

Parishes of Newry & Saval

Sunday 15th March 2026
The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sight is a special gift; we become aware of it momentarily only when we stumble over something in the dark. It enlarges our world: we can see trees, mountains, stars.... The blind can 'see' only as far as the tips of their fingers. Sight enlarges our human circle too: a woman who lost her sight told me that what she missed most was seeing people's faces and their responses (or lack thereof) to what she was saying. When Jesus restored the blind man's sight he was enlarging his world in every way: not only physically but socially; and not only that but spiritually as well.

John's gospel is shot through with imagery of light and darkness. In itself this imagery is open to being used in very facile ways, but John's use of it is complex and paradoxical. In today's reading, the man born blind receives his physical sight, but at a deeper level he also receives spiritual sight; whereas the Pharisees who thought they had spiritual sight become progressively spiritually blind.

"I once was lost but now I'm found / Was blind but now I see," says the hymn Amazing Grace. We sense something presumptuous about this; it seems rather too clear-cut. Are you sure there is no darkness in you still? In reality we see and don't see. "I believe; help my unbelief!" cried the father of the child in Mark 9:24. In the story of Saint Paul's conversion (Acts 9) the same paradox is evident. Paul did not leap up shouting joyfully, "Now I see!" Instead he was struck blind! Nor was it a case of being dazzled for a moment; he remained blind for three days. This mighty man had to be led by the hand like a child into Damascus and there he sat helpless, in darkness, for three days until someone else, a total stranger, restored his sight. Even then he did not go about shouting, "Now I see!" He went into the Arabian desert for three years.

And even later, when he was in full spate, he could write, "Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known" (1 Cor 1:12).

Faith is knowledge, but it is dark knowledge. Its light is not a garish light but a dim light just sufficient to guide our path in humility. St Gregory of Nyssa (c. 332 A.D. - 395) wrote that John penetrated into the "luminous darkness," and could say, "No one has ever seen God" (John 1:18). Gregory delighted in this paradoxical expression, "luminous darkness", and used many similar ones: "wise folly", "sober inebriation", "stationary movement", "living death".... Where could he have got the courage to use such expressions if not from the Gospel itself, which is full of paradox?

To claim to have more light than one has is a great sin against the light; it cheapens it for oneself and for others. "Now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains," Jesus told the Pharisees (the last verse of today's reading). When we speak of the Faith we have to do so with humility and respect. Like the blind man in today's reading we may have to be driven out of the company of those who think they see; and like Paul, led helpless by the hand along a humble path, or driven into the solitude of the desert: whatever it takes to rid us of our own brash light. God alone can penetrate the darkness. "Even darkness is not dark for you / And the night is as clear as the day" (Psalm 38).

Fr Donagh O'Shea, O.P.,
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6.00pm
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Sunday: 10.30am

St. Joseph's Sheeptown Wednesday: 7.30pm Sunday: 10.30am

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Is 66:10-11

**All: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

GREETING

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

All: Amen

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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

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

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

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

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

All: Amen

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 **16:1. 6-7. 10-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the

sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R v.1

**(R) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

- The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R)**
- He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R)**
- You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R)**
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians **5:8-14**

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

Jn 8:12

**All: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
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

9:1-41

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor

his parents sinned,' Jesus answered 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

'As long as the day lasts
I must carry out the work of the one who sent me;
the night will soon be here when no one can work.
As long as I am in the world
I am the light of the world.'

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said:

'It is for judgement
that I have come into this world,
so that those without sight may see
and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied:

'Blind? If you were,
you would not be guilty,
but since you say, "We see",
your guilt remains.

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: We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. 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 (The Man Born Blind)

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.

By the mystery of the Incarnation, he has led the human race that walked in darkness into the radiance of the faith and has brought those born in slavery to ancient sin through the waters of regeneration to make them your adopted children.

Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth sing a new song in adoration, and we, with all the host of Angels, cry out, and without end 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 unailing help.

