



**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

The Holy Rosary will be recited  
before evening Masses throughout May.

**CONFESSIONS**

Before and after Vigil Mass

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

Saintfield – Group 3  
Carrickmannon – Team 3

**READERS 9/10 May**

Vigil: Katrina Godfrey

9am: Eoghan O'Conraoi

11am: Siobhan McGowan

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**9/10 May**

Vigil: Mary Rogers, Margaret Bennett

9 am: Eileen P Murray

11 am: Yvonne Younger

Therese Mageean, Geraldine Conway

**St Vincent de Paul**

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

*May your love be upon us,*

*O Lord,*

*As we place all our hope  
in you.*

**Please remember in your prayers**

Martin McMullan, Mary McMullan,  
Seamus Lonergan, Michael Campbell  
and Fionn Brannigan recently deceased.

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen & Rene  
Mitchell, Angela Foley, Bobby Murray,  
Gerald Heaney, David Ogden, Rose  
Adair, Molly Murray, Francis Creighton,  
Sally Graham and all the Holy Souls.

**Months Mind Mass** for Fionn  
Brannigan will be offered in Saintfield  
Church on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 pm.

**Feast Days**

Sunday: St Philip & James, apostles

Monday: St Conleth

Tuesday: Blessed Edmund Rice

Friday: Blessed John Sullivan

**Mary's Meals A heartfelt thank you**

from Mary's Meals for **£2,156.76** raised  
during the recent parish visit. These  
precious donations will enable **112**  
**children to receive a daily meal at**  
**school for a full year** and gain hope of a  
better future through education. Thank  
you for your generosity and please  
continue to keep our work in your  
prayers. Free May Prayer resources  
at [marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay](http://marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay).

Further details about our work and how  
to get involved can be found  
at [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) or contact  
Caoimhe McCann on 07394564065.



**No Children's Liturgy today**

Hello children. In today's gospel, Jesus  
tells the disciples not to be worried and  
to believe in him as the Son of God, but  
the disciples find it difficult to  
understand. Jesus also tells the disciples,  
if they find it hard to believe in his  
words, to believe in the things that he  
does. This week we can show our trust in  
God by listening to what Jesus asks of us  
and trying to follow him.

Our prayer for this week: **God of life, we  
thank you for being there for us  
always. Help us to do all that you ask  
of us and to love one another, so that  
all people may have someone to trust.  
Amen.**

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

**More volunteers are needed to help  
with our Children's Liturgy.**

If you can  
help, please speak to one of the leaders  
any Sunday following 11 am Mass, leave  
your name and contact details into the  
parish office or email:  
[saintfield@downandconnor.org](mailto:saintfield@downandconnor.org) and we  
will get in touch with you.

**Weekly Collection 26th April £1802**

**Parish Financial Statement**

will be available at all Masses  
this weekend 2/3 May 2026



**Monday Social Club**  
Next meeting  
11<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
12:30 – 2 pm

**Crois Dharach CLG Club**

Lotto Numbers: **6 12 13 25.**

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prizes  
were won by Bobby Breen, Philip Lynn,  
Gerald Murray. **New Jackpot £9400.**  
Tickets available on Klubfunder page, Oaks  
Bar, Chestnut Bar, Vivo Shop, Dufferin Bar,  
International & Central Bars.

**St Caolan's PTFA Please support our**

two teams and full marathon runner  
Anthony Hanna running today in aid St  
Caolan's P.S. You can sponsor them on  
[https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/  
stcaolansptfa-belfastmarathon26](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stcaolansptfa-belfastmarathon26)

**We are also hosting a Summer Fair  
and Tractor Run on 22nd May 2026  
from 6-8.30pm at St Mochai's GAC.**

There will be Art from Local Artist  
Laura Flynn, Baked goods from  
Saintfield Bakes and much more.  
Tractors, vintage cars and bikes £15  
(including burger and drink for driver).  
Everyone welcome!



