



**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 2

Carrickmannon – Team 2

READERS 25/26 April

Vigil: Desi McHenry

9am: Anna Murray

11am: Emer Hawkins

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

26/26 April

Vigil: Gemma Magennis, John Weston

9 am: Margaret Bennett

11 am: Cecilia Magill

Marian Walsh, Audrey Mullan

Weekly Collection 12th April £1181

St Vincent de Paul

Contact: 07521463667 or email
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Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus,

explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us

as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

Please also remember in your prayers

Sean Lonergan, Michael Campbell, Fionn Brannigan Kathleen McGreevy and Breda Cunningham recently deceased.

Anniversaries: Molly Rice, Rosa McMahon, Mary Murray, Edward Flynn, Colette Laverty, Dan Gibson, Pat Casey, Cassie Kelly, Maurice Playford and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Months Mind Mass for Kathleen McGreevy will be offered in Saintfield Church on Saturday 25th April at 6:30 pm

Bishop Alan McGuckian will celebrate Mass to mark the First Anniversary of the death of Pope Francis on Tuesday 21st April in St Peter's Cathedral at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

Mary's Meals

A representative from Mary's Meals will speak at masses this weekend, 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



11 am Mass

Hello children. Today we hear how two of the disciples went on a journey to a village called Emmaus. Along the way, they met someone really special, although they didn't recognise him at first. When they invite the man to come and eat with them, the man takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and shares it with the disciples and suddenly they realise who it is.

This week when you are eating, take the time to talk to the people you are with and to think about how Christ is in each of us.

Our prayer for this week: **Living God, we look for you in all people. May we be inspired to treat each other with respect, sharing generously from what we have and working together to build a better 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.

Precious Life invites young people to a Pro-Life Apologetics Day on Saturday, 25 April from 2:00–4:00pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. This session will help equip youth to respond confidently and compassionately to pro-life questions. Free pizza will be provided afterwards. For more info, contact 07956 451655.



**Monday Social Club
Next meeting
27th April 2026
12:30 – 2 pm**

Crois Dharach CLG Club

Lotto Numbers: 1 14 15 23

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: Dede Ward, Jim Murray, Lorraine Miskimmin. **New Jackpot £9200.** Tickets available on Klubfunder page, Oaks Bar, Chestnut Bar, Vivo Shop, Dufferin Bar, International & Central Bars.

Big Breakfast TODAY 9am -12.30pm

Darragh Cross Community Hall

Adults £10 Children £6

An Evening with Dr Yousef Aljamal

Monday 20 April at 7.00pm,

Belfast Jesuit Centre

The Belfast Jesuit Centre, in partnership with Christians 4 Palestine, welcomes Dr Yousef M. Aljamal, Gazan Palestinian writer and academic, and editor of *If I Must Die*, the new collection of writings by the late Refaat Alareer. Dr Aljamal will speak about Refaat's life and witness, his own work with the Quaker American Friends Service Committee. Attendance is available in person or on Zoom. To register visit: <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/an-evening-with-dr-yousef-aljamal/>

Please return the contents of your LENTEN TROCAIRE BOXES

“Pray, Hope and Don't Worry” Padre Pio. Celebration of Mass and Blessing with the HOLY RELIC of St Pio of Pietrelcina - Thursday 23rd April at 7pm in St Matthew's Church, Belfast. All are welcome.D

The Gospel today, narrates the encounter of the Risen Jesus with the disciples of Emmaus. These are two disciples who, resigned to the death of the Master, decide on the day of Passover to leave Jerusalem and to return home. While they are walking, sadly talking about what has happened, Jesus appears beside them, but they do not recognize him. He asks them why they are so sad, and they tell him the entire story. While they are walking, he helps them reinterpret the facts in a different way, in the light of the prophecies, of the Word of God, of all that had been proclaimed to the people of Israel. To reread, is what Jesus does with them.

Indeed, for us to it is important to reread our history together with Jesus: the story of our life, of a certain period, of our days, with its disappointments and hopes. Besides, we too, like those disciples, faced with what happens to us, can find ourselves lost in the face of these events, alone and uncertain, with many questions and worries, disappointments, many things. Today's Gospel invites us to tell Jesus everything, sincerely, without being afraid of disturbing him: he listens; without fear of saying the wrong thing, without shame at our struggle to understand. The Lord is happy whenever we open ourselves to him; only in this way can he take us by the hand, accompany us and make our hearts burn again. We too, then, like the disciples of Emmaus, are called to spend time with him so that, when evening comes, he will remain with us.

We can begin today, to dedicate this evening a moment of prayer during which we ask ourselves: how was my day? What were its joys, what were its sorrows, what was mundane about it, what happened?

May Mary, wise Virgin, help us to recognize Jesus who walks with us and to reread the word: *re-read* – every day of our lives in front of him.

Pope Francis

Catholic Mothers Ireland- An Evening of Peace, Encouragement & Faith For Women and Mothers Join Catherine DiNuzzio for a gentle, faith-filled evening offering hope and practical guidance for navigating anxiety with the peace of Christ. Wed 22nd April | 7.30pm St Peter's Lurgan. Co. Armagh.

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”

Get into Golf! Women's Programme – Crossgar Golf Club – 4 Week Course

Mon 4th May – Mon 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

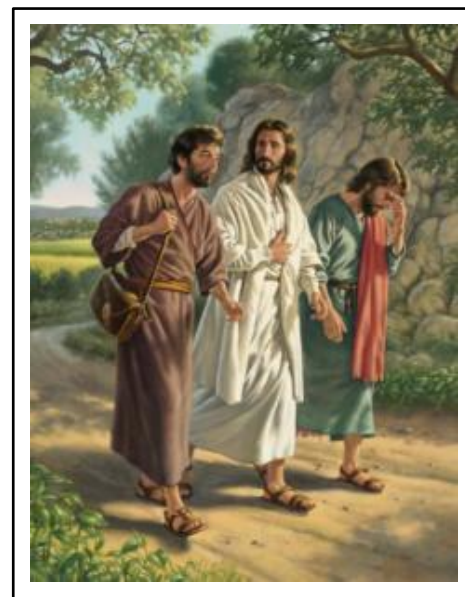
Contact Joyce Dodds, Crossgar Golf Club- 028 44 831 523

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

19th April 2026



Third Sunday of Easter

Fr Michael Sheehan PP 028 9081 2238

Fr Anthony McHugh PE 028 9751 0237

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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