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

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

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

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Congregation kneels

The celebrant says quietly:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body and a healing remedy.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 9:11. 38

All: **The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.**

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray.
O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity.
Through Christ our Lord.
All: **Amen**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unending light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good.
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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The readings this weekend invite us to ask ourselves, 'How well do we see, not just in the physical sense but in that deeper, spiritual sense?' The religious leaders couldn't see how a man, who had been a blind beggar for all his life, could possibly have anything to teach them about God. They couldn't see how God could possibly be speaking to them through such a person. Yet, the Lord can speak to us through anyone of his choosing. Very often as St. Paul reminds us, he often chooses, 'What is foolish in the world to shame the wise, what is weak in the world to shame the strong, what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are'. To see deeply is to recognise God speaking to us through those whom God has chosen, even if, like David in the First Reading, they seem very unpromising to many. To see deeply is also to recognise that God may want to speak to others through us, even in those moments in our lives when we seem to ourselves to have little to offer. We can all be like Samuel in the First Reading, the disciples and the religious leaders in the Gospel reading, failing to see others, and ourselves, as the Lord sees. We all need to keep on making our own that powerful prayer, 'Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart'.

We don't always see with the Lord's generous eyes. Sometimes our seeing of others can be very limited. The question that the disciples asked Jesus at the beginning of the Gospel reading suggests that they had a very limited way of seeing the blind man who was begging by the roadside. If we allow the Lord to enlighten us, we will begin to see other with His eyes. Those who always had physical sight showed themselves to be spiritually blind, whereas the man who had been born physically blind came to see with the eyes of faith, with the eyes of God. He came to see Jesus as God saw him.

Canon Francis Brown

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 15th March will be held in St. Mary's Church so that the Cathedral can be prepared for the concert of Sacred Music. There will be no evening Prayer or Benediction on Sunday.

Comhghairdeas le daltaí na bunscoile an Iúir. They read beautifully at the Family Mass. Thank you for participating.

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.

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.

Mothering Sunday – Sunday 15th March is Mother's day.

We thank all mothers for their generosity and love. May they be blessed and appreciated for all they do.

RECENTLY BAPTISED

Eimear Mary Preece-Torley, 7 Sinclair Street
 Eve Maisie Preece-Torley, 7 Sinclair street
 Leigha Rose Deborah McGlennon, 7 Hollyridge Lane
 Isla Maireád Caherty, 15 Cloughreagh Park
 Con James Carroll, 26 College Gardens
 Noah James Hughes, 13 Lucerne
 Senán Cormac Duffy, 89 Warrenpoint Road
 Tom Patrick McReynolds, 38 Dromiskin Court

Message of thanks: Cathedral Tours

We wish to thank all those people who attended guided tours in 2025. 118 people attended in total, with visitors coming from our own diocese of Dromore, Down and Connor and the Archdiocese of Armagh. We also welcomed visitors from England and Majorca.

Volunteers Required for Cathedral Cleaning

there will be a church clean in the Cathedral on Saturday 28th March after the 10.30 am mass. If people can bring their own cleaning equipment, hot water will be provided. Everyone welcome and please bring a friend.

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 Sunday 8 March 2026**

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	£ 457.25
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Shrines, Sheeptown	£ 130.00

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASSES

Monday 16th March (Vigil)

St. Brigid's 7.30pm (St. Catherine's Band will play)

Tuesday 17th March

Cathedral: 7.30am: 10.30am

St. Mary's: 10.30am (No 7.30pm Evening Mass)

Sheeptown: 10.30am

Mass in Irish

**Beidh Aifreann Gaeilge ceiliúrtha san Ard-Eaglais ar leath i ndiaidh a deich ar Lá Fhéile Pádraig. *The 10.30am Mass in the Cathedral for St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated in Irish.*

Bailúchán na Gaeilge. The National Language Collection will be taken up at St. Patrick's Day Masses. Please support the voluntary Irish Language Sector. Bígí lenár dteanga dhúchais agus bainigí sult as imeachtaí na féile.

LENTEN PROGRAMME

The parish is holding a sycamore Lenten Programme every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm – 9.00pm, which began on 24th February. The topics being covered on 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.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brendan McKinney, James Connolly Park

**NEWRY PARISH COLLECTIONS
 Sunday 8 March 2026**

Weekly	£ 2225.32
Loose Plate	£ 2260.29
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	£ 6208.65
Priests' Collection	£ 406.70

