



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 2
Carrickmannon – Team 4

READERS 19/20 September

Vigil: Mary Davies

9am: Michael Miskelly

11am: Sharon Murray

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

19/20 September

Vigil: Gemma Magennis, Eileen Murray

9 am: Margaret Bennett

11 am: Audrey Mullan,
Marian Walsh, James Mullan

St Vincent de Paul

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Weekly Collection 6th Sept. £1270

August Weekly by S/Orders: £572
August Monthly Env: £1407.10
August Monthly by S/Orders: £192



*"Speak Lord, your servant is
listening. You have the message
of eternal life."*

Please remember in your prayers:

Anne Kelly, Cameron Beaton, Jane Stewart, Mathew VP Vanchiparayil, Fr Michael McConville, Joseph McGourty, Ita Bell and Kevin Fay recently deceased.

Anniversaries: Margaret Mullan, Ann Murray, Robert Gault, Minnie Gault, Orla Flynn, Raymond Creighton, Clare Walls, William McDowell, Mary Greeves, Joe Cunningham and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Months Mind Mass for Kevin Fay will be offered at 6:30 pm on Friday 18th September in Saintfield Church.

Feast Days

Monday: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: St Cornelius, St Cyprian

Thursday: St Robert Bellarmine

Saturday: St Januarius, Our Lady of
Salette

A Presentation Evening for Fr Michael Sheehan will be held in St Joseph's Hall, Carryduff on **Saturday 26th September at 7pm.** Envelopes towards his leaving gift are available in both churches. If you wish to make a donation please take an envelope and return to the box provided next weekend 19/21 September. Thank you for your support and generosity.



Hello children. Today Jesus talks to us about forgiveness – about how God is always ready to forgive us if we say sorry and about how we should try to forgive others if they say sorry to us.

This week let's try our best to say sorry when we have done something wrong, and to forgive and help others.

God of love, help us to share your forgiveness with others. Guide us to do what is right and to make this world a fairer place for all who live in it. Amen.

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

Could You Help Share the True Spirit of Christmas? Each year, volunteers in parishes across the north of Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell Trócaire's Gifts of Change — meaningful gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world. All we ask is a little time and a big heart. Last Christmas, 50 parishes took part and we'd love to grow that number even more this year! For more details please call **028 9080 8030** or email mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org

Catholic Men's Retreat- Portglenone Monastery, Saturday 19 September from 9am to 1pm. Theme: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" Fr Eddie McGee is keynote speaker. Contact Thomas Carey on 07967620435 or email sean@catholicminute.co.uk



Monday Social Club
Next meeting
21st September 2026
12:30 – 2:00 pm

Crois Dharach CLG Club

Lotto Numbers: **4 11 18 28**. No Jackpot winner. Consolation prize winners: Marie Lowry, Lorcan Fairfield, Daryl McLaughlin and Paul O'Callaghan. **New Jackpot £11,300.** Tickets are available on Klubfunder page Oaks Bar, Chestnut Bar, Vivo Shop, Dufferin Bar, International Bar and Central Bars Killyleagh

The Medical Missionaries of Mary will speak at all Masses in the parish on **26th and 27th September** of their work, mainly in Africa and South America, and their mission to bring Christ's healing love to those most in need. Our parish and our diocese have supported MMM generously in the past, both in finance and in prayer, and MMM wishes to express gratitude for that support and to emphasise that we here at home are the body of mission, and those who are sent to faraway places are the hands and the feet. When they speak to us and share their story they serve as a connection between us and those whom they serve.

A meeting for all Pioneers who are interested in helping to renew and strengthen the Pioneer Association in Down & Connor will take place on **Sunday 27 September at 3.00 pm in Holy Family Gathering Space, Holy Family Church, Newington Avenue, Belfast.** We would be delighted to welcome as many Pioneers as possible.

As we celebrate the feast of the [Exaltation of the Holy Cross](#), on Monday 14th September, let us *“glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.”*

May Christ be in our mind, in our lips, in our heart, in our actions, in our life. But if this noble and holy desire were to come true, let us not forget that to follow Christ and to live His life necessarily require carrying His Cross and all that it entails, not with mere resignation, but with joyful acceptance and for Love.

“O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we who have known his mystery on earth may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.”

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping. We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love. Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

Anam Cara - Monthly Parent Support Evening - 14th September at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more email info@anamcara.ie

MEN'S 55 + VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE – Tuesday 15th September at 10:30 am in Saintfield Community Association, Windmill Park, 29 Belfast Road, Saintfield. Volunteers will take part in a range of outdoor activities. See poster in Church porch.

Fossil Football – Five-a-side – for 55 years Plus – Down Leasure Centre
Tuesday evenings. Contact Trevor 07843089778 See poster in Church porch

As part of the **Season of Creation**, **Join the Dots Together** is launching a report on its **Earth Day Conference, An Economy of Enough**. The launch will take place on: **Thursday 24 September, 7.30pm in Windsor Hub, 22 Lower Windsor Avenue, Belfast**. Further information from Juanita Majury, info@jointhedotstogether.org

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

13th September 2026



*Jesus, son of the living God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.*

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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