



**Mary, Mother of the Church
Saintfield**

Open Sun. Tues. Wed. Thurs. 10 am – 4 pm
Mon. Fri. Sat. 10 am – 8 pm

MASS

Saturday 6:30 pm

Sunday 11:00 am

Monday, Friday 7:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday & Friday 7:00 pm

St Joseph's Church, Carrickmannon

Open Sat & Sun 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

MASS

Sunday 9:00 am

Tuesday 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Before Vigil Mass on Saturday

ALTAR SOCIETY

Saintfield – Group 2

Carrickmannon – Team 1

READERS

14/15 February 2026

Vigil: Katrina Godfrey

9 am: Eoghan O'Conraoi

11 am: Paula O'Reilly

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

14/15 Feb 2026

Vigil: Lizzie Jones, Anne Murray

9 am: Eileen P Murray

11 am: Geraldine Conway

Sarah Morris, Fionnuala McClure

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Weekly Collection 1st Feb. £1443

*I am the light of the world,
says the Lord, anyone who
follows me will have the light
of life. Alleluia!*

Please remember in your prayers ++

Recently deceased: Pat McVeigh, John Heaney, James Byrne and Franz Eigel.

Anniversaries: Fr Brendan Smith, Canon Noel Conway, Eileen Mullan, Mary McLean, Anna Mullan, John Charles Flynn, Maudie Martin, Maggie McMahon, Claire Tumelty, Sheelagh Miskelly, Roland Adair, Harry Conaghan, Cecilia Connolly, Selina & Idwal Cooper and all the Holy Souls.

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday: St Scholastica

Wednesday: Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday: St Cyril, St Methodius

Patrons of Europe

The Season of Lent begins

18th February 2026 - Ash Wednesday

Discernment Retreat for Diocesan Priesthood - 6th-8th March 2026

For young men who are open to the question: "Is God calling me to be a priest?" A chance to step away from the noise and busyness of everyday life. Time for prayer, silence, and honest conversation. No pressure to decide anything - just space to listen and reflect.

For more information, contact

Fr Conor McGrath

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No Children's Liturgy today but will resume next Sunday 15th February.

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Our prayer for this week is:

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to be the Light of the World. Help us to let his light shine through us so that others will put their faith and trust in him. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Worksheets and the Kids Bulletin to support this week's Gospel are available in both churches. Pick up copies for your children/grandchildren.

Today is a Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse

In Ireland it is marked each year on the Friday immediately following Ash Wednesday which falls on Friday 20th February 2026. **Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ will celebrate Mass in St Peter's Cathedral on Friday 20th February at 6:00pm.** Chairs and members of Parish - Family of Parishes Safeguarding Committees are invited to attend the Mass in St Peter's Cathedral and join with Bishop Alan in praying for all those who have been affected by abuse.



Monday Social Club
Next meeting
16th February 2026
12:30 – 2 pm

Crois Dharach CLG Club

Lotto Numbers: 3 9 25 31

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: Michael Smyth, Eugene Murray and Ciaran Carolan. **New Jackpot £8200.** Tickets available on Klubfunder page, Oaks Bar, Chestnut Bar, Vivo Shop, Dufferin Bar, International & Central Bars Killyleagh.

Down and Connor Diocesan

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026

9-14 July 5 nights - £899

8-15 July 7 nights - £1035

Youth Team - £810

For information or to request a booking form contact: 0289077 0162

lourdes@downandconnor.org

Down & Connor Diocesan Trust – Vacancy -Vocations Support Officer

20 hours per week to be based within St Colmcille's Parish, 191 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3JB. Reporting to the Director of Vocations, the role holder will be required to support, promote and sustain a culture of vocations across the Diocese of Down and Connor. Full details on Diocesan website: www.downandconnor.org

Divine Mercy Conference - Saturday

28th February 2026 A bus will leave St Paul's Church, Falls Road at 7.30am returning 10.45/11.00pm. Bus fare £25 Conference tickets to be bought at the venue £35. Bring packed lunch. To book call Tina McCrory 07523824350

Jesus invites us to be a reflection of his light, by witnessing with good works. He says: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” These words emphasize that we are recognizable as true disciples of the One who is the Light of the World, not in words, but by our works. It is above all our behaviour that - good or bad - leaves a mark on others. Therefore, we have a duty and a responsibility towards the gift received: the light of the faith, which is in us through Christ and the action of the Holy Spirit; and we must not withhold it as if it were our property. We are called to make it shine throughout the world, to offer it to others through good works. How much the world needs the light of the Gospel which transforms, heals and guarantees salvation to those who receive it! We must convey this light through our good works.

