

Parish of Seapatrick

Sunday 30 December 2018
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Mass Times

St Patrick's Church

Sunday: 10:30am

St Thérèse's Church

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00am
Saturday: Vigil Mass: 6:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 12:00 noon

Our Lady Queen of Peace

No Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Patrick's Church

Tuesday 1 January: No Adoration
Friday: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am - 11:00am

St Thérèse's Church - St Thérèse Oratory

Thursday: 9:00am - 2:00pm
Friday: 10:00am - 1:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Thérèse's Church

Saturday 5 January: **No Confessions**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sunday 13 January 2019 in St Thérèse's Church at 1:15pm
Sunday 27 January 2019 in St Patrick's Church at 11:45am

"It happened that, three days later, Mary & Joseph found Jesus in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies."

Luke 2: 46-47



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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

**Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon**

Lk 2:16

All: The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant
lying in a manger.

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

Priest: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred
mysteries.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you gave yourself to heal us and bring
us strength:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen**

THE GLORIA

All: **Glorify to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds
of charity, and so, in the joy of your house,

delight one day in eternal rewards.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Samuel **1:20-22. 24-28**

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him
Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went
up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the
Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up,
having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned.
Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he
shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her
together with a three-year old bull, and ephah of flour and a skin
of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh;
and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the
child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As
you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you,
praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord
granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord
for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she
left him, for the Lord.

All: The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10. R v.5

(R) They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

- How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. **(R)**
- They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. **(R)**
- O Lord, God of host, hear my prayer,
give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John **3:1-2. 21-24**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed,
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,

we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

All: The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION **Cf. Acts 16:14**

All: Alleluia, alleluia!
**Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**
Priest: A reading from the holy
Gospel according to Luke 2:41-52
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

All: The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stands

THE CREED

All: **I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made, consubstantial with the
Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of
the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Congregation sits

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

*The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body
and blood are brought to the altar.*

The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

*The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the
chalice, saying quietly:*

Priest: By the mystery of this water and wine
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*The celebrant then raises the chalice above the
altar and says:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:

Priest: With humble spirit and contrite heart
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice
and yours may be acceptable to God,
almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,
humbly asking that, through the intercession of the
Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may
establish our families firmly in your grace and your
peace. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Congregation stands

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right and just.**

PREFACE (Nativity III)

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For through him the holy exchange that restores our
life has shone forth today in splendour:
when our frailty is assumed by your Word not only
does human mortality receive unending honour but by
this wondrous union we, too, are made eternal.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels,
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

ACCLAMATION

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Congregation kneels

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the
dewfall, so that they may become for us
the Body and + Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR
MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Priest: Therefore, as we celebrate
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,
we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray
that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with Francis our Pope
and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.
Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her spouse,
with the blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout
the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: **And with your spirit.**

The celebrant may add these or similar words.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All make a sign of peace, according to local custom.

Priest: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Congregation kneels

The celebrant says quietly:
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Priest: May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

Priest: May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bar 3:38

All: **Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.**

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray.
Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy day, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven. and give you his peace.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: **Amen**

Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

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ANNIVERSARIES

SUNDAY

Maisie Conlon, Carrickfergus
Kathleen & Arthur Magennis, Granville Gardens
Owen & Mary Pyers, Ballievey
Tim & Aidan Gartland, Corbet
Eddie & Paula Consella, Lisnaree
Susan McArdle, Dromore Street
Joseph, Ester & Patrick Joe Donaghy,
Banbridge & Annaclone
Tommy & Greta Campbell, Banbridge & Tandragee
Mary Tumilty, Burn Brae
Ann Davis, Reilly Park
Catherine McDermott, Drumnavaddy

TUESDAY

MM Philomena Dalzell, Legion Court
Patricia Carr, Scarva Walk
Oliver Flannigan, Tandragee
Patrick Reavy, Reilly Street
Canon Mattie O'Hare, former Parish Priest of
Seapatrick Parish

SUNDAY

Damian Moore, Newry
Adrian Durr, Tullyear Avenue
Tommy Savage, Reilly Park
Josephine & James Savage, Edenderry Park
William O'Hare, Beechlands
Vincent Barry, Mount Pleasant
Madaline Stevenson, Ballygowan Park
Pat McMullan, Oak Grove

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.

Thought for the Day

Advice is like the snow – the more softly it falls, the better it takes hold.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Diocesan Designated Person:
Patricia Carville: 07789 917 741
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ST VINCENT DE PAUL
HELP LINE: 40662047

MASS/ADORATION/CONFESSIONS TIMES

Please see front cover

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday 1 January 2019
(New Year's Day, world Day for Peace)
St Thérèse's Church: 10:00am

CONFESSIONS

St Thérèse's Church
No Confessions Saturday 5 January 2019

FRONT OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2018
Open Monday 31 December – 9:00-10:00am for
Bulletin Notices only.
Closed New Years Day 1 January 2019
Re-open Wednesday 2 January 2019

DEADLINES FOR ANNIVERSARIES & NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

Weekend 5/6 Jan – deadline is 10:00am Mon 31 Dec

Any notices received after the deadline will not be printed. Your co-operation with this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Children's Liturgy for P3 to P6

Sunday 6 January at 12:00 noon Mass.
Registration is essential with forms submitted to Parish Office by start of previous week.

