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Sunday 25th May 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word.'

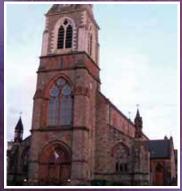
John 14:23

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 48:20

All: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;

proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and

of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

All:

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit

be with you 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 are mighty God and Prince of

oeace:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and

splendour of the Father:

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

GLORIA

All: Glory 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: Grant, almighty God,

that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the

risen Lord, and that what we relive in

remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 Acts of the Apostles

15:1-2.22-29

Some men came down from Judea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and

gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R v.4

(R) Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

 O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R)

 Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R)

 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Apocalypse

21:10-14. 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous

high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
Priest: A reading from the holy

Gospel according to John 14:23-29

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him

and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot

give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know

that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: 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 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, the 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: May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings,

so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Congregation stands

EUCHARISTIC 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 (V of Easter)

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time

above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

By the oblation of his Body, he brought the sacrifices of old to fulfillment in the reality of the Cross and, by commending himself to you for our salvation, showed himself the Priest, the Altar, and the Lamb of sacrifice.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

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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.

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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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 N our Bishop 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

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.

through your Son, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Congregation kneels

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.

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 safé for eternal life.

Priest: May the Blood of Christ

keep me safe for eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 14:15-16

All: If you love me, keep my commandments,

says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will

send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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.

Almighty ever-living God,

who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of

this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

Priest: May almighty God bless you

through today's Easter Solemnity

and, in his compassion,

defend you from every assault of sin.

All: Amen

Priest: And may he, who restores you to eternal life

in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.

All: Amen

Priest: Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn

to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

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 in peace.
All: Thanks be to God.

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We remember our beloved dead:

MONTH'S MIND: Patrick Terence McConville

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Gerald Soye

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Please keep the girls and boys of **ST. ALOYSIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL** in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 31st May 2025 at 10.00am.



FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD THERE WILL BE CELEBRATION OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION ON WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS AT 10.00 IN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

CEMETERY SUNDAY – 1ST JUNE 2025

Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

All our beloved dead laid to rest in **OUR PARISH CEMETERIES AND BLARIS CEMETERY** will be remembered in our **12 noon Mass on Sunday 1st June 2025.**Blessing of graves in St. Patrick's Cemetery immediately after 12 noon Mass.
Prayers for dead and blessing of graves in **HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY: 3.00PM.**



YOU ARE ASKED PLEASE TO BRING A SMALL CONTAINER OF WATER WITH YOU WHICH WILL BE BLESSED DURING THE SERVICE. USE THIS WATER TO SPRINKLE YOUR FAMILY GRAVE AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

There will be a church door collection on Cemetery Sunday and at cemetery gates. **We appeal to your generosity for the upkeep of the Cemetery. Thank you.**

ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS 2025

6.30pm Mass (Saturday) 27th April: 265 in attendance 10.00am Mass Sunday 28th April: 254 in attendance 12 noon Mass, Sunday 28th April: 398 in attendance Thank you for your cooperation. Thanks also to our volunteers who assisted with the Census return.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 26th May – St Philip Neri, Priest Saturday 31st May – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

LOUGH DERG 2025 PILGRIMAGE SEASON – SANCTUARY OF SAINT PATRICK THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE:

Friday 30th May until Friday 15th August 2025. Admission: 85 euro. Booking advised. (pilgrims can begin pilgrimage on any day until Wednesday 13th August)

QUIET DAY:

40 euro per person. Booking essential. A self-directed day Saturday 10th May & Friday 12th Sept. **RESIDENTIAL RETREATS:**

Friday 16th – Monday 19th May 2025.

"Called" Young Adult (18-30) Retreat with Franciscan Brothers Ronay and Jacapo. Thursday 10th – Sunday 13th July: "Hope in the Wilderness" with Eoin Madigan 400 euro per person. Full Board. 325 euro per person sharing. Booking essential.

For further information and to book email marcas@loughderg.org

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BULLETIN NOTICES AND ANNIVERSARIES

Bulletin Notices should be with the Parish Office by 12 noon on Monday to be included in the weekend bulletin.

