



# SACRED HEART PARISH

**Sunday 23rd February 2025**

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Priest: Kieran C.P.**

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## ~Mass Times~

<b>Saturday Vigil:</b>	6.00pm:	Thomas McSherry, Anniversary Mass Pray for Lily O'Halloran
<b>Sunday Masses:</b>	9:30am:	Paul Larkin, Anniversary Mass
	11:30am:	Peter Hanna, Anniversary Mass
<b>Weekday Masses:</b>	Monday 10:00am:	Kathleen Ward, Anniversary Mass
	Tuesday 7:00pm:	Novena Danny Moore, Anniversary Mass
	Wednesday 10:00am:	Paul Moore, Anniversary Mass
	Thursday 10:00am:	Denis McMullan Sr, Anniversary Mass
	Friday 10:00am:	St Columban's School Mass

**Confessions & Adoration:** Saturday: 5:00pm - 5.45pm.

**Divine Mercy:** Friday 2:15pm, Exposition, Prayer and Confessions

## ~Sacrament of Baptism~

Baptisms are held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month, at 12.30pm.  
Please contact the parish office to arrange a baptism.

### ~Upcoming Feast Days~

22nd February  
Chair of Peter  
  
27th February  
St Gregory of Narek

### ~Recently Deceased~

Margaret Leahy  
Maureen McMillan  
Patrick Cummings  
Anne Gouldie  
Rosie Clarke

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*

### ~Sanctuary Candles~

Danny Moore  
Chris MacQuillan  
Ali Brown  
Mrs Rita Murphy

*A Donation of £5 per candle  
is greatly appreciated*

### ~Weekly Collection~

**£1064.79**

### ~Building Fund~

**£276.94**

Thanks You For Your Generosity

### ~Anniversaries~

Chris MacQuillan  
Lily O'Halloran  
John & Bridie Magee  
Patricia Henry  
Paul Anderson

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### ~Baptisms~

### Welcome into our Community

Cuisle Grimley  
Dualtagh Marley  
Emilia Kate Rodgers  
Naoise Slavin  
Riaan Lindsay

## ~A Spiritual Communion~

Jesus, I believe that you are present in the **Most Blessed Sacrament**. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, I embrace You as if you are already there, and I unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.

**The Lord asks of you only this, that you act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.  
(Micah 6:8)**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Healing Mass.** Our monthly Healing Mass will take place on Saturday 1st March, St David's Day, 11.00am. All are welcome to attend, especially those parishioners who are ill at this time. Anointing will take place.



## *Jubilee of Deacons 22nd—23rd February 2025.*

*As part of the Jubilee Year, this weekend our Church throughout the world celebrates and prays for our Deacons. The origins of the Ministry of Deacons can be traced back to the days of the New Testament, and were well-established early in the life of the Church. From the earliest decades, ordination by the laying on of the hands was conferred by Deacons, Presbyters and Bishops, these orders being three grades of one sacrament of Holy Orders. Over the years however as the priesthood grew in prominence, the diaconate declined. Eventually, the Latin Church, the diaconate became a mere formality on the path to priesthood. After Vatican II the diaconate was restored as a permanent order and is open to both married and single men. Ordained to be Ministers of the Gospel, deacons are called to evangelise, to spread the good news of God's saving love, to introduce the entire world to Christ, the Word of God. By virtue of their ordination, deacons are called to give expression to the mystery of Christ's loving gift of himself to the Father for the sake of the world. He does this by service to the Altar of God, the Word of God and Charity to others. Here in Sacred Heart, we thank God for our own Deacon, Joe Baxter, supported by his wife Nuala and their family. We thank Joe for his great service, as Deacon in Sacred Heart and beyond and his prison ministry.*

*Thanks Joe!*

**Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse.** Within Down and Connor to mark this important event mass will be celebrated on Friday March 7th at 1pm in St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church. At this mass the Candle of Atonement will be lit. All are invited to attend or watch on webcam.

**Taizé Prayer around the Cross.** You are warmly invited on Friday 28th February 2025, from 8-9pm in Holy Family Church, Limestone Road. This is an opportunity to take time out to pray with the beautiful Taizé chants, to be still and to be refreshed. Everyone is very welcome, please come along and bring your friends. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gathering Space.

**"Hope" – A Retreat for Those Discerning the Priesthood.** Are you considering the call to the priesthood? Join us for a Vocation to the Priesthood Retreat from 7th–9th March at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. This year's theme, "Priests as Men of Hope," invites us to reflect on the joy and strength that come from trusting in God's plan. To book a place or for more information, contact the Vocations Director: Fr Conor McGrath at [c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org](mailto:c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org). Let us all continue to pray for vocations in our diocese

**Chatty Café.** Open Monday to Friday 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come and join us for a cuppa & a chat.

**AA Meeting** upstairs in the Parish Centre every Monday & Friday, 6.30pm-7.30pm, Thursday at 7pm. (Ladies )

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** meeting upstairs in the Parish Centre on Wednesday's at 7pm-8pm.

**Cocaine Anonymous (CA)** meet every Tuesday at 7pm upstairs in the Parish Centre.

**The Spred Group** meet every second Monday in the Parish Hall at 7pm.

**Ladies Pensioners Group** meets every Thursday in the Parish Hall at 1pm. All welcome

**The Stitch and Crocheting Group** meet on Thursday evenings, 7pm upstairs in the Parish centre. Come along and learn a new skill.

**Lifeline-24hr** 7 days a week 0800 808 8000  
**Samaritans** anytime night or day 116 123  
**St Vincent De Paul** 028 90351561  
**Cancer Lifeline** 028 90 351999  
**AA** 02890351222

**Al-Anon Family Groups** 028 9068 2368  
**PIPS** 0800 088 6042  
**Youth Education Health Advise** 02890 757 809  
**Diocesan Safeguarding Officer** Philip O'Hara  
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**Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in Thee**