

Parish of Saintfield & Carrickmannon

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Altar Society

Members of the altar society are tasked with maintaining the Church and the Church altar in a state suitable for the celebration of Mass. There are five groups who attend to the Church of Mary Mother of the Church, Saintfield and four groups who look after St Joseph's Church, Carrickmannon. Each team is on a two-week rota and provide flowers for the altar when needed. New members are very welcome.

Main contact person: Parish Office

Phone number – 028 97510237

Email: saintfield@downandconnor.org

Children's Liturgy – 11am Sunday Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a common liturgical celebration in our parish offering our children the opportunity to listen and respond to the Sunday Gospel at primary school level. The children are invited before the readings to move to the Sacred Heart Centre with two leaders where they take part in a simplified understanding of the gospel message through small play, performance, drawings and songs. Before the offertory of the Mass they return to the church and one child reads the prayer intention while the priest will engage with the other children before returning to sit with their families.

If you would like your child to attend, please complete the attached registration form and return to the parish office.

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Choir

New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining NO audition is necessary and you will be placed in one of four sections - Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass depending on your voice. You do NOT need to be a good singer or music reader to join. If you join, we will help make you a good singer and give you a degree of ability at reading music.

Main contact person: Geraldine Hanna

Email: saintfield@downandconnor.org

Darragh Cross GAC

We have a rich history of community engagement and sports participation.

Established in 1964, the club has grown significantly, opening its new pitch, Saint Mochaoui's Park, in 1991 and a new changing pavilion in 2001.

The club has been instrumental in providing Gaelic games for the Saintfield, Ballygowan and Darragh Cross areas, and has been involved in various sports and cultural activities

Find us at [119 Manse Rd, Downpatrick BT30 9LZ](https://www.google.com/maps/place/119+Manse+Rd,+Downpatrick+BT30+9LZ)

Main Contact person: Aiden Mc Sorley, Chairman.

Email: Chairperson.darraghcross.down@gaa.ie>

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are parishioners who have been appointed to assist our priests, facilitating the distribution of Holy Communion within Mass. These parishioners are very ordinary people who:

are practicing Catholics, distinguished in their Christian life, faith and morals and are at least 18 years old.

have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

strive to demonstrate deep reverence for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist and possess the requisite abilities and temperament to carry out their assigned duties.

If you are interested in joining our team of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist or would like to know more about this Ministry, please feel free to get in contact with Fr. Michael.

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Phone No: 028 97510237

Email: saintfield@downandconnor.org

Ministers of the Word (Readers)

The Ministry of the Word provides lay people with an opportunity to play a greater role in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The reader acts as an instrument for God's message and is called to communicate it to others. There are currently 19 Ministers of the Word who cover all Masses at the weekend.

All lay people who feel they could proclaim the word of God can become Ministers of the Word. Please contact Fr Michael if you wish to be included in the rota and which Mass you would wish to cover.

Readers are asked to familiarise themselves with the readings beforehand and practice the readings to allow them to maintain eye contact with the congregation during the readings.

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Monday Club

Saintfield Monday Club runs on the first and third Monday of the month. It is based in the Sacred Heart Centre, at the side of Saintfield Church. Time is 12.30 – 2pm. It is a fun club for older people or people who just want to meet friends or make new ones. It is cross community and both men and women enjoy the club. Approximately 40 members attend each session. Bingo, quizzes, singers, information sessions and much more. Just come along when you can. For more information contact Monica **07856581899**

Sacred Heart Centre

Our Sacred Heart Centre facilitates our Children's Liturgy of the Word every Sunday at 11 am Mass.

The Monday Club is held twice a month for seniors and is cross community.

We also hold Pathways to the Future, Advent and Lenten programmes led by our parish leaders George and Noreen Kerr.

The centre can comfortably seat 80 and has kitchen facilities.

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Phone number: 028 97510237

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Saintfield & Carrickmannon Finance Committee

The Parish Finance committee is an advisory body to the Parish Priest.

The Committee assists the Parish Priest in his task of administering the parish finances, maintaining the parish properties, planning for future capital works and formulating strategies for raising funds.

The Committee meets at least four times per annum. The committee is responsible for preparing and presenting an annual financial statement to the Parishioners.

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Saintfield & Carrickmannon + Drumbo & Carryduff Safeguarding Committee

The Committee members are individuals who have a particular interest and/or experience in safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Their task is to ensure best practice in Safeguarding in Drumbo & Carryduff and Saintfield & Carrickmannon Parishes that children, young people and vulnerable adults experience the highest standards of pastoral care within our parish.

The Diocesan Policy and Procedures, Code of Conduct and training set out the safeguarding requirements to enable the committee to fulfil their duties.

If you have any concerns of safeguarding nature, you can contact any member of the Parish Safeguarding Committee through the Parish Office.

Main contact person: Parish Office

Phone number – 028 90812238 Option 2 or Email: drumbo@downandconnor.org

St Vincent de Paul

Like Carryduff Parish and most parishes in Ireland, Saintfield and Carrickmannon parish has a SVP conference. It's volunteer members strive to support the many families and others within their area who are in great need. That support can only be provided because of the generosity of people who week after week donate to the red collections boxes after every Mass or contribute monthly by standing order.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if in need:

Telephone: 07521463667

email: stmochai.saintfield@svpni.co.uk