Please note all emails to Parish Office should be addressed to – lisburn@downandconnor.org

EXAMINATION TIME

We keep in our prayers children from the parish who are doing examinations during the months of May and June. The end of the school year can be a challenging and stressful time for all ages of students. The pressure mounts, exams approach, the schedules fill up, and the to-do lists are never-ending. It can seem daunting and overwhelming, or even impossible to get through. Testing season causes anxiety, and students begin to place their value on an exam grade.

Lord, pour out your Spirit of Wisdom on these students: help them to remain calm, to attend carefully to the questions asked, to think clearly, to remember accurately, and to express themselves well.

Grant that they may reflect on the best of the work they have done and the best of the teaching they have received.

Accept their best efforts in these examinations and in the great test of life on earth.

May your love be upon them, O Lord,
as they place all their trust in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN

ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH CLUB SUMMER SCHEME is now open to children aged 7 years 12 years inclusive.

Week 1: Monday 21st July – Friday 25th July , 12pm -4pm Week 2: Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August, 12pm – 4pm

The Summer Scheme includes trips and activities to Ćoco's, Newcastle, Bowling, Swimming, Irish Linen Centre and Wallace Park. Price for a single child attending both weeks is £90 and £55 for a single child for one week.

Family £105 (3 children) for one week.

If interested please contact Cathie 07518333644 or Sheena 07789265249. You can also call and collect an Application Form at St Patreick's Pastoral Centre on Friday from 6pm-9pm. Closing date for applications Friday 6th June at 8.30pm.

The Diocese of Down and Connor is organizing a pilgrimage to the **KNOCK SHRINE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2025.**The bus will depart from the Living Church Office in Belfast at 7:30am. The cost is £45 per person. Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ will celebrate the Eucharist at 3:00pm. For more information or to book a seat, contact Claire at St. Oliver Plunkett Parish also offers a Knock virtual pilgrimage on June 12th, 2022.

The Jubilee Year of Hope is a time for pilgrimage and renewal. Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Jim Deeds will lead the **THREE-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG.** Date: 4th – 6th July 2025.

The bus will depart from St Patrick's Church Donegall Street. Cost £100. Places are limited early booking advised. To book contact Claire on 02890690920 or email pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org

Join us for a half-day of reflection and inspiration at **Ulster University, Belfast**, on **Saturday, 31st May, from 9.30am to 1.30pm**, hosted by the **Belfast Jesuit Centre**. Inspired by our late Pope Francis' vision for a **Jubilee Year of Hope**, we'll explore how our Catholic faith calls us to embody hope in these challenging times. Speakers include **Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Dr Austen Ivereigh, and Julieann Moran**. The event will be chaired by Pat Coyle of Jesuit Communications. Engage in Spirit-led conversations to foster hope in our families, faith communities and world. All are welcome. Registration is required and a registration link can be found by visiting **belfastjesuitcentre.org** or the BJC Facebook page.

There will be a **SENSORY FRIENDLY MAS**S at St Colmcille's Church, Ballyhackamore, Belfast, on **Saturday 28th June at 12.00 noon**. We welcome and embrace neurodiverse persons, those suffering from Alzheimer's and Dementia conditions, and those with sensory needs. Join us for a sensory friendly liturgy, which includes lower lights, softer music, and literal homilies. Feel free to get up and move if needed, bring alternative seating, use quiet fidgets or noise cancelling headphones. Save the date and come celebrate the Eucharist in an environment free of stigma. Please contact n.dunn@downandconnor.org to express your interest, or for enquiries.

JOIN OVER 10,000 PILGRIMS | ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY | KNOCK | SATURDAY, 7TH JUNE

Over 10,000 pilgrims are expected at the 40th All-Ireland Rosary Rally on Saturday, June 7th at Knock Shrine. Events begin at 9:30am with a Marian Conference and conclude with a Pentecost Vigil and Healing Service from 8–10pm. Highlights include a Rosary making workshop, a 250-person Rosary formation for filming. Keynote at 1 PM by Msgr Steve Rossetti, USA. Rosary Procession led by children follows the Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm, with Holy Mass at 3pm celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. Music by Dana. A youth conference runs 6–7:30 PM. Rosary Rally ends with a Croagh Patrick climb and Mass on Sunday at noon. Full schedule and bus info: www.allirelandrosaryrally.com.

SAUL SUNDAY: Bishop McGuckian will return to celebrate Mass at 3pm on June 1st. He encourages us all to be 'Pilgrims of Hope', joining him at Saul to reflect on St. Patrick's legacy and welcome the 'Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue'

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