



**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 10:00 am

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

CONFESSIONS

Before and after Vigil Mass

ALTAR SOCIETY

Saintfield – Group 4

Carrickmannon – Team 4

READERS 23/24 May

Vigil: Desi McHenry

9am: Lucy Gurr

11am: Paula O'Reilly

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

23/24 May

Vigil: Gemma Magennis, Eileen Murray

9 am: Paul McGouran

11 am: Ann Schollhammer

Donna Murray, Cecilia Magill

Weekly Collection 10th May £1375

St Vincent de Paul

Contact: 07521463667 or email
stmochai.saintfield@svpni.co.uk

*Alleluia, Alleluia!
Go make disciples
of all the nations;
I am with you always
yes, to the end of time.
Alleluia!*

Please remember in your prayers

Brian McCaffrey, Martin McMullan and
Mary McMullan recently deceased.

Anniversaries: James Beggs, Bronach
McQuillan, Anne Cunningham, Vincent
Newell, Sophie Cairns, Hugh
McGreevy, Michael Greeves, Margaret
Murray, Patrick McMullan, Tess McKay
and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

First Anniversary Mass for Bronach
McQuillan will be offered in Saintfield
Church at 6:30 pm (16th May)

Months Mind Mass for Martin
McMullan will be offered in Saintfield
Church on Friday 22nd May at 7:30 pm

Feast Days

Monday: St John I, Pope & Martyr

Wednesday: St Bernadine of Siena

Thursday: St Christopher Magallanes
and Mexican Martyrs

Friday: St Rita of Cascia

Saturday: Our Lady of Apostles

**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. To book
contact Claire on 028 90690920
email: [pathwaystothefuture@downan
dconnor.org](mailto:pathwaystothefuture@downan
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11am Mass

Hello children. Today we hear about
how the disciples go to meet Jesus for the
last time before he returned to heaven to
be with God forever. He tells them that
they must go and share the gospel with
all people that they meet and teach them
to follow the commandments that Jesus
has given us. He also reminds them that
He is always going to be with them.

This week let's try to do at least one
thing to help someone else to know that
they are not alone, and that Jesus is with
us.

Our prayer for this week:

**God of mercy and truth, shine through
each and every one of us – helping us
to see that all people are made in your
image and to know that your Son
Jesus is with us always. We ask this
through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

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

CEMETERY SUNDAY will be held on
5th July 2026 at 2pm in St Joseph's
Church, Carrickmannon followed by the
blessing of graves in the Good Shepherd
Cemetery, Kilcairn.

**Eucharistic Healing Service &
Blessing** will be held in St Matthew's
Church, Belfast, on Thursday 21st May at
7pm. All are welcome.



Monday Social Club
Next meeting
18th May 2026
12:30 – 2 pm

Crois Dharach CLG Club

Lotto Numbers **5 16 20 28**

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prizes
were won by Robert Flynn, Gemma
Lenaghan and Pete McCarthy. **New
Jackpot £9600.** Tickets available on
Klubfunder page Oaks Bar, Chestnut Bar,
Vivo Shop, Dufferin Bar, International Bar
and Central Bars Killyleagh.

**St Caolan's PTFA Summer Fair and
Tractor Run - 22nd May 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!

Give Blood – Save Lives

2nd Presbyterian Church Hall, Saintfield
Thursday 21st May 12:30 -7:30 pm. Visit
[:https://nibts.hscni.net/onlinebooking-
for-blood-donation-appointments/](https://nibts.hscni.net/onlinebooking-for-blood-donation-appointments/)



**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

Why celebrate Jesus's departure from the earth? It would seem that his departure would be a sad moment, not exactly something to rejoice over! Why celebrate a departure? Because with the Ascension, something new and beautiful happened: Jesus brought our humanity, our flesh, into heaven – this is the first time – that is, he brought it in God. That humanity that he had assumed on earth did not remain here. The risen Jesus was not a spirit, He had his human body, flesh and bones, everything. He will be there in God. We could say that from the day of the Ascension on, God himself “changed” from that point on, he is not only spirit, but such is his love for us that he bears our own flesh in himself, our humanity! The place awaiting us is thus indicated; that is our destiny. An ancient Father in the faith wrote: *“What splendid news! He who became man for us, to make us his brothers, presents himself as man before the Father to bear with himself all those who are joined with him”* (St. Gregory of Nyssa, *Discourse on the Resurrection of Christ*, 1). Today, we celebrate “heaven’s conquest” – Jesus, who returns to the Father, but with our humanity. And so, heaven is already ours a little bit. Jesus has opened the door and his body is there.

Pope Francis

The Life of Fr Patrick Kelly: Co. Down Priest & member of French Resistance in WW2. A talk will be given by Pdraig Coyle in Ballynahinch Parish Centre on **Monday 18th May, at 7.30pm**. Having been honoured by France for his wartime heroism, Fr Kelly returned to his native Dromore Diocese, serving in various places including Dunmore in Ballynahinch Parish. Admission £1 All are welcome.

ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DONEGAL, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. 6.00pm - 10.30pm Friday 5th June. 9.00am - 10.30pm. Saturday 6th June. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Keynote Speakers: Patrick Reis & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau For more information email donegal@encounterschool.org. Book through <https://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal>

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. £30 Stipend. To book call **02844 830242**. Full details on notice board.

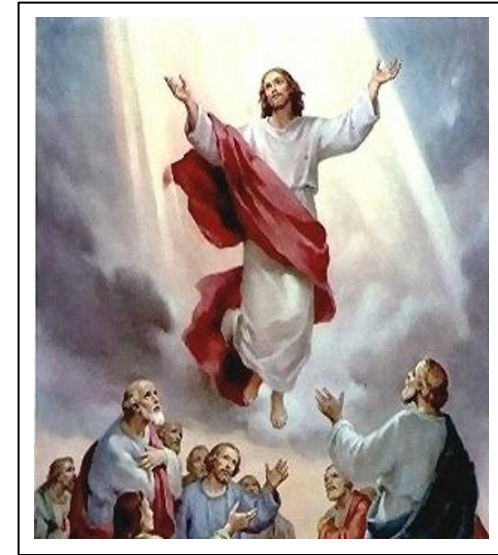
St Peter’s Cathedral Belfast – Summer Singing Course – 6th – 10th July 2026

For young people aged 8 – 16 who want to improve their singing voice and musical skills. Session 1 from 9am to 12 pm – Session 2 from 1-4 pm £50 for five day course or book by 30th May £30. Optional extra £25 for advanced singers studying GCSE & A level. For more information email: cathedralmusic@downandconnor.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 - 1.30pm. Thursday 12 – 1pm. Please use the Parish Email outside of Office Hours and we will respond as soon as possible.

The Solemnity of The Ascension of Our Lord

17th May 2026



Saintfield & Carrickmannon

Parish Bulletin

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