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 March	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 12 noon	Michael & John Rice, Glenn Patricia & James Patterson, Castle Street Carol, Kathleen & Thomas Fitzpatrick, Rathfriland Road & Michael & Margaret Maguire North Street Mary Eyres, Downshire Court Eddie McGivern & Bronagh O'Connor (née McGivern) Carmel Durkan, Derrybeg Lane
Tuesday 17 March	5.30pm 10.30am	Billy McDonald & Terese McDonald, Mourneview Park Michael, Roseanne, Mary & Philomena McGuigan, Mary Street Peggy Campbell, Erskine Street Hugh Devine, Downshire Road
Thursday 19 March	10.30am	Mary Patricia McCoy, Balmoral Avenue Christine Donnelly, Bessbrook
Friday 20 March	10.30am	Margaret & Paddy O'Neill & deceased members of the O'Hanlon Family, Dromalane
Saturday 21 March	10.30am 6.00pm	Jimmy Jones, Third Avenue, Derrybeg Josie & Lily O'Hanlon, Omeath & Liverpool Alice Spencer, North Street Philomena & Pat Keenan, Mourneview, The Commons Nancy & Raymond McAteer, Pound Street & deceased family members Mary Catherine Lyons, Innisfree Park & deceased family members Kevin & Anne Short, Maryville Park Aidan Campbell, Commons Way Grace Havern, Crieve Road & deceased family members. Liam Hollywood, Beechmount Park
Sunday 22 March	9.00am 12 noon	Elizabeth & James McCreesh, Damolly Village Larry Fox, Henry Street Bernard & Catherine Fearon, Cronin Park Noel & Eleanor Murphy, Larchmont

St. Mary's Anniversaries

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 Eileen & Joe O'Driscoll, Liverpool Mary Little, Greenfield Park
Sunday 22 March	10.30am	Bridget McCourt, Billy's Road Bernadette & Frank Keenan, Darragh Park Eugene Treanor, Loughview Park & Bridie McCrum, Hennessy Park Maura Rice & Dan & Rita Madden, The Commons Mary Patricia Devlin, Oaklands

St. Brigid's Anniversaries

Saturday 14 March	7.30pm	Dominic Loughran, Derrybeg Drive Sammy Ferris, Edward & Bridget Mallon & Eddie Pat Joe, Michael, Stephen & deceased family members
Monday 16 March	7.30pm	Columba & Josephine Mathers, Derrybeg Drive
Saturday 21 March	7.30pm	Patrick, Margaret, Patsy & John Magill, Cowan Street Margaret Jones, (néé Magill) & Kathleen Johnson, Clitheroe, Lancashire Deceased members of the Finnegan Family, Crossan Road, Mayobridge Gary McLoughlin, Mill Meadows, Bessbrook Maureen & Francis McDonald, Third Avenue & Brigid & James Fearon & deceased Family members, Davis Street Dominic Casey (Jnr) Mountainview Drive

Saval Anniversaries

Saturday 14 March	6.00pm	Anne Rice
Sunday 15 March	10.30am	Billy & Bernadette Lennon
Saturday 21 March	6.00pm	Thomas & Josephine Redmond Patrick, Rose & Benny Lyons
Sunday 22 March	10.30am	Fr. Jim Poland

St. Catherine's Anniversaries

Saturday 14 March	7.30pm	Margaret Vint Mary Fearon & deceased members of the Carroll Family
Sunday 15 March	9.30am 12.30pm	Mary Eyres Wesley Andrews & deceased family members James & Nancy Hollywood
Monday 16 March	11.00am 7.30pm	Joe McParland Samuel Ferris & deceased members of the Ferris, Noade & Mallon Families Ted Clarke & Brian O'Hanlon Brigid McCaffrey & deceased family members John Doran.
Tuesday 17 March	11.00am	Mannix Fox Deceased Newry Dockers Pat & Maria McAlinden Patrick Taggart
Wednesday 18 March	7.30pm	Joseph Drummond Patrick & Catherine White Mar Dawes
Thursday 19 March	11.00am 7.30pm	Robert Kelly Margaret & Patrick Craven & deceased family members Rose O'Keefe (M.M) John Fitzpatrick Patrick & Mary Fegan & Patrick & Josephine Coyle
Friday 20 March	11.00am 7.30pm	Deceased members of the Dominican Family Margaret, Frank, Brendan & Gerald Lennon
Saturday 21 March	11.00am 7.30pm	Jan Canaan Austin Smyth Annie Smyth
Sunday 22 March	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 12.30pm	John, Elizabeth & Mary O'Hanlon James Mulholland Maria Christina Grant Olver Mynes Noel Keenan Christy & Eddie Ruddy Tony, Teddy & Rita McAllister Keith, Grace & Ron Holman

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