

Parishes of Newry & Saval

Sunday 8th March 2026
The Third Sunday of Lent

Any storyteller would wish to have been the author of this story; it is one of the best-loved passages in the New Testament. The way in which the woman is led from incomprehension to deeper awareness is splendid.

It was midday. In the intense heat everyone, and even the animals and birds, would have fallen into a state of torpor; there was nobody around, just Jesus wanting a drink of water. A Samaritan woman arrives, also looking for water. There should have been no conversation between them: a rabbi would never speak to a woman in public – very strict ones would not speak even to their own wives. Besides, this woman was a Samaritan and he a Jew. There was a long history of enmity between these groups, and the woman was aware of it. The stage did not seem set for a stunning conversation.

Then Jesus broke the silence with a simple request for water. But soon he was talking about giving her "living water." This normally meant running water, as distinct from standing water, and she understood it this way. But he quickly took it to a deeper level. Water means life—natural life, clearly—but he took it deeper still. In his mind, possibly, was a passage from Jeremiah, where God is "a fountain of living water," in contrast to "broken cisterns that hold no water" (2:13). The water Jesus could give this woman, he told her, would become "a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

It was a fountain of freshness that would keep gushing forever. It was different from what we normally call life. We settle for survival, and then convenience. The Samaritan woman would settle for running water, which would save her the inconvenience of coming to this well every day. But he is offering a living source of life that will never run dry. How was he going to show her this? How was he going to penetrate her practical mind?

"Call your husband!" he said. Up to that point she seemed just chatty and curious, but not personally involved. She had much confusion in her life, but it hadn't led to any desperate search. She was broad-minded on religion, and very tolerant; she could discuss Jewish and Samaritan beliefs much more objectively than, say, a Pharisee could.

She was not passionate in her beliefs. Yet Jesus drew her by slow steps into the depth of things; he assuaged a thirst she didn't yet know she had.

Do I, do we, experience this thirst? "O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you, like a dry weary land without water..." (Psalm 62). The psalms – and all prayers, really – are full of longing and yearning. Can we feel honest as we pray those words? Advertising agencies use all their ingenuity every day to arouse longings in us that we don't actually have. We could live just as well, or perhaps better, without their products. Could we live just as well without this longing for God? Is paganism the default setting?

"My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life" (Psalm 41). Does this desire spring up in us spontaneously because it is part of what we are? Or should we agree with the philosopher that all desire is mimetic, that is, learned by imitation?

What about desires we don't know we have? Do we have a homing instinct for God – something like the homing instinct a salmon has for its source, the place where it was spawned? The Christian faith says yes, all people have a natural desire for God. It also says we may need to do a great deal of sorting-out before we experience this desire. We are made in God's image, it tells us, and this is the root of the desire to return to God.

"You have five husbands," he told her, "and the one you have now is not your husband." But he must have said this without a trace of condemnation, because she said to her neighbours with enthusiasm, "He told me everything I have ever done." Any hint of condemnation would have driven her into deeper hiding places. In the absence of condemnation, in the presence of love, she was able to see calmly her own chaos, and therefore to see through it. She was able to see all the way to the Source.

Fr Donagh O'Shea, O.P.,
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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 24:15-16

All: **My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.**

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: You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: You bring light to those in darkness:
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, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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 Exodus **17:3-7**

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by

saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R v.8

(R) **O that today you would listen to his voice:
'Harden not your hearts.'**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R)**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R)**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans **5:1-2, 5-8**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

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

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION **Cf. Jn 4:42.15**

All: **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Lord, you are really the saviour of the world;
give me the living water,
so that I may never get thirsty.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy
Gospel according to John **4:5-42**

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

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat;' but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done,' so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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: Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings,
and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own
sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Congregation stands

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just.

PREFACE (The Samaritan Woman)

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 when he asked the Samaritan woman for water to
drink, he had already created the gift of faith within
her and so ardently did he thirst for her faith,
that he kindled in her the fire of divine love.

And so we, too, give you thanks
and with the Angels
praise your mighty deeds, as we acclaim:

ACCLAMATION

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

Congregation kneels

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the

dewfall, so that they may become for us
the Body and + Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

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

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

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

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

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

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

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

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

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

All: Amen.

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

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

All: Amen.

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

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

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

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

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

Congregation kneels

The celebrant says quietly:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who, by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your Death gave life to the world,
free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood,
from all my sins and from every evil;
keep me always faithful to your commandments,
and never let me be parted from you.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 4:13-14

All: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

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 the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are nourished while still on earth
with the Bread that comes from on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
that what is being brought about in us in mystery
may come to true completion.
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: Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful,
and in your kindness grant your servants this grace:
that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour,
they may fulfil the whole of your commands.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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

All: Amen

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

Priest: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman, we learn that despite how the world must have treated the Samaritan being sinful, Jesus saw in her the possible missionary that she could be with His encouragement. No matter what our past was, our future is pure and spotless.

It is always the Lord who takes the first initiative to reveal Himself as we see in the Gospel reading this weekend. The whole scene starts as an encounter between two strangers which gets evolved into a mystical transformation and missionary action from the side of the Samaritan woman. The Lord continues to reveal Himself through simple day-to-day conversations if we listen to his voice which comes through the people.

St. Augustine said our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord. Here in the Gospel this weekend we find the same thirst in God too. It is a paradoxical scene; the giver of the living water is thirsty Himself. The thirsty Messiah and the woman who was in thirst of the living water meet. The voice that echoes in this passage is that 'my child, my heart is restless until I encounter you, talk to you, listen to you, sit with you and dine with you'. It is a wonderful way to understand how God and humanity are thirsting for one another.

