

# Parish of Blaris

**Sunday 18th January 2026**  
The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

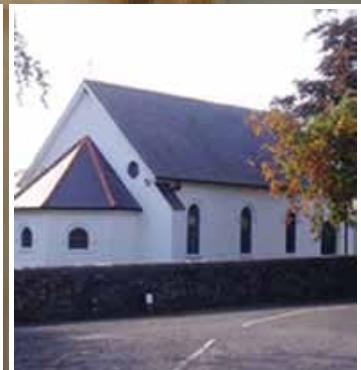
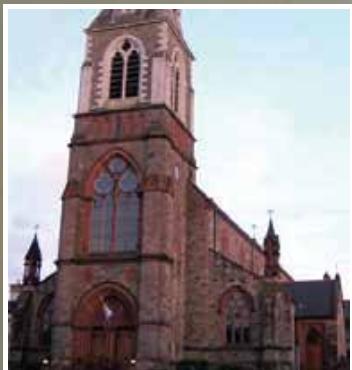
*"The next day, John saw Jesus coming towards him and said 'Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world'."*

*John 1:29*

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH**  
Masses Monday – Friday 10.00am  
Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm  
Sunday: 10.00am & 12 noon

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands***Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon****Ps 65:4**

**All:** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

## GREETING

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

**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

## 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:** Almighty ever-living God,  
who govern all things,  
both in heaven and on earth,

mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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 prophet Isaiah

49:3. 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R vv.8. 9

**(R)** **Here I am, Lord!  
I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **(R)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **(R)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **(R)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:1

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation stands***ACCLAMATION****Mk 11:9-10**

All: Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Blessings on the King who comes,  
 in the name of the Lord!  
 Peace in heaven  
 and glory in the highest heavens!  
 Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
 All: **And with your spirit.**  
 Priest: A reading from the holy  
 Gospel according to John 1:29-34  
 All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

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

*Congregation sits***HOMILY***Congregation stand***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,  
 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:** Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that we may participate worthily in these  
mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this  
sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption  
is accomplished.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen

*Congregation stands*

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III

**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 in Ordinary Time)

**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.

For you laid the foundations of the world  
and have arranged the changing of times and  
seasons; you formed man in your own image  
and set humanity over the whole world in all its  
wonder, to rule in your name over all you have  
made and for ever praise you in your mighty works,  
through Christ our Lord.

And so, with all the Angels, we praise you,  
as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

## 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,  
and all you have created  
rightly gives you praise,  
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,  
you give life to all things and make them holy,  
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,  
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting  
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:  
by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts  
we have brought to you for consecration,  
that they may become the Body and <sup>+</sup> Blood  
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed  
he himself took bread,  
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
broke the bread 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, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
and gave the chalice 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:** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

**Priest:** Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate  
the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son,  
his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into  
heaven, and as we look forward to his second  
coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and  
living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church  
and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose  
death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant  
that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood  
of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may  
become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you,  
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your  
elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse,  
with your blessed Apostles and glorious  
Martyrs with Saint Patrick and with all the Saints,  
on whose constant intercession in your presence  
we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray,  
O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the  
world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity  
your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant  
Leo our Pope and **N** our Bishop, the Order of  
Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you  
have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,  
whom you have summoned before you:  
in your compassion, O merciful Father,  
gather to yourself all your children  
scattered throughout the world.  
To our departed brothers and sisters  
and to all who were pleasing to you  
at their passing from this life,  
give kind admittance to your kingdom.  
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of  
your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom  
you bestow on the world all that is good.

**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.**

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:*

May the receiving of your Body and Blood,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
not bring me to judgment and condemnation,  
but through your loving mercy  
be for me protection in mind and body  
and a healing remedy.

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 ANTIPOHON

Cf. Ps 22:5

All: **You have prepared a table before me, and how  
precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.**

*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.  
Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,  
and in your kindness  
make those you have nourished  
by this one heavenly Bread  
one in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

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

Priest: May the peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

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## 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.



**We remember our dead:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Rodney McGrath: Charles McDonagh: Gina Marino (nee Blackan).

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY:** Rose Spence: Patricia Brannigan.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bernard & Sarah Kerr: Maurice Magee: Patrick Lavery (Jun): Rosie McVeigh (Nee Kennedy): Eilish Kennedy: Martin Mooney: Patrick & Gertrude Adair: Mary Watters: Margaret McKeown: Anne Donnelly: Peter Goan: Robert (Robbie) Graham: Bobby McMullan: Kevin Corken: Marie Nugent: James (Jimmy) Doherty: Rosaleen and Arthur Quigley: Dominic and Mary Brady: Pat Schuffler (nee Hanson): Eileen Drayne (Pond Park): Mary Carruthers: Agnes McKendry: John Boswell: Fr Ernie McCaughan: Catherine & John Watters.

**TODAY WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) takes place each year from 18 to 25 January. This ecumenical celebration provides an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity and to know that we are joining with international siblings in Christ.

