



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

**No Adoration on Saturday 5th September
due to our Lough Derg Retreat**

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 5/6 September

Vigil: David Rogers

9am: Harry Murray

11am: Paula O'Reilly

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5/6 September

Vigil: Anne Murray, Mary Rogers

9 am: Paul McGouran

11 am: Fionnuala McClure,
Sarah Morris, Patricia McMahon

St Vincent de Paul

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For you

*my soul is thirsting
O Lord my God*

Please remember in your prayers:

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

Anniversaries: James Lynch, Brendan
Murray, Margaret Graham, Robert
Murray, Mary Miskelly and all the Holy
Souls in Purgatory.

Months Mind Mass for Eddie Savage
will be offered in Saintfield Church on
Friday 4th September, 7:30 pm.

Feast Days

Monday: St Aidan

Thursday: St Gregory the Great

Friday: St Mac Nissi

Saturday: St Teresa of Calcutta

Weekly Collection 23rd August £1265

LOUGH DERG ONE-DAY RETREAT

Saturday 5th September 2026

Bus pick-up in Ballygowan at 6:40 am
& leaving Saintfield Church car park at
7:00 am. Be prepared for all weathers!



LITURGY of the Word For CHILDREN

Hello children! In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that sometimes it isn't easy to follow him. Jesus loves and cares for us and if we follow him we are showing that we love him too. And Jesus will always be with us, helping along the way.

How will you show your love for others, both at home and in the classroom and playground in the coming week?

Christ Jesus, may we follow you in all that we do. Let our love for you be shown in how we care for all people. Amen.

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

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



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

Crois Dharach CLG Club

Lotto Numbers: 7 16 23 30

No Jackpot winner. Consolation prize winners: Ceasar Doyle, Brendan Mullan Cathy Hanna and Janet McElroy. **New Jackpot £11,100**. Tickets are available on the Klubfunder page Oaks Bar, Chestnut Bar, Vivo Shop, Dufferin Bar, International Bar and Central Bars Killyleagh

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.

Recharge – Young Adult Group

Join us on the first and third Tuesday of every month to recharge your spiritual batteries through prayer, study and friendship. **First Tuesday** - Adoration with guided meditation and confession. **Third Tuesday** – Group Study Course St Colmcille's Church, Belfast, 7:30 pm.

See poster in church porch

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

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (Tuesday 1st September) offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and His mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live. The celebration of the Day on the same date as the Orthodox Church will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our orthodox brothers. We live in a time where all Christians are faced with identical and important challenges and we must give common replies to these in order to appear more credible and effective.

Pope Francis

Prayer for Our Earth

All powerful God, you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle, for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si' 246

Catholic Men's Retreat - Standing in the Breach will take place at Portglenone Monastery on Saturday 19 September 2026, from 9am to 1pm. Theme: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). Including prayer, teaching, fellowship and men's testimonies, with Fr Eddie McGee as keynote speaker. All men are very welcome. For information, contact Thomas Carey on 07967620435 or email sean@catholicminute.co.uk

Anam Cara - Online Bereavement Information Evening especially dedicated to supporting surviving siblings - [Tuesday 15 September at 7pm](#)

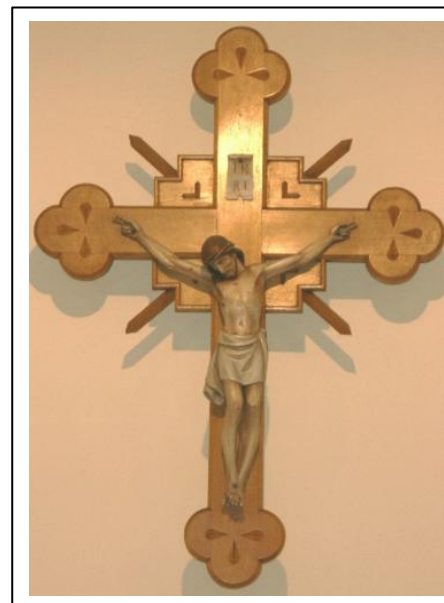
Adults (18+) involved in parish music are invited to take part in Cantor Training at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Dunloy. Training takes place on Saturday 3 October, 17 October and 7 November, from 10.00am to 3.00pm (registration from 9.30am). Attendance at all three days is required for commissioning as a parish cantor. To request an application form, contact your parish office.

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

30th August 2026



*"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine
Let him renounce himself
And take up his cross and follow me."*

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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