



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

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 4

Carrickmannon – Team 1

READERS 8/9 August

Vigil: Dave Rogers

9am: Michael Miskelly

11am: Emer Hawkins

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8/9 August

Vigil: Anne Murray, Mary Rogers

9 am: Brian Mullan

11 am: Marian Walsh, Audrey Mullan

St Vincent de Paul

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Weekly Collection 26th July £1275



*You open wide your hand,
O Lord
You grant our desires.*

Please remember in your prayers:

Jeannine Schollhammer, Annie Murray,
Anna Clarke and Christine Ward
recently deceased.

Anniversaries: Sheila Creighton,
Barney Mullan, Peter Ward, Mary
Walls, Aidan Murray, Rosie Davis,
Harry Boyle, Kim Kirk, Billy
Cummings, Mary Hanvey and all the
Holy Souls in Purgatory.

First Anniversary Mass for Sheila
Creighton will be offered on Monday 3rd
August at 7:30 pm in Saintfield Church.

Feast Days

Tuesday: St John Mary Vianney

Wednesday: St Mary Major

Thursday: The Transfiguration

Friday: St Sixtus II, Pope

Saturday: St Domini

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

Please confirm booking with deposit.

Bishop Alan McGuckian - will be
celebrating Mass in Irish as part of the
Fleadh on **Sunday August 9th at
11am** in St Patrick's Church,
Donegall Street, Belfast.



In today's Gospel, Jesus took pity on a
large crowd and healed their sick. When
evening came they were hungry so he
told his disciples to feed everyone with
the little food they had.

Jesus took the five loaves and two fish,
looked up to heaven and said the
blessing. He broke the bread and handed
it to the disciples to share among more
than 5000 people. Everyone ate until
they were full and there were twelve
baskets full of leftovers. What an
amazing miracle!

At every Mass Jesus works the miracle
of changing bread and wine into his
Body and Blood. When we receive Jesus
in Holy Communion we receive spiritual
food for our souls. Thank you Jesus.

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

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." Join us for Mass or
simply drop in to pray. Email Fr Conor -
c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org



Monday Social Club
Next meeting
3rd August 2026
Away Day!

Crois Dharach CLG Club

Lotto Numbers **2 11 21 29**

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prize
winners: Andy Coulter, Michael Norney,
Donald Blain. **New Jackpot £10700.**
Tickets are available on the Klubfunder
page and usual outlets.

To honour the Feast of the
Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven
the Legion of Mary are organising **24
hours of Eucharistic Adoration in
St Agnes Church, Belfast.**
Beginning with **7pm Mass on Friday
14th August and ending with 6.30
vigil Mass on 15th August.**
"Time spent with Jesus in the Blessed
Sacrament is the best time you will
spend on earth". Mother Teresa.
Please come along and give thanks to
Our Lady and her Son Jesus.

**"Youth 2000 Summer Festival 13th–
16th August** Calling all young people
aged 16–35 to join us in Newbridge
College, Co. Kildare. 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

A reporter once asked Mother Teresa,
"What's wrong with the Church today?"
She responded, "You and I, sir, we are
what's wrong with the Church, for we
are the Church."

Jesus proposed a parable to the crowds. “The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field.....

Our Lord, quoting Psalm 78:2, fulfilled the Old Testament prophecy and shared with us some truths about heaven. It seems Our Lord wanted us to mull these parables over, to wonder about heaven, to cast the eyes of the soul in that direction. He knows perfectly the hole in our hearts that only he can fill and he calls us to acknowledge our neediness and our home sickness to live as sojourners on our way to our eternal home.

Likening the Kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed teaches us that our smallest, most seemingly insignificant life experience, if it deepens our faith, can make a God-sized impact on the world. When we see the little ‘coincidences’ of our day as blessings from God or receive the crosses with open heartedness, we can be sure Our Lord’s Kingdom is growing, even if we don’t perceive it. He is working! “To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul.” St Therese of Lisieux.

A woman took the yeast and mixed it into the dough. She actively participated in the leavening of her bread. Similarly when we ‘mix’ our divine inspirations with our daily activities, the Kingdom of God grows. “Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Lord, it’s clear from your words that I play an important role in bringing about your Kingdom. How blessed I am to be invited to participate in such a way! Lord, don’t let me miss an opportunity to pray well, do an act of kindness, or fulfil my duty, knowing that these small actions on my part have eternal consequences. All glory to you!

Experience the soul of Ireland with **Fuaimlaoi in Concert** on **Thursday 6th August 7:00pm** **St Peter’s Cathedral** A captivating ensemble that blends ancient Irish tradition with powerful sacred music by renowned Irish liturgical composer Ronan McDonagh. This unforgettable performance is sure to be one of the highlights of the Fleadh Belfast Fringe programme. Booking: <https://fleadhfringe.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173683951>

The Rowallane and Slieve Croob Community Twinning Group is organising a **Full-day Coach Tour to the Ulster Folk Museum at Cultra, Belfast on Friday, 7 August 2026**. Price of the trip is £15 and children under 5 will travel free of charge. A guided tour of the Folk Village is included along with light refreshments. Contact Karen on 07979 304479 by Text or Phone or email RSCCTG@icloud.com

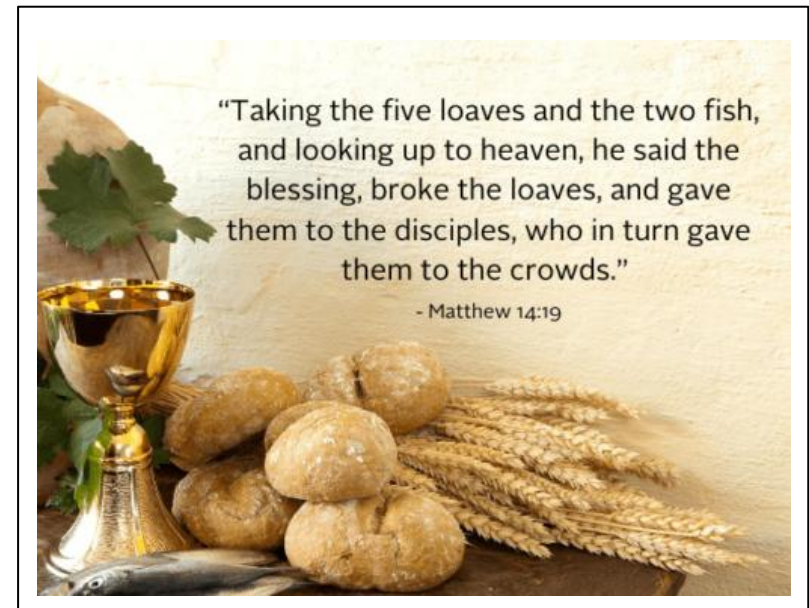
Human Life International - Ireland 32 County Mission Night with relics of St Thérèse & The Holy Face. Wednesday 12th August, Newry Conference Centre, 39-41 The Mall, BT34 1AT, from 7pm-8:45pm. All are welcome.

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

2nd August 2026



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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New Parish Family Website
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