



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 3
Carrickmannon – Team 1

READERS 26/27 September

Vigil: Katrina Godfrey
9am: Lucy Gurr
11am: Marie Murray

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

26/27 September

Vigil: John Weston, Lizzie Jones
9 am: Brian Mullan
11 am: Damian Mulholland
George Kerr, Yvonne Younger

St Vincent de Paul

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Weekly Collection 13th Sept. £1123



*I am the saviour of all people,
says the Lord
Whatever their troubles,
I will answer their cry
and I will always be their Lord.*

Please remember in your prayers:

Sr Mary-Joseph Catney, Madge Gilmore, Anne Kelly, Cameron Beaton, Jane Stewart, Mathew VP Vanchiparayil, Fr Michael McConville and Joseph McGourty recently deceased.
Anniversaries: Lena McHugh, Mona Dunne, Paula Lenaghan, Joe Daly, Jeannie Cunningham, Robert Fitzsimons, Patrick Murray and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

First Anniversary Mass for Mona Dunne will be offered today at 11:00 am in Saintfield Church.

Months Mind Mass for Joseph McGourty will be offered in Saintfield Church on Friday 25th September at 7:30 pm.

Feast Days

Monday: St Matthew, Apostle. Evangelist
Wednesday: St Pius of Pietrelcina, (Padre Pio)
Thursday: Our Lady of Walsingham
Friday: St Finbarr
Saturday: St Cosmas & Damian



Hello children. Today Jesus tells us a story about some workers who all receive the same wages, even though some worked all day and some just worked for an hour. In this story, Jesus is showing us that God's idea of fairness (sometimes we use the word justice), is different from ours.

God's fairness is about making sure that every single person gets what they need, no matter what their situation. God gives us what we need and not just what others think we deserve.

Living Lord, we give thanks for your generosity and love. Help us to take no more than we need, to share all that we have and to work together for change so that the world becomes a fairer place for everyone. Amen.

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

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 place envelope in the box provided **this weekend** Thank you for your support and generosity.

A meeting for all Pioneers will take place on Sunday 27 September at 3.00 pm in Holy Family Gathering Space, Holy Family Church, Newington Avenue, Belfast. A warm welcome to all Down & Connor Pioneers.



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

Crois Dharach CLG Club

Lotto Numbers: **5 6 23 30** No Jackpot winner. Consolation prize winners: by Paul O'Callaghan, John Boyce, Thomas Mageean. **New Jackpot £11,400.** Tickets are available on Klubfunder page and usual outlets.

Irish Language Lessons funded by Reconciliation Fund, Ireland commence in Sir Hans Sloane Centre, 23 High Street, Killyleagh on Wednesday 28th October 7-8 pm. Book your place at booking@sirhanssloancentre.co.uk

The Medical Missionaries of Mary will speak at all Masses in the parish **next weekend 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 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.

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. For more details please call **028 9080 8030** or email mark.mcMahon@trocaire.org

In today's Gospel reading Jesus recounts the parable of the day labourers in the vineyard, in order to explain two aspects of the Kingdom of God: the first is that God wants to call everyone to work for his Kingdom; the second is that, in the end, he wants to give everyone the same reward, that is, salvation, eternal life.

With this parable, Jesus wants to open our hearts to the logic of the Father's love which is free and generous. It is about allowing oneself to be astonished and fascinated by the "thoughts" and the "ways" of God which are not our thoughts and not our ways. Human thoughts are often marked by selfishness and personal advantages, and our narrow and contorted paths are not comparable to the wide and straight streets of the Lord. He uses mercy, he forgives broadly, is filled with generosity and kindness which he pours forth on each of us. He opens for everyone the boundless territory of his love and his grace, which alone can give the human heart the fullness of joy.

Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the labourers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard. It is a gaze which is filled with attention, kindness. It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us; he wants a full, committed life, safe from emptiness and inertia. God excludes no one and wants each of us to achieve his or her fullness. This is the love of our God, of our God who is Father.

May Mary Most Holy help us welcome into our lives the logic of love which frees us from the presumption of deserving God's reward and from the critical judgement of others.

Pope Frances

QUEEN'S CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY – WE'RE BACK!

Our first Sunday Mass is today, **20 September at the new, earlier time of 7.00pm.**

New or returning student? Find out about what's on, ways to connect and get involved, and student accommodation at Ryan Hall at qubcatholic.org and on our socials. Staff and alumni are always welcome too. Visit our newly renewed Chaplaincy at 28 Elmwood Avenue for Mass, Confessions or candle lighting — and call into Mosaic for some of the best coffee, hot lunches and home-baked treats in South Belfast!

HSC NI Foster Care are hosting two child specific virtual information events which will feature 6 children from across Northern Ireland who urgently need safe and nurturing foster homes.

Event 1 - Tuesday 22 September - 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Event 2 - Thursday 24 September - 7.30pm - 9.00pm

<https://adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net/our-community/childrenwaiting/>

To register for either event, please provide your contact details

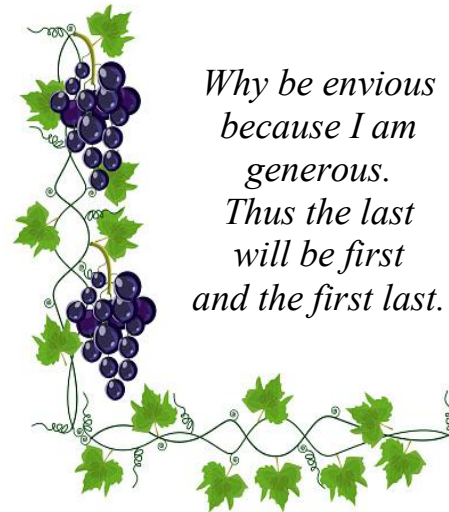
☎ 0800 0720 137 📧 hello@adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net

Our Lady's Rosary Festival will take place from 12th to 18th October 2026. Join us for a week of events to honour Our Blessed Lady, ending with the annual Belfast Rosary Procession. The procession will leave from St Malachy's Church, Belfast City Centre, at 2.30pm on Sunday 18th October, and finish at St Peter's Cathedral. A full list of events can be found on the poster at the back of the Church and online at belfastrosaryfestival.com

Saintfield & Carrickmannon

Parish Bulletin

20th September 2026



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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