The Pastoral Council Outreach Group

is organising Tea & Coffee after 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday 6 January 2019 in the Parish Centre.
Everyone welcome.

Applying for a Pre-School or Primary One place for September 2019

If your child is starting pre-school or primary school in September 2019, you can apply for their place online from **Wednesday 2 January 2019.**

The closing date and time for pre-school and primary one applications will be **12:00 midnight on Thursday 31 January 2019.**

There is no longer an application form for admissions.

You can apply for their place online at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>
A birth certificate and proof of address must be sent to your first choice school or pre-school setting.

ACCORD Marriage Preparation Course

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PARISH CENTRE

THURSDAYS – Main Hall

8:30pm: Bingo – Snowball now £400 in 40 numbers or less. Adm £4.00 per book. Jackpot sheets £1.00.

A Winter Reminder – Road Safety

Each of us is fragile and vulnerable when out using the roads, footpaths, pedestrian crossings etc.

In these “Dark” days and nights of winter we must really think of our own Safety and the Safety of other road users. Our actions on the road must also be done in a safe, considerate manner. Any one of us could be the victim of a road traffic collision.

OPEN NIGHT

St Patrick’s College, Banbridge
Thursday 10 January 2019 – 7:00-9:00pm
Principal’s address: 8:45pm

OPEN MORNING

The Abbey
Christian Brothers’ Grammar School, Newry
Saturday 12 January 2019 - 10:00am-12:00 noon
Followed immediately by Headmaster’s address

Walk the Camino de Santiago for your local Hospice

The Southern Area Hospice will be taking a group of walkers to complete this once in a lifetime expedition from 25 May – 1 June 2019. If you would like to join on this journey please phone Denise in Fundraising on 028 3025 1333 or email doyled@southeasternareahospiceservices.org

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Two New Year’s Resolutions

1. Buy a Catholic Newspaper after Mass each Sunday!!
2. Read it!

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SOME CHANGES FOR 2019

Dear Parishioners

I want to draw your attention to the following matters, immediately relevant in the New Year:

Weekly Confessions

The period allocated for Confessions on Saturdays - which has been 12.30 to 12.45pm - will be changed. **From Saturday 12th January**, Confessions will be heard each **Saturday from 4.45pm to 5.45pm** in St Therese’s Church. There are three main reasons for this change: Firstly, the current time does not appear to attract many parishioners to Confession, on most Saturdays of the year. Secondly, the time quite regularly clashed in 2018 with Weddings, later morning funerals and other events such as First Communion Masses - with Confessions having to be cancelled in consequence. Thirdly, bringing Confession time closer to the Saturday evening Mass time may make attending Confession more convenient for a greater number of parishioners. This change has been reflected upon and agreed by the Parish Pastoral Council, whose advice and guidance I greatly appreciate on many parish matters.

Baptisms

An additional Baptismal ceremony will be held each month from January 2019. This will take place on the fourth Sunday of every month, in **St Patrick’s Church**, at **11.45am**. This is intended both to reduce the numbers taking part in any one Baptismal ceremony and to allow more options for parents and families of children being baptised. The Baptismal ceremony in **St Therese’s Church**, on the **second** Sunday of each month will continue but with a change of time to **1:15pm**. Given that Baptismal ceremonies will be held more regularly - and that the opportunities for Baptism will be effectively doubled from next month - I would ask families to refrain from requesting additional (individual) Baptismal ceremonies in 2019. I thank the members of the Parish Baptism team for their generous help and support, in both visiting the homes of children to be baptised and in assisting participants and celebrant on the occasions of the Baptismal ceremonies themselves. This service, and the time given to it, is greatly appreciated.

Monday Liturgy

Following Fr Vincent McKay’s departure in mid-September, there has been no Mass on Monday mornings in St Therese’s Church. As previously promised, an alternative liturgy will take place at 10am on Monday mornings in 2019. This will comprise a celebration of the Morning Prayer of the Church (from the Divine Office), the Liturgy of the Word and the reception of Holy Communion. Books with the complete text for Morning Prayer will be available to those attending. I am very grateful to the regular 10am Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist who have agreed to lead this liturgy and who have worked hard, over recent months, in preparation for it. Their commitment and enthusiasm will undoubtedly bear fruit in the weeks and months ahead. The new liturgy will commence in St Therese’s on the first Monday following the close of the Christmas Season, which is **Monday 14th January 2019**, at 10am.

Fr Andrew McMahon

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