Each one of us is called to be *light and salt*, in the environment of our daily life, persevering in the task of regenerating the human reality in the spirit of the Gospel and in the perspective of the Kingdom of God. May there always be the helpful protection of Mary Most Holy, first disciple of Jesus and model for believers who live their vocation and mission each day in history. May our Mother help us to let ourselves always be purified and enlightened by the Lord, so as to become, in our turn, “salt of the earth” and “light of the world”. **Pope Francis**

The Filipino Community (Couples for Christ) and Accord (NI) invite you to a St. Valentine’s Thanksgiving Eucharistic Celebration for Engaged and Married Couples, officiated by Bishop Michael Router in St. Colmcille’s Parish, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast. Following the celebration of Mass there will be a meal in the Stormont Hotel, Belfast at 4pm (£75 per couple).RSVP info@accordni.com / 02890 233002, by Mon 9th February

CHURCH CANDLES SPONSORSHIP Booklets are now available in both churches if you wish to sponsor the sanctuary candle (£5) on any week from Feb 2026 to 31st Jan 2027 in memory of family living and deceased. Candles are also available for home use. £1

Lent is now fast approaching, a season of reflection, renewal and transformation.

Lenten Series 2026: SYCAMORE Why the name “Sycamore”? Sycamore presents the Catholic Faith in a way that meets the needs of our society today. The series consists of five sessions focused on the renewal of faith and its relevance for all generations today. The Sycamore films - give an inspiring vision of our Catholic faith, thought-provoking testimonies that helps build a sense of Community. “ A great gift from God and just what the Church needs right now”- testimony. It brings people together so they can share ideas, explore their beliefs and think about questions that really matter. You have the opportunity to come along just to listen and hopefully take something away. Evangelisation begins with an invitation. Who in your life might need this journey? Invite a friend, a family member, or someone who perhaps has been away from Church for a while . This series is for everyone. Please come along!!! Get away from the busyness of life and make this a commitment for Lent. A sacrifice of your time to listen and reflect. You can enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and light refreshments. To confirm your place please email - noreenkerr3@gmail.com or saintfield@downandconnor.org Text 07910537398

Venue: - Sacred Heart Centre, Mary, Mother of the Church, Saintfield

Date: - Commencing Sunday 22nd February for 5 weeks - Time: - 6 - 7.30pm.

Saintfield & Carrickmannon

Parish Bulletin

8th February 2026



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer and Awareness
Against Human Trafficking

Fr Michael Sheehan PP 028 9081 2238

Fr Anthony McHugh PE 028 9751 0237

Email: saintfield@downandconnor.org

Spiritual Exercises: 5 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men - Led by Benedictine monks from St. Joseph Abbey, in France. Starts Thursday 30th April (3pm). Benburb Priory, Co. Tyrone €450 (all meals & single room included). Daily Mass - Ordinary Form (Latin & ad orientem). Discover the strength that only comes when you stop running and let God speak. Book at: <https://soutenir.clairval.com/retreat-benburb-priory>

Marriage Enrichment Weekend, is scheduled to take place from **Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd March 2026** at **St. Mary's Retreat Centre, Knock, Co. Mayo**. Marriage Enrichment has, for many years, supported married couples in their Sacrament of Matrimony by offering them a sacred space to deepen their relationship, renew their commitment, and grow together through reflection, prayer, and dialogue. To book visit: www.marriageencounter.ie

North Down Museum Bangor
Saturday 7th February

Enjoy a demonstration of St Brigid Cross Making and using the materials provided make your own cross. For more info visit <https://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on/celtic-saints-a-journey-through-time-and-tradition-p948071>

All bookings for Mass, Month Minds, Anniversaries, Baptisms and Weddings are now to be made through the Parish Office or Parish email address at: saintfield@downandconnor.org. Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 11.00am - 1.00pm. Please use the Parish Email outside of Office Hours and we will respond as soon as possible.





Sunday 1 February - 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 8 February - 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Sunday 15 February - 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Hello children. In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that we must try hard not to get angry with our sisters and brothers or call them names. He also reminds us that, we do argue with them, we should try to make it up with them and become friends again as soon as possible.

We are all part of God's family. That is one big global family that includes all people wherever they are in the world. All people are our sisters and brothers and God asks us to try to treat them as we want to be treated.

Our prayer for this week is: Loving God, when we do wrong and hurt others help us to be brave and say sorry. Help us to all live in peace together. Amen.

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Sunday 22 February - 1st Sunday of Lent

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Hello children. In today's gospel, we hear about how Jesus spent 40 days in the desert and how, at the end of this time when he was tired and hungry, he was tempted with offers of bread, power and glory.

Lent is a time when we try to turn back to God. We say sorry for the things that we have done wrong and we try to make a change to live as God wants us to. This is not always easy, but God's love is there to give us strength to make better choices, and the people who love us are there to support us too.

This Lent, let's think about how we can make good choices – just like Jesus did in the desert – even when we find it hard.

Our prayer for this week is: Christ Jesus, give us strength as we try to make the right choices and live as you ask us to. Guide us so that we may also offer support to those who are finding things tough. Amen.

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Sent from my iPad

