



**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 7:30 pm

**First Friday Mass 10:00 am**  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Monday 7:00 pm  
Saturday: 12 noon – 6:30 pm

**St Joseph's Church, Carrickmannon**  
Open Sat & Sun 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**MASS**

Sunday 9:00 am  
Tuesday 10:00 am

Mass 7am Monday – Friday throughout  
Lent in the Church of the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary, Carryduff.

**CONFESSIONS**

Before Vigil Mass on Saturday

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

Saintfield – Group 3  
Carrickmannon – Team 2

**READERS 7/8 March**

**Vigil:** Mary Davies  
**9 am:** Angela Miskelly  
**11 am:** Marie Murray

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**7/8 March**

**Vigil:** Gemma Maginnis, Eileen Murray  
**9 am:** Paul McGouran  
**11 am:** James Mullan  
George Kerr, Damian Mulholland

**St Vincent d Paul**

Contact 07521463667 or email  
[stmochai.saintfield@svpni.co.uk](mailto:stmochai.saintfield@svpni.co.uk)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**



**Mary, Mother of the Church  
Saturday 6th March 12 – 6:30 pm**

In Eucharistic Adoration we meet the  
merciful love of God that passes through  
the Heart of Jesus Christ. **St John Paul II**  
Could you spend some quiet time in  
adoration? Come along and join us.

**Recently Deceased**

**Jean Murray**  
May she rest in peace.

**Please also remember in your prayers**

Cecilia Smyth, Sarah McKenzie,  
Dympna Kearns, Marie Shields and Pat  
McVeigh recently deceased.

**Anniversaries:** Sean F McAteer, Noel  
O'Hare, James McCartan, Margaret  
Devaney, Mary Murray, Catherine  
McKeown, William Walsh, Mary  
Lenaghan, Rosemund Smith, Bertie  
Smith, Mary Miskelly, Cecil Higgins,  
Annie Martin, Marie E. Cleary, Margaret  
Barrett, Joe Crossen, Susan Harris,  
Eamonn Flynn, Kathleen Leake and all  
the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

**FEAST DAYS**

Wednesday: St Casimir  
Thursday: St Kieran  
Saturday: St Perpetua, St Felicity



**11am Mass**

Hello children. Today we hear at Mass  
about something very special that  
happened to Jesus while he was on a  
mountain with three of his friends. His  
appearance changed as his face and  
clothes shone like the sun.

The disciples' lives are changed by what  
happened on the mountain. They now  
know just how special Jesus really is –  
that he is God's Son. They have seen his  
face shine like the sun and they have  
heard God speak to them. We too can  
hear God's voice when we stop and pray  
and when we make the right choices in  
how we treat others.

Our prayer for this week: **God of love,  
help us to be like your Son, and make  
a real difference to the lives of our  
global family. Amen.**

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

**Community cuppa, cake  
and craic today, after 11am Mass in  
Sacred heart centre.**

**Everyone welcome**

**Lent Evening Prayer across the  
Vicariate** The priests and deacons of the  
Vicariate will gather for Evening Prayer  
every Sunday in Lent across the  
Vicariate. Parishioners are invited to join  
them in prayer if they can at 7.30pm.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent - 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
**Holy Rosary Church, Belfast.**



**Monday Social  
Club**  
Next meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

**Crois Dharach CLG Club**

**Lotto Numbers: 3 8 13 14**

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prizes:  
B Brown, Bobby Breen, Philip Lynn.  
**New Jackpot £8500.** Tickets available on  
Klubfunder page, Oaks Bar, Chestnut Bar,  
Vivo Shop, Dufferin Bar, International &  
Central Bars Killyleagh.

**Women's World Day of Prayer**

Mary Mother of the Church, Saintfield  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30 pm.**  
All are welcome

**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)

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that  
supports bereaved parents, will hold its  
monthly Parent Support Evening  
on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in  
the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge,  
Belfast.** This event is free. We also offer  
an online support group meeting. To find  
out more call 01 4045378 or  
email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**Weekly Collection 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - £1184**

**His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as the light.**

The transfiguration was a foreshadowing of Jesus' resurrection, a glimpse of life beyond the grave. The disciples, Peter, John and James were dazzled. Years later Peter wrote: 'For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honour and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." We heard this voice for we were with him on the holy mountain. Christ in us is the hope of glory. We are children, co-heirs with Christ, sharing in his suffering but also in His glory.

**Walk with Me**

**Eucharistic Healing Retreat in St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine**, led by gifted Croatian Priest, Fr Rozo Palic, supported by his Croatian Music Ministry team on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 6:30 pm & Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 am- 4:30 pm. Venue: No prior booking required. Everyone is most welcome and please bring a packed lunch. For further enquires please contact, Patricia on 089 9466193 or Fiona on [fonatjennings@yahoo.com](mailto:fonatjennings@yahoo.com).