**LOUGH DERG ONE-DAY RETREAT**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

Please sign your name in the booklet in  
Saintfield Church if you wish to go.

**Admission including bus £57.**

**Do not let your hearts be troubled** in the hour of trial because Jesus has promised his real assistance to those who follow him.

Tribulation is more precious than gold and rest, to those whom God has chosen. I would rather be a door keeper in the house of my God that live in the tents of wickedness.

In the midst of the trials which may afflict you, just place all your confidence in our supreme good, in the knowledge that he takes more care of us than a mother takes of her child.

**St Pio of Pietrelcina**

Lord, thank you for being an ever present father and mother to me, always caring.

Help me to conform my will to yours. Amen.

**The Chosen — Friday Mornings (May & June)** The Belfast Jesuit Centre will host weekly screenings of *The Chosen* (Season 1) on Fridays at 10.45am, beginning 8th May Tea/coffee at 10.45am. Episode begins at 11am, followed by a short Examen and discussion. Mass at 12.30pm for those wishing to remain. All are welcome. To register visit: [www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk](http://www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk) or email [bjc@jesuit.ie](mailto:bjc@jesuit.ie)

**Standing in the Breach – Catholic Men’s Retreat** A powerful half-day retreat for men centred on our call to holiness: “*Be holy, for I am holy*” (1 Peter 1:16). Led by Fr Andrew Black (Belfast). Saturday 9th May 2026 - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Portglenone Monastery. Includes prayer, teaching, testimonies, and tea & coffee with time to connect. For more information: Contact Thomas Carey – 07967 62043 [sean@catholicminute.co.uk](mailto:sean@catholicminute.co.uk)

**Knock Pilgrimage to Pray for Peace in the Holy Land - Saturday 16 May 2026.** Organised by the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need it will be led by Bishop William Shomali from Bethlehem. Bishop Shomali will offer a message of hope at 11am and celebrate Mass at 3pm. All are welcome. More information at [www.acnireland.org](http://www.acnireland.org)

**Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Jim Deeds** will lead the Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg. Date: **19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**. The bus will depart from St Patrick’s Church Donegall Street. Cost £100. Places are limited early booking advised. To book contact Claire on 028 90690920 or email: [pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org](mailto:pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org)

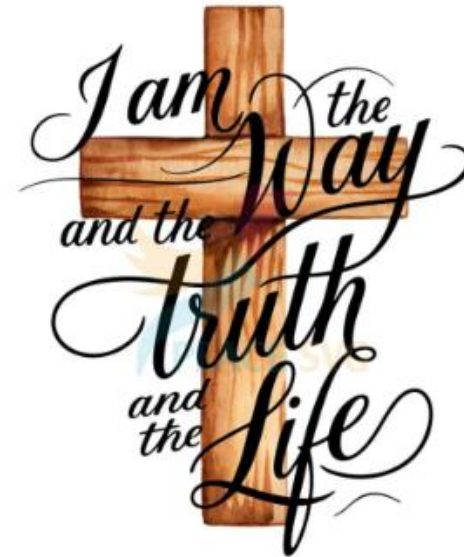
**Irish Language Lessons - Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm Starting 14th May to 18th June** Venue: Sir Hans Sloane Centre, Killyleagh. Lessons are Free and funded by the Reconciliation Fund, Ireland. Book your place at [booking@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk](mailto:booking@sirhanssloanecentre.co.uk) Single £5 registration fee.

**Home Start – Down District** We support 400 families every year. Families struggling with every day issues like, cost of living, sick or premature babies, postnatal depression or loneliness and isolation. COULD YOU LEND A HAND? Join our Volunteer team? Contact Imelda 0759 0849278, Sharon 07590849281 Email: [downpatrick@homstartdd.org](mailto:downpatrick@homstartdd.org).

# Saintfield & Carrickmannon

## Parish Bulletin

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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](http://www.carryduffsaintfield.co.uk)