This passage gives us a glimpse about the power of God's mercy and love. When Jesus meets this woman, He brings up her past into the conversation not to condemn her or to punish her but rather to reveal Himself to her. Let us pay attention that the name of the woman is unknown, it is left blank by the author so that we can fill with our own names. No matter who you are and what you have done, you are special, precious and loved by God Himself. This is the good news that the Lord gives us today. Our day-to-day experiences and encounters can be transformative and life changing. Let us be attentive to what happens around us and let us thirst for God in all that happens and in all that we do.

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.

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.

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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Yvonne Magennis, Warrenpoint

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Sunday 1 March 2026**

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Priests' Collection	£ 159.00
Sick & Retired Priests'	£ 28.00

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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

Congratulations to Mrs June Bennett & Mrs Teresa Carson

who celebrate their 100th birthday this month. Best wishes from Canon Brown and the Priests of Newry Parish. Ad Multos Annos.

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

SAFEGUARDING MEETING

Newry and Saval parishes invite all parish volunteers, ministry leaders and interested parishioners to a Safeguarding meeting designed to strengthen our shared commitment to creating a safe, welcoming and protective environment for everyone in our community. It will be held on **Thursday 19th March 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Venue: Newry parish Centre. Registration:** Please email Newry Safeguarding Representative, Paul McCormack on Paulmccormack27@btinternet.com to book your place.

We welcome parishioners and visitors to come to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Holy Rosary during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral at 3.00pm each Saturday. Everyone welcome.

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Frankie Colin Graham, 34 Bracken Grove
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**NEWRY PARISH COLLECTIONS
Sunday 1 March 2026**

Weekly	£ 1781.77
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	£ 5743.37
Priests' Collection	£ 906.00

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 7 March	6.00pm	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 Eugene & Deirdre Coffey, Dora Avenue James McKeown, Main Avenue, Derrybeg
Sunday 8 March	9.00am	Isobel Cranney, Greenan Road (M.M) Brigid & John Casey & Oliver & Elizabeth Casey, Mourneview Park
	12 noon	Anne Mullen, Mountpleasant (M.M) John Torley, Carlingford Park Beth O'Hagan, Windsor Avenue
Tuesday 10 March	10.30am	Thomas & Josephine Delahunt, Mary Street
Wednesday 11 March	10.30am	Deceased members of the Geoghan Family, Laurencetown
Thursday 12 March	10.30am	Sr. Mary McCusker, Convent of Mercy
Friday 13 March	10.30am	Patrick O'Keefe, Monaghan Row Kathleen McAnulty, Grinan, Jean Crawford & McAnulty Family, Grinan
Saturday 14 March	10.30am	Paddy Dolan, Carrickmacross
	6.00am	Robert, Kathleen, Mary & Willie White & Mary Russell, Church Street Josephine Spencer, Upper Edward Street Rose & Joe McManus, Derrylecka Kathleen Johnston, Mountainview Drive
Sunday 15 March	9.00am	Michael & John Rice, Glenn Patricia & James Patterson, Castle Street
	12 noon	Carol, Kathleen & Thomas Fitzpatrick, Rathfriland Road & Michael & Margaret Maguire North Street
	5.30pm	Carmel Durkan, Derrybeg Lane

St. Mary's Anniversaries

Sunday 8 March	10.30am	Margaret McAteer, Ballyholland Road (M.M) Molly Maguire, The Manse Noel & Jean McGovern, Ballyholland Road & Pauline & Jack Ilott, O'Neill Avenue Margretta Murtagh, Kilmorey Street
Sunday 15 March	10.30am	John Fox, Old Warrenpoint Road (M.M) Annie, Eddie & Lillian Murtagh, Derrylecka Rd Peter Keenan, Derryleckagh, Joseph Marner, Aghagallon & Brigid O'Rourke, Clanrye Pk Eileen Campbell, St. Mary's Villas Brian Hughes, Hennessy Park

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 7 March	7.30pm	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. Kathleen McDermott, Drumgullion Avenue & Francis, Margaret, Joseph & Francis (Jnr) McDermott, Belfast
Saturday 14 March	7.30pm	Dominic Loughran, Derrybeg Drive

Saval Anniversaries

Saturday 7 March	6.00pm	Martin Holt
Sunday 8 March	10.30am	John McAvoy & Michael & Susan McAvoy Oliver Byrne Oliver McGivern
Wednesday 11 March	7.30pm	Deceased members of the Griffin Family
Saturday 14 March	6.00pm	Anne Rice

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 7 March	7.30pm	Deceased members of the Watters Family Jim & Eleanor Flynn Seamus & Margaret Crossey Pat & Kathleen Kenna Daniel & Vera Doran Thomas Maguire
Sunday 8 March	11.00am	Jim & Kathleen Fitzpatrick James O'Hare Gerry McAnuff Patricia Torley
	12.30pm	Kathleen & John Wright Kevin Crummy Des & Eileen McCann
Monday 9 March	7.30am	Sally Kavanagh
	7.30pm	Mary & John Turley John & Brigid Griffin & deceased family members Martin & Mary Nealon & deceased family members Paddy & Bernadette Blair
Wednesday 11 March	11.00am	Marie McClorey
Friday 13 March	11.00am	Patrick Breen Pat & Joan Keenan
	7.30pm	Rebecca Creggan & Willie Creggan
Saturday 14 March	11.00am	Mavis McSorley Byrne & Serridge Families Mary & Michael Mallon Maureen & Dominic Donnelly Marie & Paddy McArdle
	7.30pm	Mary Fearon & deceased members of the Carroll Family
Sunday 15 March	12.30pm	James & Nancy Hollywood

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