & Bridget & Robert Caldwell, Vimy Tce Bobby & Mary McLaughlin, Blaney Crescent Mary & Noel Sweeney, Grinan Road & Deceased members of the McSherry Family, Cronin Park.
Sunday 22 February	12 noon	Paula Larkin, Shandon Park, Tommy Fitzpatrick (Jnr), Mayobridge Mullagh & Eugene O'Leary, Wexford Doris O'Hagan, Balmoral Park Brendan & Anita O'Neill, Maginnis Villas.

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 15 February	10.30am	Lilian McMahon, Mass Rock Lane (M.M) P J McCann, McCann's Corner & Tom & Rose McCann & deceased family members Lily & Dessie McKeivitt, Derryleckagh Gerry & Una Boyle, Greenan Road. Pamela Dixon, Caiseal Court.
Tuesday 17 February	7.30pm	Louis Spencer, Upper Edward Street
Sunday 22 February	10.30am	Margaret McShane, Carlingford Park Paddy & Elizabeth Sweeney, St. Mary's Villas Eileen Cowan & deceased members of the Mulholland Family, Ballyholland Peter McManus, Carnagh Park & Jack & Gertie McManus & deceased family members Chapel Street

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 14 February	7.30pm	John & Margaret Craven, Raymond Kelly Park & Fr. John Craven, C.P., Ardoyne Belfast Jack Lucas, Iveagh Crescent Pat Bagnall, Springhill Drive Rosemary Gray, Helen's Terrace Seamus Carragher, Killeavy Road.
Friday 20 February	7.30pm	Paddy Rafferty, Ballinlare Gardens & Joe & Louis Dixon, Lisdrum Avenue Geraldela Short, Second Avenue, Derrybeg.
Saturday 21 February	7.30pm	Gerald & Maura McGuigan & deceased family members, Slievegullion Road Kathleen Cunningham, Violet Hill Avenue John Fearon, Parkhead Crescent Felix, Elizabeth & Terry Fegan, Orior Road Matt & Molly Griffin, Orior Road Robert & Ethel McDonald, Derrybeg Drive.

Saval Anniversaries

Sunday 15 February	10.30am	Ramona & Phelim Doyle Bernard Leddy Maura & John Connolly & deceased family
Saturday 21 February	6.00pm	Alfie Kerr Edward Quinn Jim Turley
Sunday 22 February	10.30am	Michael McCarthy Josephine McCarthy

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 14 February	7.30pm	Brendan Fegan (M.M) Jackie, Kathleen, Mary & Gregory Mooney
Sunday 15 February	9.30am 11.00am 12.30pm	George Harris (M.M) Gerald & Patricia Curran Johnnie McElhatton Mickey Brady (M.M) Pat Hughes Jackie Poucher Rose & Gerard Lonergan Pat & Rose O'Hare
Monday 16 February	11.00am 7.30pm	Bernard, Delia, Paul & Martin Trodden Ann & Stephen Woods
Tuesday 17 February	7.30pm	John & Sarah McNally
Wednesday 18 February	7.30am	Frank & Annie Keegan
Thursday 19 February	11.00am	Mary McCarron John & Linda McKeivitt
Friday 20 February	11.00am	Bernard Morgan
Saturday 21 February	11.00am 7.30pm	Robert Kelly Myles Loughran Brendan Torley Sonya McDonagh
Sunday 22 February	8.00am 11.00am 12.30pm	James & Rose Gollugly & deceased members of the Gollugly & McGeough Families Bridget Heaney Moira & Imelda Campbell Danny Murphy Evelyn Carnegie Marie Cole & Bridget & Alice Quinn

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