🍀 Come on **St Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk** in Downpatrick with guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly on **Saturday March 14** in honour of Ireland's patron saint and the 25th Anniversary of The Saint Patrick Centre. Includes the fabulous 180° IMAX film of St Patrick, with internal bus transfers, pilgrimage lunch, an authentic Camino passport and a 6 mile pilgrimage walk finishing at St Patrick's grave. A discounted offer of £40. To book call 0284461900 [www.thesaintpatrickcentre.com](http://www.thesaintpatrickcentre.com) 🍀

#### **LENTEN SERIES 2026: SYCAMORE**

**Sacred Heart Centre, Mary, Mother of the Church, Saintfield**

**Sunday – 6:00 - 7.30 pm.**

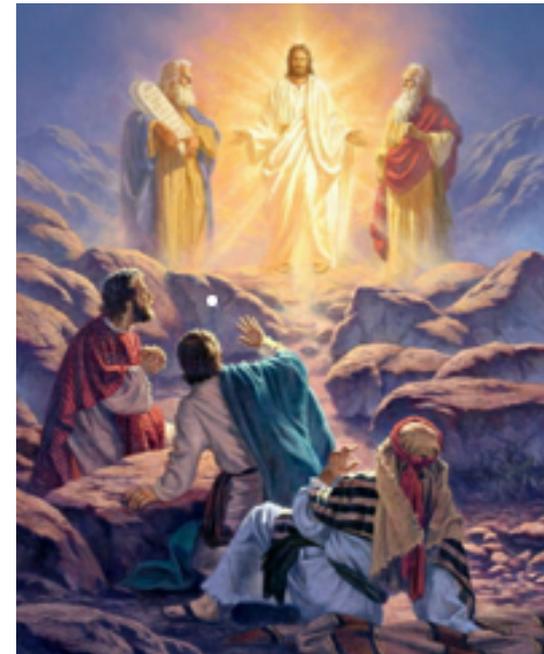
Sessions are focused on the renewal of faith and its relevance for all generations today. The Sycamore films give an inspiring vision of our Catholic faith, thought-provoking testimonies that helps build a sense of Community. "A great gift from God and just what the Church needs right now"- testimony. It brings people together so they can share ideas, explore their beliefs and think about questions that really matter. 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**.

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# Saintfield & Carrickmannon

## Parish Bulletin

1<sup>st</sup> March 2026



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Fr Michael Sheehan PP 028 9081 2238  
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)

**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/bMQpivRfET>  
[#CatholicCouples](#) [#DateNight](#) [#FaithAndLove](#) [#ArmaghEvents](#) [#CouplesGoals](#)

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**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)

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**Parish Cell System for Evangelisation National Seminar** ([www.parishcells.ie](http://www.parishcells.ie))

Parish Cells Ireland will be holding its National Seminar on the 28th and 29th of March this year at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. Our theme will be from Encounter to Mission. Whether you are a Cell member or non-Cell member, this invitation is open to all parishioners as we explore our call to be witnesses for Christ. For enquiries please contact: Margaret Webb. Tel. 07779 729505. Email: [magswebb1@gmail.com](mailto:magswebb1@gmail.com) Anne McFerran. Tel. 078099 06792. Email: [anne.mcferran@gmail.com](mailto:anne.mcferran@gmail.com) For accommodation/catering bookings contact Drumalis Retreat Centre on 028 2827 2196.

**Sunday 8 March - 3rd Sunday of Lent**

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**Hello children. In today's gospel, we hear how, when Jesus is thirsty, he asks a Samaritan woman for a drink from the well. The woman is surprised because normally Jews and Samaritans did not get along. In doing this Jesus is showing us that God loves everyone, no matter who they are, where they come from or the colour of their skin – man or woman, boy or girl, rich or poor.**

**Our prayer for this week: Caring God, fill our hearts with love for all your people. Move us to treat all people with kindness and respect and to work to make the world a better place for everyone to live in. Amen.**

**Copies of our colouring page and worksheets are available in the church and here is a link to <https://thekidsbulletin.com> which is also worth reading.**

**Sunday 15 March - 4th Sunday of Lent**

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Hello children. Today we hear at Mass how Jesus helped a blind man to see again. God has given us the gift of sight to see all the wonderful things that he has made in our world but the gospel also reminds us that we also need to open our eyes to things that are wrong and try to do what we can to change them.

Today is also Mothering Sunday, when we remember how special mums are. Why not see how many nice things you can do today for your mum, or for another person who cares for you?

Our prayer for this week: God of hope, inspire us to look out into the world, praising and thanking you for all that is good, and seeking your help as we try to change what is not fair or right. Amen.

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Sunday 22 March - 5th Sunday of Lent

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Hello children. In today's gospel, we hear about an amazing thing that Jesus does when his friend Lazarus becomes sick and dies - he raises Lazarus from the dead. Jesus does that to help the people believe that He is the Son of God and to show that he brings life to those who believe in him.

God gives life to us all. God created us and wants every single one of us to live a happy life, with all the things that we need to grow and be the best people we can be.

Our prayer for this week: Loving God, show us how to reach out with love and hope to others around the world, and to help them as they work to build a better life. Amen.

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Sunday 29 March - Palm Sunday

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Hello children. Today we hear how crowds of people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem shortly before he was crucified. We have palms at Mass today to remind us of how the people cut branches and laid them in the road before him as they shouted with joy.

**This Holy Week it's good to remember that God made all of us and that Jesus is in all of us. So every time we meet someone and we welcome them, we are welcoming Jesus.**

**Our prayer this week: God of truth, we thank you for sending us your Son Jesus. Open our hearts so that we may welcome him in others and bring us together to make the world a fairer place. Amen.**

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