



**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 Mass on Facebook 10 am

Friday 7:30 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 3

Carrickmannon – Team 4

READERS 18/19 July

Vigil: Dave Rogers

9am: Anna Murray

11am: Brian Linden

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

18/19 July

Vigil: Mary Rogers, Gerard Mullan

9 am: Paul McGouran

11 am: Sarah Morris

Fionnuala McClure

St Vincent de Paul

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



Some seeds fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Please remember in your prayers:

Anna Clarke, Christine Ward, Gerard McCormick, Malachy Doran, Betty Murray, Amanda Sheehan and Mary McPhillips recently deceased.

Anniversaries: James McGreevy, John Murray, Mary Mageean, Mary Margaret McGreevy, Bobby McCoubrey, Maureen Laverty, Teresa McMullan, Hugh James Murray, James McMullan and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

Feast Days

Monday: St Henry

Tuesday: St Camillus de Lellis

Wednesday: St Bonaventure

Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

The Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage Mass at Knock Shrine will be celebrated in the Basilica at **3pm next Sunday 19 July 2026**. Pioneers extend a welcome to families and relatives of people who are undergoing treatment for addiction at this time. Further information from Fr Robert: prayer@pioneers.ie

Weekly Collection 5th July £1297



In today's gospel, Jesus tells us a parable about planting seeds. It shows us how important it is that the seeds land on the right kind of ground to grow, but it also tells us something about ourselves and how we should be.

This week, see if you can be like the seed that falls on the rich soil – listen to what Jesus asks of you, try to understand it and live your life as God calls you to.

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

Catholic Men's Retreat: Standing in the Breach: Freedom in Christ, will take place in **Portglenone Monastery on Saturday 25th July from 9am-1pm**. Keynote speaker - Dr Robert McNamara All men are warmly invited to attend. Contact Thomas Carey 07967620435 or email Sean sean@catholicminute.co.uk

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. 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
20th July 2026
12:30 – 2 pm

Crois Dharach CLG Club

Lotto Numbers 4 6 15 30

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prizes were won by Michael Brennan, Sean Walsh, Laurie Miskelly. **New Jackpot £10400**. Tickets available on Klubfunder page, Oaks Bar, Chestnut Bar, Vivo Shop, Dufferin, International, & Central Bars.

Burren Outdoor Retreat

Friday 4th September to Sunday 6th September. Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute). Contact Mary at 087 970 1130 or Des at 085 161 4951

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

"Youth 2000 Summer Festival 13th–16th August Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music & prayer. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

The Parable of the Sower is somewhat the ‘mother’ of all parables, because it speaks about listening to the Word. It reminds us that the Word of God is a seed which in itself is fruitful and effective; and God scatters it everywhere, paying no mind to waste. Such is the heart of God! Each one of us is ground on which the seed of the Word falls; no one is excluded! The Word is given to each one of us. We can ask ourselves: what type of terrain am I? Do I resemble the path, the rocky ground, the bramble bush? If we want, with the grace of God, we can become good soil, ploughed and carefully cultivated, to help ripen the seed of the Word. It is already present in our heart but making it fruitful depends on us; it depends on the embrace that we reserve for this seed.

Often one is distracted by too many interests, by too many enticements, and it is difficult to distinguish, among the many voices and many words, that of the Lord, the only one that makes us free. This is why it is important to accustom oneself to listening to the Word of God, to reading it. And I return once more to that advice: always keep a handy copy of the Gospel with you, a pocket edition of the Gospel, in your pocket, in your purse ... and then, read a short passage every day, so that you become used to reading the Word of God, understanding well the seed that God offers you, and thinking with what soil do I receive it. May the Virgin Mary, perfect model of good and fertile soil, help us, with her prayer, to become willing soil without thorns or rocks, so that we may bear good fruit for ourselves and for our brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis

24 Hours of Prayer for Vocations - 3–4 August On the Feast of St John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, we warmly invite the faithful from across the Diocese to join us for **24 Hours of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood in the Parish of St Colmcille, 191a Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3JB** Beginning with Holy Mass at 7pm on Monday, 3 August, and conclude with Holy Mass at 7pm on Tuesday, 4 August. St John Vianney once said, “The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus.” As we celebrate his feast, let us unite in asking the Lord to inspire new vocations and to strengthen those already called to serve. Join us for an hour, for Mass, or simply drop in to pray. Your presence & prayers will make a real difference. Email Fr Conor - c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust are seeking to recruit into this exciting new role of ‘Youth Minister’, to work within St Colmcille’s Parish, 191 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3JB collaborating with the teams within the wider Family of Parishes, to align youth ministry with the broader mission of the parishes. We are looking for a person with a passion for deepening the faith of young people, who will focus on the personal, social and spiritual development of young people. If interested, full details can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> and also at <https://www.nijobs>. Applications welcome from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role within the Diocese of Down & Connor. Closing date Tuesday 28 July.

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

12th July 2026



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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New Parish Family Website
www.carryduffsaintfield.co.uk