



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 7:30 pm

Friday 10:00 am

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

CONFESSIONS

Before Vigil Mass

ALTAR SOCIETY

Saintfield – Group 2

Carrickmannon – Team 3

READERS 11/12 July

Vigil: Desi McHenry

9am: Angela Miskelly

11am: Paula O'Reilly

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

11/12 July

Vigil: Anne Murray, Agnes O'Hea

9 am: Anne Murray

11 am: Yvonne Younger

Geraldine Conway, Therese Mageean

St Vincent de Paul

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Weekly Collection 28th June £1075



*Those who die in grace
go no further from us than God
and God is very near.*

Please remember in your prayers:

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

Anniversaries: Thomas Donnelly, Michael J Donnelly, Hugh Cunningham, Bobby Murray, Harry McRobert, Peggy Smyth, Tony Martin, Edward Milling, Harold Ward, Mary Littlefair, Patrick McHugh and all the Holy Souls.

Months Mind Mass for Mary McPhillips will be offered on Saturday 11th July at 6:30 pm in Saintfield Church.

Feast Days

Monday: St Maria Goretti

Wednesday: St Kilian

Saturday: St Benedict, Patron of Europe

Today is CEMETERY SUNDAY

The Liturgy of the Word, Rosary and blessing of graves will begin at 2pm in St Joseph's Church, Carrickmannon followed by the blessing of graves in the Good Shepherd Cemetery, Kilcairn. 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.



In today's gospel we hear how Jesus has a special care for all who are tired and who are struggling. Jesus knows that we all have times when we find life difficult, times when we are tired, fed up and would like to give up. But Jesus reminds us that he is always there to comfort and support us and that, when we are tired or finding things difficult, we can turn to him and find rest.

This week, why not write and decorate a prayer for the times when people are finding life hard, and for all those members of our global family who are struggling in some way. You could even bring it to Mass next week.

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.

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 2 13 15 22

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prizes were won by Briege McMillan, Veronica McGee and Donald Blain. **New Jackpot £10300.** 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 Tel: :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

Dear Parishioners,

Many thanks to you all for your prayers and thoughts over my recent absence from the parish. I had a small TIA which led to temporary reduction of power on the left side of my body. I recovered coordination and speech quickly and have been resting with family over the last few weeks.

I plan to take annual holiday leave over the summer and will be absent for a further two weeks.

Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers.

Fr Michael

Dear Parishioners,

You may be aware that Bishop Alan is making new appointments in the diocese over the summer. The Bishop is calling and sending a number of his priests to serve in different parishes. Having served ten years in Drumbo and Carryduff and a year in Saintfield and Carrickmannon, I am to be involved in these new appointments this year.

I want to thank you for your friendship and prayers which have meant so much to me. I only hope that I have managed, with God's grace, to be of some useful service to you.

Thank you for everything, your faith, joy, involvement, presence and patience. Please remember me in your prayers from time to time.

It has been a privilege to be a part of this inspiring community of faith and I trust that you will continue to inspire and support others called to priesthood and in particular my successor, Fr Martin Graham. These new appointments are to be taken up on the 15th August, the Feast of the Assumption, so I will be back and around for a while in the intervening weeks.

With renewed thanks, I ask God to bless you, your family and all you love.

Yours sincerely,

Fr Michael

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

5th July 2026



*Come to Me
all you who labour and are heavy burdened
and I will give you rest.*

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fr Anthony McHugh PE 028 9751 0237

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New Parish Family Website

www.carryduffsaintfield.co.uk