



**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 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Before Vigil Mass

ALTAR SOCIETY

Saintfield – Group 1
Carrickmannon – Team 3

READERS 29/30 August

Vigil: Katrina Godfrey
9am: Anna Murray
11am: Monica McGouran

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

29/30 August

Vigil: John Weston, Lizzie Jones
9 am: Anne Murray
11 am: Geraldine Conway
Therese Magean

St Vincent de Paul

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Weekly Collection 16th August £1394



*You are the Christ
The Son of
The Living God*

Please remember in your prayers:

Ita Bell, Kevin Fay, Eddie Savage, Glen Nelson and Billy Cummings recently deceased.

Anniversaries: Patsy Greene, James Close, Moira Watson, Maurice Owens, Brian Rice, Colette Magorrian, Vincent Laverty, Mary Jane Mullan, John McKenna, Nora Kelly and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Feast Days

Monday: St Bartholomew, Apostle
Tuesday: St Louis of France
Wednesday: Blessed John Paul I, Pope
Thursday: St Monica
Friday: St Augustine of Hippo
Saturday: St John the Baptist



LOUGH DERG ONE-DAY RETREAT

Saturday 5th September 2026
Admission including bus £57
Please confirm booking with deposit.



**LITURGY OF THE WORD
FOR CHILDREN**

Hello children! In today's gospel, Jesus is teaching the disciples. He begins his lesson that day by asking his disciples a question. Who do people say that I am. His disciples provide lots of answers but it's Peter who gets it right when he says, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Dear Father, when people are searching for the answer to the question, "Who is Jesus?" help us to be ready with the answer. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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

Legion of Mary - 'Embrace the Grace'

Conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-40) in the Legion of Mary, De Montfort House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7, on **Saturday 29 August from 9.30am to 6.00pm** with a social afterwards. Tickets cost €20 Book on the Eventbrite website All queries to deusetpatria@gmail.com.

St Columba's Hall Teconnaught

Bridge every Tuesday 7.30 to 10.30 pm starting 1st September 2026. New members are very welcome to join.

Anam Cara - Online Bereavement Information Evening especially dedicated to supporting surviving siblings - Tuesday 15 September at 7pm
Also open to bereaved adult siblings over 18,



Monday Social Club
Next meeting
7th September 2026
12:30 – 2:00 pm

Crois Dharach CLG Club

Lotto Numbers **10, 22, 26, 29**

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prize winners: Mojo, Jenni Duffy, Hannah Dunn x 2 and Nicola Flynn. **New Jackpot £11000.** Tickets are available on the Klubfunder page and usual outlets.

MATT TALBOT – URBAN MYSTIC

The Knights of St Columbanus, CK12 Downpatrick, invite you to a special screening of **Matt Talbot – Urban Mystic** at Community Cinema, St Mary's Hall, Main Street, Newcastle, on **Friday 4th September at 7.00pm.** Matt Talbot's remarkable true story of faith, struggle, addiction and redemption. **Admission FREE**, with a suggested donation of £3 towards costs.

Catholic Mothers Ireland Annual Mass - 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 parents' talk. To book email info@catholicmothers.ie

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.

What good must I do to gain eternal life? Matthew 19:16-22

Treating heaven as something to be earned by good deeds goes against the very nature of God as a Father. What true father would make his son meet certain standards before he loved him? What real father would lock his son out of the house until he “checked off certain boxes”? Heaven is God’s house; a place where we will be with him forever. The rich young man in St Matthew’s gospel was starting from the presupposition that God wouldn’t love him unless he proved that he was worth being loved. In reality, we must *start* with the sure and certain knowledge of God’s love and then let *him* make us worthy.

If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” That is, “**Take all that you hold dear**, your whole life of rules, programs, and self-satisfaction and give it away! **Follow me, for I am all you need.**” When we feel the same restlessness that this young man does, the whisper in our heart that maybe there is something more to being a Christian, we must remember that we will never placate this feeling by simply doing a few more good deeds. Rather, we must let that restlessness lead us to the love of Christ and let him do with us what he wills.

Lord, here I am. Show me your face; show me your love for me. I know that without you I am nothing, and yet you want to give me everything. **I want to love you; teach me how.** Whether you want to console me or challenge me, I am here to listen. **Regnum Christi**

St Joseph Men's Camino *Every Camino changes us in ways we don't expect, every man needs one.* Join men from across Ireland on **Saturday 12th September** for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker **Fr. Mark Quinn**. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 student € 55. Registration, accommodation and details: www.dominicans.ie/events. Enquiries: op.evangelisation@gmail.com.



Prayer to St Michael

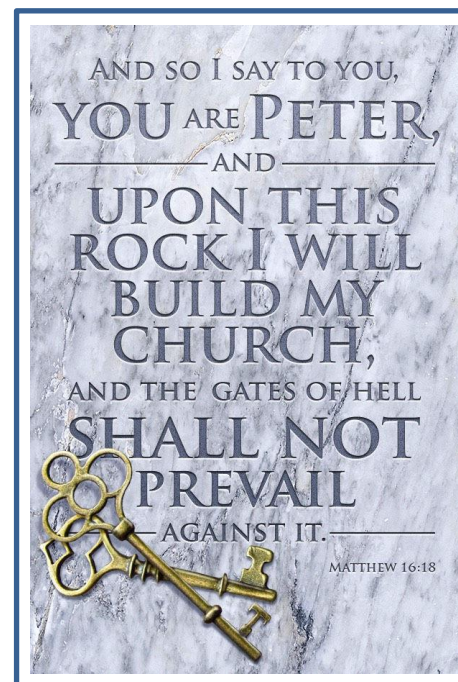
Holy Michael the Archangel,
defend us in the hour of battle.
Be thou our safeguard against
the wickedness and snares of
the Devil.

May God restrain him,
we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God,
thrust down to Hell, Satan
and with him all the evil spirits
who wander through the world
for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Saintfield & Carrickmannon

Parish Bulletin

23rd August 2026



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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