**'There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling'**  
taken from Ephesians 4:4 is the theme chosen for the Week of Prayer 2026.

**SCRIPTURE GROUP** Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Pastoral Centre.  
All welcome.

**THIS WEEKS CALENDAR**

**Wednesday 21 January** – St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

**Saturday 24 January** – St Frances de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK BEGINS TODAY**

Catholic Schools Week 2026 celebrates the extraordinary call to holiness in the midst of ordinary life. Inspired by Pope Francis's reflection on Blessed Carlo Acutis—soon to be canonised as the first millennial saint—this year's theme invites pupils, teachers, families, and parishes to explore the call to holiness as something both universal and accessible.

Holiness is not for a few, but for all; not reserved for religious professionals or mystics, but for every student, teacher, parent, (and grandparent!) living each day in friendship with Jesus Christ. Catholic schools exist to form individuals who know that their lives have a purpose and a calling. This year's theme, "Normal Lives, Called to Holiness," resonates with the central conviction that education is a path not only to knowledge and maturity but to sainthood.

*"Each of us is called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do."*  
Gaudete et Exsultate, 14 Catholic Education Partnership.

**ST BRIGID CROSS ENJOY A DEMONSTRATION OF ST BRIGID CROSS.**

Making and using the materials provided make your own cross on Saturday 7 February in North Down Museum Bangor: Limited number of places. For more information and to book now go to <https://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on/cecelic-saints-a-journey-through-time-and-tradition-p948071>

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND:** Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland, 20 -22 March 2026, "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo, [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**ST. PATRICK'S ACADEMY**



In marking Catholic Schools Week pupils from St. Patrick's Academy, Years 14 & 8, will attend and participate in Liturgy at the 10.00am Mass on Monday 19th January, Grandparents and parents are encouraged to attend.

**THERE WILL BE A EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE** in St Matthew's Church, Short Strand, East Belfast, on Thursday 22nd January at 7pm. Music with Fionnuala O Neill and Family. Tea and light refreshments to follow.

**CHRISTMAS MISSIONARY PROJECTS**

Thank you for your generous response to our Christmas Missionary Appeal.

Donations are still welcome. Appeal will close on Sunday 25th January 2026.

All donations received will be forwarded on your behalf to the Medical Missionaries of Mary, Dominican and Franciscan Sisters working throughout Africa with Aids victims, orphans, disadvantaged children and young adults. Envelopes available in church porch.

**BULLETIN NOTICES AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Bulletin Notices must be handed into the **Parish Office or left in Post Box** 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](mailto:lisburn@downandconnor.org)

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** is a peer ministry to the bereaved, separated and divorced, based within the Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor.

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (31st January, 28th February and 28th March) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Pauline 07519289185 or Marie 07896119669 or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

### DISCOVER THE ENNEAGRAM – A TOOL FOR GROWTH

Join us at the Belfast Jesuit Centre for a gentle, insightful introduction to the Enneagram. Nuala Prince will lead us as we explore how the Enneagram can deepen self-understanding, strengthen relationships, and support spiritual and emotional wellbeing.

Friday 23 Jan (7–9.30pm) & Saturday 24 Jan (10am–4pm). 193–195 Donegall Street, Belfast. Suggested donation: £40–£55. Refreshments provided; bring lunch on Saturday. Registration essential. 07955282371 | [belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk](http://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk) [bjc@jesuit.ie](mailto:bjc@jesuit.ie)



### EXPLORE YOUR ENNEAGRAM SUBTYPE

Tuesdays at 7pm. Begins 3rd February 2026

This Lent, the Belfast Jesuit Centre invites you to a six-week journey into the Gospel of Matthew; our liturgical Gospel for 2026. Led by Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA of Tarsus Scripture School, the course explores Matthew's unique vision of church: a community navigating challenge, change, and mission.

Each session will offer fresh insight into the Gospel's themes, including forgiveness, prayer, parables, and the call to discipleship. Whether you're new to scripture study or seeking deeper understanding, all are welcome.

Weekly sessions: Feb 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar 3, 10. Suggested donation: £80–£120 (sliding scale; subsidised places

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### GUIDE US IN THE WAY OF PEACE

Lord, we ask your help in our war-torn world.  
In your love and compassion guide us in the way of peace  
and away from the brink of disaster.

So many conflicts cast dark shadows over the  
future of our world today.

So many suffer untold violence in wars,  
so many million of refugees flee for their lives.

May leaders everywhere be inspired  
to understand and take to heart  
the fundamental truth

that we all belong to one human family.

Lord, give us peace, end war, hatred, and fear. Let love reign.  
This we ask through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### SPIRITUAL EXERCISES: 5 DAY SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR MEN

Led Benedictine monks from St. Joseph Abbey, in France. Starts Thursday 30th April (3pm).  
Benburb Priory, Co. Tyrone).

€450 (all meals & single room included). Daily Mass - Ordinary Form (Latin & ad orientem).  
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