



**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 16/17 May

Vigil: David Rogers

9am: Michael Miskelly

11am: Monica McGouran

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

16/17 May

Vigil: Agnes O'Hea, Gerard Mullan

9 am: Anne Murray

11 am: Sarah Morris

Fionnuala McClure, Patricia McMahon

St Vincent de Paul

Contact: 07521463667 or email

stmochai.saintfield@svpni.co.uk



Please remember in your prayers

Martin McMullan and Mary McMullan
recently deceased.

Anniversaries: Sara Fitzpatrick, Peter
Close, Paul Close, Ena McMullan, Pat
Walsh, Michael Edward Murray, Jim
Creighton, Joseph Hamill, Hugh Stewart
and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Feast Days

Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday: St Matthias

Friday: St Carthage

Saturday: St Brendan, St Peregrine

ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS

Mass attendance count

THIS WEEKEND

9TH - 10TH MAY

**Thank you for your patience and
taking time to register your
attendance.**

**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



11am Mass

Hello children. In today's gospel Jesus
tells his disciples that, if they love him,
they must keep his commandments. We
are all God's children too and God
loves each one of us because we are
special. He also wants us to share that
love with others. This week, let's do our
best to show our love to our friends and
families and also to show our love by
caring for our world, which is the home
that all people share

Our prayer for this week:

**Christ Jesus, you came into the world
to show us how to live. May we follow
your commandment of love for one
another in all that we do and all that
we say. Amen.**

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

Weekly Collection 3rd May £1213

Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Jim

Deeds will lead the Three-Day
Pilgrimage to Lough Derg. Date:
19th – 21st 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
email: [pathwaystothefuture@downan
dconnor.org](mailto:pathwaystothefuture@downan.dconnor.org)



Monday Social Club

Next meeting

18th May 2026

12:30 – 2 pm

Crois Dharach CLG Club

Lotto Numbers: 9 18 26 28

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prizes
were won by Elle McMahon, Peter
Healy, Finbar McLaughlin and
Thomas Mageean. **New Jackpot
£9500.** Tickets available on Klubfunder
page, and usual outlets.

**Irish Language Lessons -
Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm** Sir
Hans Sloane Centre, Killyleagh.
Lessons are Free and funded by the
Reconciliation Fund, Ireland. Book at
booking@sirhansloanecentre.co.uk
Single £5 registration fee.

St Caolan's PTFA are 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
Everyone welcome!



LOUGH DERG ONE-DAY RETREAT

Saturday 5th September 2026

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

Admission including bus £57.

The Gospel today speaks to us about the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus calls the *Paraclete*, a word which means both *consoler* and *advocate* at the same time. This means that the Holy Spirit never leaves us alone, he is near to us, like an advocate who assists the accused person, standing by his or her side. He suggests to us how to defend ourselves from those who accuse us.

The Holy Spirit dwells with you and will be in you. He never abandons us but wants to stay with us: he is not a passing guest who comes to pay us a courtesy visit. He is a companion for life, a stable presence. He is Spirit and desires to dwell in our spirits. He is patient and stays with us even when we fall. He remains because he truly loves us; he does not pretend to love us and then leave us alone when things get difficult. He is faithful, he is transparent, he is authentic.

How often do we call on the Holy Spirit? Do we pray to him? Let us not forget about the one who is close to us, or rather, is within us! Do we listen to his voice, both when he encourages us and when he corrects us? Do we respond with Jesus's words to the accusations from the evil one, to the "tribunals" of life? Do we remember that we are beloved children of God?

May Mary our Blessed Mother make us docile to the voice of the Holy Spirit and sensitive to his presence.

Pope Francis

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and You shall renew the face of the earth.**

Annual Novena To Our Mother Of Perpetual Help "Living Our Baptism Today"

St Gerard's Parish Church, 722 Antrim Road, Belfast

Monday 11th to Tuesday 19th May 2026 - Weekdays 9.30am & 7.30pm

Saturday 9.30am & 6.30pm - Sunday 10.30am & 7.30pm - Everyone Welcome!

Let Go, Let God (Surrender To Jesus) 1-Day Retreat Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre Crossgar Sat 6th June 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Registration at 9.40am Three Themed Sessions Group Discussions & Time For Individual Reflection. £30 Stipend. To book call **02844 830242**. Full details on notice board.

The Chosen — Friday Mornings (May & June) The Belfast Jesuit Centre will host weekly screenings on Fridays at 10.45am. Mass at 12.30pm for those wishing to remain. To register visit: www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk

Home Start – Down District We support families struggling with every day issues. **COULD YOU LEND A HAND?** Join our Volunteer team? Contact Imelda 0759 0849278, Sharon 07590849281 Email: downpatrick@homstartdd.org.

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

10th May 2026



“If you love me
you will keep my commandments.”

Sixth 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