



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 Mass

CONFESSIONS

Before and after Vigil Mass

ALTAR SOCIETY

Saintfield – Group 1

Carrickmannon – Team 1

READERS 18/19 April

Vigil: Dave Rogers

9am: Angela Miskelly

11am: Sharon Murray

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

18/19 April

Vigil: Gerard Mullan, Eileen Murray

9 am: Patricia Denvir

11 am: Fionnuala McClure

Ann Schollhammer, Donna Murray

Weekly Collection 5th April £1776

St Vincent de Paul

Contact: 07521463667 or email
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Divine Mercy Sunday



The feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated today, in the Church of Mary, Mother of the Church, Saintfield. The Holy Rosary will be recited at 2:30 pm followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Confessions will be available from 2 pm. **The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 3:00 pm.**

Recently Deceased
Fionn Brannigan
May he rest in peace

Please also remember in your prayers

Kathleen McGreevy, Breda Cunningham, Marian Teggart and Irene Stewart recently deceased.

Anniversaries: Fr Conleth O'Reilly, Elizabeth Farrell, May Mullan, Cassie Kelly, Bernadette Carson, Ursula Pye, Catherine Murray, Ellen Sweeney, John Gerald Murray, Mona Quigley, Thomas C Murray, Paddy McGreevy, James McKay, Elizabeth Rosbotham, Harry Martin and all the Holy Souls.

First Anniversary Mass for Elizabeth Farrell will be offered in Saintfield Church today at 11:00 am

Mary's Meals

A representative from Mary's Meals will speak at masses next weekend, **18th/19th April** about their life-changing work of feeding a daily school meal to children in some of the world's poorest countries and their current Crisis in Haiti Appeal. Mary's Meals welcomes your continued prayers in support of their work. There will be a bucket collection and card machine available after mass if you wish to support financially. Further details can be found at:

www.marysmeals.org.uk

Anam Cara, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 13th April at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. No need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Crois Dharach CLG Club

Lotto Numbers: 8 15 17 26

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: Laurie Brown, Michael Cleary, John McMullan and Brendan Mullan. **New Jackpot £9100.** Tickets available on Klubfunder page, Oaks Bar, Chestnut Bar, Vivo Shop, Dufferin Bar, International & Central Bars.

Big Breakfast– Sunday 19th April – Darragh Cross Community Hall - 9am to 12.30pm – Adults £10 Children £6

Please return the contents of your LENTEN TROCAIRE BOXES



Monday Social Club

Next meeting

13th April 2026

12:30 – 2 pm



Resumes today at 11 am.

Hello children! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. In today's gospel we hear how Jesus appeared to his disciples, but how one of them, Thomas, found it difficult to believe that Jesus was risen from the dead.

We are all a bit like Thomas sometimes. It isn't always easy for us to believe in God and Jesus. Even though we listen to the gospel and hear about God's love for us from people at church, home and school, it can be difficult to keep believing when things go wrong or when we are sad or afraid but we can be sure that God always loves us. This week, let's remember God's love for us and share the peace of Christ with each other.

Our prayer for this week: **Christ Jesus, you came to show us how to live. Fill us with faith in you and lead us to share your peace throughout the world. 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 we are celebrating the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as "Divine Mercy Sunday". What a beautiful truth of faith this is for our lives: the mercy of God! God's love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing love, one which always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on.

In today's Gospel, the Apostle Thomas personally experiences this mercy of God, which has a concrete face, the face of Jesus, the risen Jesus. Thomas does not believe it when the other Apostles tell him: "We have seen the Lord". It isn't enough for him that Jesus had foretold it, promised it: "On the third day I will rise". He wants to see, he wants to put his hand in the place of the nails and in Jesus' side. And how does Jesus react? With patience: Jesus does not abandon Thomas in his stubborn unbelief; he gives him a week's time, he does not close the door, he waits. And Thomas acknowledges his own poverty, his little faith. "My Lord and my God!": with this simple yet faith-filled invocation, he responds to Jesus' patience. He lets himself be enveloped by divine mercy; he sees it before his eyes, in the wounds of Christ's hands and feet and in his open side, and he discovers trust: he is a new man, no longer an unbeliever, but a believer.

I have so often seen God's merciful countenance, his patience; I have also seen so many people find the courage to enter the wounds of Jesus by saying to him: Lord, I am here, accept my poverty, hide my sin in your wounds, wash it away with your blood. And I have always seen that God did just this – he accepted them, consoled them, cleansed them, loved them.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us be enveloped by the mercy of God; let us trust in his patience, which always gives us more time. Let us find the courage to return to his house, to dwell in his loving wounds, allowing ourselves to be loved by him and to encounter his mercy in the sacraments. We will feel his wonderful tenderness, we will feel his embrace, and we too will become more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love.

Pope Francis

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 1-DAY RETREAT
TOBAR MHUIRE RETREAT CENTRE, CROSSGAR
SAT 6TH JUNE 2026 10.00AM – 4.00PM
LET GO, LET GOD - "SURRENDER TO JESUS"**

Look out for more information to follow over the coming weeks

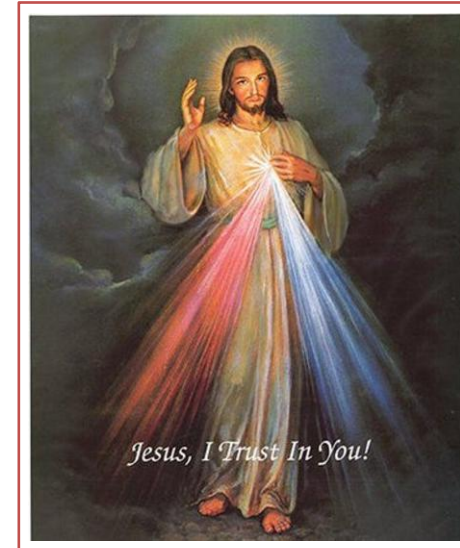
Get into Golf! Women's Programme – Crossgar Golf Club – 4 Week Course
Monday 4th May – Monday 25th May 2026 – 1st Class 6-7 pm 2nd Class 7:15-8-15 pm
PGA Professional Victoria Bradshaw – Clubs provided if needed. Cost £50
Contact Joyce Dodds, Crossgar Golf Club- 028 44 831 523

Bookings for Mass, Month Minds, Anniversaries, Baptisms and Weddings are to be made through the Parish Office **02897510237** or Parish email address at: saintfield@downandconnor.org. Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 11.00am -1.00pm. Thursday 12 – 1pm. Please use the Parish Email outside of Office Hours and we will respond as soon as possible.

Saintfield & Carrickmannon

Parish Bulletin

12th April 2026



Divine Mercy Sunday Second Sunday of Easter

Fr Michael Sheehan PP 028 9081 2238
Fr Anthony McHugh PE 028 9751 0237
Email: saintfield@downandconnor.org

New Parish Family Website

Now that Carryduff and Saintfield are a Parish Family we have adopted one new website for the family. This will contain details and contacts for both Parishes and the three Churches. To access the web please use this new website www.carryduffsaintfield.co.uk