



**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 & Saturday 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Before Vigil Mass

ALTAR SOCIETY

Saintfield – Group 5
Carrickmannon – Team 2

READERS 15/16 August

Vigil: Desi McHenry
9am: Lucy Gurr
11am: Philomena Miskelly

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

15/16 August

Vigil: Agnes O'Hea, Gerard Mullan
9 am: Eileen P Murray
11 am: James Mullan, George Kerr

St Vincent de Paul

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Weekly Collection 2nd August £1538

**Solemnity of
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**



Masses

Mary, Mother of the Church
Vigil Mass Friday 7:30 pm
St Joseph's Church
Saturday 10:00 am

Please remember in your prayers:

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

Anniversaries: Nuala Cunningham,
Hugh Flynn, Thomas G Murray, Julie
Whan, Shane Hamill, Rosaleen Flynn,
Margaret McVeigh, Francis McNiece
and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Feast Days

Sunday: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Tuesday: St Clare
Wednesday: St Attracta
Thursday: St Pontian
Friday: St Maximillian Kolbe
Saturday: The Assumption of Our Lady

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



Hello children! In today's gospel we
hear about Peter being out on the water
with Jesus. As long as he kept his eyes
on Jesus, he was fine, but when he took
his eyes off Jesus, he began to sink.
Sometimes we all go through rough
times but, as long as we keep our eyes
upon Jesus and put our trust in him, we
will be okay.

**Dear Jesus, when the storms of life
come against us, help us to keep our
eyes on you and to put our trust in you.
Amen.**

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

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.

**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.



Monday Social Club
Next meeting
17th August 2026
12:30 – 2:00 pm

Crois Dharach CLG Club

Lotto Numbers 19 20 22 31

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prize
winners: Sean McVeigh, Oliver Miskelly
and Rab Branney. **New Jackpot £10800.**
Tickets are available on the Klubfunder
page, Oaks Bar, Chestnut Bar, Vivo
Shop, Dufferin Bar, International and
Central Bars Killyleagh.

**Catholic Mothers Ireland will hold its
Annual National Mass on Sunday, 6
September at Termonbacca, Retreat
Centre, Derry City.** The day will begin
with **Mass at 2.00pm**, celebrated
by **Bishop Donal McKeown**, followed
by refreshments, children's activities,
and a talk for parents. This promises to
be a lovely day for the whole family. For
more information and booking details,
please email info@catholicmothers.ie.



LOUGH DERGH 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

Today's Gospel story is a beautiful icon of the faith of the Apostle Peter. In the voice of Jesus who tells him: "Come!", he recognizes the echo of the first encounter on the shore of that very lake, and right away, once again, he leaves the boat and goes toward the Teacher. And he walks on the waters! The faithful and ready response to the Lord's call always enables one to achieve extraordinary things. But Jesus himself told us that we are capable of performing miracles with our faith, faith in Him, faith in his word, faith in his voice. Peter however begins to sink the moment he looks away from Jesus and he allows himself to be overwhelmed by the hardships around him. But the Lord is always there, and when Peter calls him, Jesus saves him from danger. Peter's character, with his passion and his weaknesses, can describe our faith: ever fragile and impoverished, anxious yet victorious, Christian faith walks to meet the Risen Lord, amid the world's storms and dangers.

All the disciples are on the boat, united in the experience of weakness, of doubt, of fear and of "little faith". But when Jesus climbs into that boat again, the weather suddenly changes and they all feel united in their faith in Him. All the little and frightened ones become great at the moment in which they fall on their knees and recognize the Son of God in their Teacher. How many times the same thing happens to us! Without Jesus, far from Jesus, we feel frightened and inadequate to the point of thinking we cannot succeed. Faith is lacking! But Jesus is always with us, hidden perhaps, but present and ready to support us.

Faith gives us the certainty of Jesus' presence always beside us, of his hand which grasps us to pull us back from danger. We are all on this boat, and we feel secure here despite our limitations and our weaknesses. We are safe especially when we are ready to kneel and worship Jesus, the only Lord of our life. This is what our Mother, Our Lady always reminds us. We turn to her trustingly. **Pope Francis**

Legion of Mary - 'Embrace the Grace' is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-40) with talks, prayer, Mass, confession, workshops, food and social in the historic Legion of Mary headquarters at De Montfort House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7. It will be a chance to build faith in friendship with young adults from across the country. This event takes place on **Saturday 29 August from 9.30am to 6.00pm** with a social afterwards. Tickets cost €20 and can be booked on the Eventbrite website by looking up 'Embrace the Grace'. Any queries can be directed towards deusetpatria@gmail.com.

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

9th August 2026



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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New Parish Family Website
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