



**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 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

Church of the Immaculate Heart of  
Mary, Carryduff, Mass 7am Mon – Fri.

**Stations of the Cross throughout Lent**

Friday 7:10 pm before Mass

**CONFESSIONS**

Before Vigil Mass on Saturday

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

Saintfield – Group 3

Carrickmannon – Team 2

**READERS 28 Feb - 1 Mar**

**Vigil:** Desi McHenry

**9 am:** Lucy Gurr

**11 am:** Sharon Murray

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**28 Feb – 1 Mar 2026**

**Vigil:** Agnes O'Hea, Gerard Mullan

**9 am:** Anne Murray

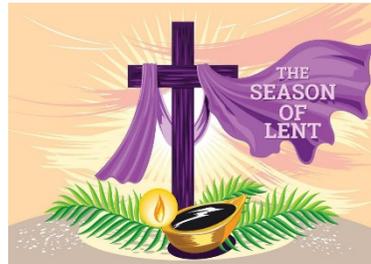
**11 am:** Cecilia Magill

Marian Walsh, Audrey Mullan

**FEAST DAYS**

Monday: St Polycarp

Friday: St Gregory of Narek



**Please remember in your prayers ++**

**Recently deceased:** Sarah McKenzie, Dympna Kearns, Marie Shields and Pat McVeigh.

**Anniversaries:** Seamus Mullan, James Quinn, Breeda Quinn, Elizabeth B Murray, Rene & Kathleen Mitchell, Francis Miskelly, Bernadette Bradshaw, Annie Walsh, Kate Cleary, Hugh Robert Murray, Ada Hamill, Brian Magean, Francis McNeice, James McRobert, Peter Carville, Tommy & Sally O'Neill and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**First Anniversary Mass** for Seamus Mullan will be offered today at 11am in Saintfield Church.

**Months Mind Mass** for Pat McVeigh will be offered in Saintfield Church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Weekly Collection 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - £1324**

Weekly S/O - £586 per month

Monthly February - £1631

Monthly S/O - £196

**St Vincent de Paul Society** wish to thank everyone for their generosity over the Christmas period. We received approx. £5000 and gave out the same to support those in need. We also thank Kilmore Foodbank who donated 26 hampers. Call **07521463667** or email [stmochai.saintfield@svpni.co.uk](mailto:stmochai.saintfield@svpni.co.uk)



**11am Mass**

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

**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](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)



**Monday Social Club**

**Next meeting**

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

**12:30 – 2 pm**

**Crois Dharach CLG Club**

**Lotto Numbers: 10 18 22 25**

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: Finbarr McLaughlin, John Pirie, Paul O'Callaghan, Ronan Miskelly. **New Jackpot £8400.** Tickets available on Klubfunder page, Oaks Bar, Chestnut Bar, Vivo Shop, Dufferin Bar, International & Central Bars Killyleagh.

**Discernment Retreat for Diocesan Priesthood - 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> 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

[C.mcgrath@downandconor.org](mailto:C.mcgrath@downandconor.org)

**Divine Mercy Conference - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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

**Women's World Day of Prayer**

Mary Mother of the Church, Saintfield

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 7 pm.

All are welcome

**First Friday Mass will be at 10 am**

**The Season of Lent** began with putting ashes on our forehead on Ash Wednesday, a visual sign that we believe in mortality. Lent begins by remembering that we are dust. The ashes come from burning palms of Passion Sunday last year. It comes from the memory of Christ's suffering, death and burial. Jesus entered fully into the realm of dust and death, only to rise from it into new life. Our final destiny is not ashes, but resurrection, sharing in the risen life of Christ. Lent is the journey towards that transformation.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving correspond to the three loves at the heart of the Christian life: love of God, (prayer), love of neighbour (almsgiving) and a true love of self, (fasting). So let's begin today to choose to build our lives on these foundations, so that new life may slowly take shape within us.

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**St Colmcille's Parish (Ballyhackamore Belfast BT4 3JB) warmly invites you to our monthly Sensory Mass on Saturday, 28th February at 12:00 noon.** This special Mass is designed to be inclusive and welcoming for individuals and families who may benefit from a quieter, more relaxed worship environment with gentle lighting and sound; a calm and supportive atmosphere; space to move around if needed; sensory items to aid regulation; A warm welcome for all ages and abilities. Followed by refreshments in the parish centre.

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#### LENTEN SERIES 2026: SYCAMORE

**Venue: - Sacred Heart Centre, Mary, Mother of the Church, Saintfield**  
**Begins today, Sunday 22nd February for 5 weeks - Time: - 6 - 7.30pm.**

Sessions are 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 help 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. So come along to just 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!!!** You can enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and light refreshments. Contact [noreenkerr3@gmail.com](mailto:noreenkerr3@gmail.com) or text **07910537398**.

All bookings for Mass, Month Minds, Anniversaries, Baptisms and Weddings are to be made through the Parish Office or Parish email address at: [saintfield@downandconnor.org](mailto:saintfield@downandconnor.org). Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 11.00am - 1.30pm. Please use the Parish Email outside of Office Hours and we will respond as soon as possible.

# Saintfield & Carrickmannon

## Parish Bulletin

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026



## 1st Sunday of Lent

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Fr Anthony McHugh PE 028 9751 0237  
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**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 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2027 in memory of family living and deceased. Candles are also available for home use. £1

**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](http://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>

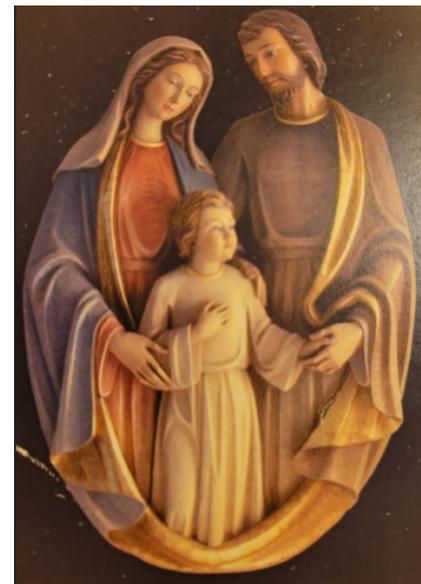
**Catholic Mothers Ireland** along with Family Solidarity, Teams of Our Lady and Marriage Encounter are holding a special event for Catholic Couples on Saturday 18th April at 7 pm in the Armagh City Hotel. An evening of connection, laughter, and faith awaits! ❤️ Mark your calendars today! Book here: <https://forms.office.com/r/bMQpjvRfET>  
[#CatholicCouples](#) [#DateNight](#) [#FaithAndLove](#) [#ArmaghEvents](#) [#CouplesGoals](#)

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**Sunday 22 February - 1st Sunday of Lent**

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**Sent from my iPad**

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