



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

**Friday is the First Friday of the Month
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Monday & Friday 7:00 pm

Saturday 12 noon – 6:30 pm

St Joseph's Church, Carrickmannon

Open Sat & Sun 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

MASS

Sunday 9:00 am

Tuesday 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Before Vigil Mass

ALTAR SOCIETY

Saintfield – Group 2

Carrickmannon – Team 3

READERS 4/5 July

Vigil: David Rogers

9am: Lucy Gurr

11am: Siobhan McGowan

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

4/5 July

Vigil: John Weston, Lizzie Jones

9 am: Jeannie McGreevy

11 am: James Mullan

George Kerr, Damian Mulholland

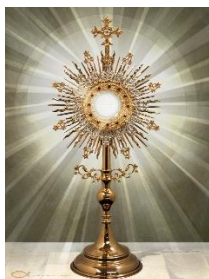
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Weekly Collection 21st June £1298

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Mary, Mother of the Church

Saturday 4th July, 12 noon – 6:30pm

Please sign up for Adoration on the sheet provided in Saintfield Church

Please remember in your prayers:

Amanda Sheehan, Briege Mulhern, Mary McPhillips and Donna Murray recently deceased.

Anniversaries: Thomas Murray, Hugh Cunningham, Pat Ward, Joe Duffy, Norma Smyth, Fay Mageean, Charlie Fitzsimons, Jean Corken, Mochai Murray, Vincent Murray, William and Elizabeth Wade and all the Holy Souls.

Feast Days

Monday: Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles

Tuesday: The First Martyrs of Rome

Wednesday: St Oliver Plunkett

Friday: St Thomas, Apostle

Saturday: St Elizabeth of Portugal

CEMETERY SUNDAY will be held on Sunday **5th July 2026 at 2pm** in St Joseph's Church, Carrickmannon followed by the blessing of graves in the Good Shepherd Cemetery, Kilcain. Please pick up a small bottle of holy water at the cemetery entrance to bless your family grave and return to the table provided on leaving the cemetery.



Hello children. In today's gospel, we hear about how we welcome Jesus when we welcome and care for one another. Jesus says when we welcome and love each other, we welcome and love God. He wants us to love everyone because we are all God's children. How will you be welcoming to others in the coming week?

Our prayer for this week:

God of mercy, fill us with your Spirit and guide us as we try to share your peace in our world. 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.

6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 26th July 2026

The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV "I will never forget you" (Is 49:15) reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine – Sunday 26th July 2026
Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin, Anointing of the Sick 2:30 pm, Mass 3pm. See notice in church porch.



Monday Social Club

Next meeting

6th July 2026

12:30 – 2 pm

Crois Dharach CLG Club

Lotto Numbers 4 7 22 32

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prizes were won by John Boyce, Michael Perry and Margaret Bennett. **New Jackpot £10,200.** Tickets available on Klubfunder page Oaks Bar, Chestnut Bar, Vivo Shop, Dufferin Bar, International Bar, Central Bar.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje - a small number of places are still available, 29th July- 5th August 2026. See poster on notice board. Contact **07706288095**.

A five day summer event for 14-18 year olds. 3-7 August – Clongowes Wood College. £315. A wonderful experience for young people to connect with other young people and deepen their faith and relationship with God. For more information contact Fr James O'Reilly, Email: j.oreilly@downandconnor.org Phone: 07496905262. See poster in porch.

Pilgrimage To Fatima

Direct from Belfast International

7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel 14th/21st August Spiritual Director Fr Andrew McMahon PP Convenient flight times. £845pps. For further information contact Joe **07776425631**

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

“He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.”

Jesus’ demanding words ask his disciples for firm and generous decisions. He places the call to follow Him and evangelize above even the most important human realities, one’s own family and life.

A father’s affection, a mother’s tenderness, the gentle friendship among brothers and sisters, all this, even while being very good and valid, cannot be placed instead of Christ. Not because He wants us to be heartless and ungrateful, but rather, on the contrary, because the condition of a disciple demands a priority relationship with the teacher. Jesus is not asking us to reject or neglect our loved ones. Rather He is insisting on the radical and primordial value of love for God and seeking the good of souls, which is the best way of loving others.

“He who does not take his cross and follow me.” It is surprising to see Jesus already speaking to the apostles about the Cross, when He has just chosen them at the beginning of his ministry in Galilee. We don’t know what they would understand from these words, spoken long before the Passion. In any case, their meaning is that the disciples can identify themselves with the Master; not only because they are sent out to preach the Gospel like Him, but also because they can sacrifice themselves for others, as Jesus will do on the Cross.

For the majority of Christians, to take up the cross each day often means to learn to overcome their own passions and whims, above all in order to make life more lovable and pleasant for others. The Virgin Mary felt in the first person what it means to love Jesus by separating herself from him, giving new meaning to family ties, beginning with faith in him. With her maternal intercession, may she help us to be free and happy missionaries of the Gospel.

Pope Francis

Please pray for Deacon Thomas Hampton, who will be Ordained to the Priesthood today, Sunday 28th June at 3.00 pm, in St. Patrick’s Church, St. Patrick’s Avenue, Downpatrick.. All are welcome to the Ordination with light refreshments afterwards in the Patrician Youth Centre, John Street, Downpatrick. The Ordination can also be viewed on:

<https://stpatricksdwnpatrick.com/webcam/>

The **First Mass of Thanksgiving** will take place on the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, **Monday 29th June at 7.00 pm, in St. Patrick’s Church, St. Patrick’s Road, Saul.** All are welcome. Light refreshments afterwards in St. Patrick’s Primary School, Saul. St. Patrick’s, Saul: View on <https://www.saulandballeeparish.com/live-webcam/>

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.

Saintfield & Carrickmannon

Parish Bulletin

28th June 2026



**Anyone who does not take his cross
and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.**

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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New Parish Family Website
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