

PARISH BULLETIN

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3rd December 2017

St Patrick's Parish

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Office Hours

Monday through to Thursday 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm Saturday and Sunday Closed Parish Team
Very Rev Eugene O'Neill Adm
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(Retired)
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Parish Schedule

Weekday Masses: (Monday through Saturday) 1pm

Sunday Masses: 5.30 pm (Vigil), 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon, 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 12 noon to 1pm

Confessions: Saturday 12 noon to 1 pm and 4.30 pm to 5.20 pm

Baptisms: Second and Third Sundays of the Month (parents should contact the Parish Office at least four weeks in advance and bring with them their child's long birth certificate)

Marriages: To arrange a wedding please contact the Parish office at least 6 months before the proposed date of marriage.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday 8th December 2017

Mass Times Vigil 7 pm, 1 pm

COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collection: £1,965

Thank you for your generous contribution and support

PARISH DRAW - WEEK 48

£100 – Kathleen McEvoy, C/0 Wall Street

£50 – Rosaleen Dewar, Wall Street

£50 – Mena Corr, Carlisle Road

Promoter's Prize: Geraldine Gallagher

CONGRATULATIONS

DECEASED

Pray for the repose of the souls of **John Kelly** late of Bruslee Way, **Mary Moore** late of Pinkerton Walk and **Isabella McCusker** late of Tyrone Street. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

YOUTH 2000 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RETREAT: A representative from Youth 2000 will be speaking at Mass on Saturday at 5.30 pm and Sunday at 12 noon and 7 pm to promote their Annual Christmas Retreat which will take place from the 8th-10th December in Newbridge College, Co Kildare for 16-35 yr olds. For more information check out youth2000.ie. Donation only. Free bus leaving from Belfast on 8th December at 12.15pm from Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy and returning on the 10th December. Email office@youth2000.ie to book a place on the bus.

INVITATION: Refreshments will be served after 12 noon Mass today in St Patrick's Old School next door to the Church. Every welcome.

PRAYER FOR ALL FAMILIES: Sunday 3rd December, 5 pm - 5.30 pm in Holy Family Church. You are invited to bring your whole family, young and old, to 30 minutes of prayer, reflection and song, in preparation for the World Meeting of Families, Dublin 2018. Refreshments served afterwards in the Gathering Space.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: The Giving Tree supports families in need within our community at Christmas. There are gift tags on the tree so that parishioners who wish to, may take one and buy a small gift for a child. If you are taking a gift tag could you return your gift to the Giving Tree or the sacristy on or before Sunday 17 December.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN NI: A Seminar on The Abortion Threat to the North of Ireland will be held at Corpus Christi parish hall on Monday 4th December 7.30 pm - 9 pm. Admission is free. Come along to find out what you can do to help save the lives of unborn children. Contact SPUC (NI) on 90778018 or email belfast@spuc.org.uk for more information.

TROCAIRE EXHIBITION LAUNCH - ART AND POETRY - AN EMOTIONAL JOURNEY:

An exhibition of art by artist Marjorie Laville Pain, complemented with poetry by Trocaire staff, explores gender-based violence at home and abroad. The exhibition will be launched on Tuesday 5th December at 7 pm in the Gathering Space of Holy Family Church, and will be available to view until Sunday 10th December. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the launch. Refreshments will served.

<u>**DEAD THEOLOGIANS**</u>: Advent Young Adult Programme for those aged 18 – 35 who are interested in learning more about their Catholic Faith. Beginning 8 pm after Sunday evening Mass and finishing around 9.30 pm in St Patrick's Old School (next to the Church).

PARISH DRAW: We are always in need of volunteers for fundraising. If you would like to help by becoming a Parish Draw Promoter or join the Parish Draw, please contact the Parish Office.

FATIMA SPECIAL: 12th to 19th July 2018. £629 full board/ensuite. Deposit of £100 to be paid by 8th December 2017. Free tax, free coach to and from airport. For further details phone Rita 9062 3186 or 07934 850000.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: If you live in St Patrick's Parish and need help from St Vincent de Paul please phone 028 9035 1561.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2018: The Parish Pilgrimage will take place from 28th September to 5th October 2018. We will be visiting San Giovanni Rotondo, Amalfi Coast and Capri. It is 50 years since the death of Padre Pio and the centenary of the appearance of the stigmata. Mass will be celebrated in various locations each day throughout the pilgrimage. Information and booking forms are available from the Parish Secretary during office hours 9.30 am – 1 pm and 2 pm – 5 pm or from the sacristy after any mass. Price 995 Euros pps. Deposit 300 Euros at the time of booking and should be paid directly to the Travel Agent. It is anticipated that places will fill up quickly, so if interested please book early.

AA MEETINGS: Held in St Patrick's Old School every Saturday 8 am to 9 am, Thursday evenings 6.30 pm to 8 pm and each Tuesday from 7 am to 8 am starting 7 November.

AN EVENING OF FESTIVE FAVOURITES AT DRUMALIS: Friday, 22 December at 7 pm. The evening will include seasonal favourites, old and new, performed by Voices Chamber Choir under the direction of Loreto McAuley. On arrival, there will be a festive reception with entertainment commencing at 7:30 pm. A two-course supper will be served during the interval. The cost for the evening is £25 pp and admission is by pre-paid ticket only. For further information, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm) – telephone 028 2827 2196 or 028 2827 6455.

<u>HOLYWOOD PARISH ASHA SUPPORT GROUP</u>: A Midwinter concert with Miskelly Chorale and guest Tom Myles on 9th December at 7.30 pm in the Church. Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased on line http://www.holywoodparishchurch.co.uk/event/music-for-midwinter/ or from the parish office 71 Church Road, Holywood, BT18 9BX phone 028 90423622

IONA INSTITUTE INVITATION TO A TALK: 'Marriage and family in NI'. Speaker: David Quinn on Tuesday 12 December in the Wellington Park Hotel, 21 Malone Road, Belfast at 8 pm. Admission: FREE. If you would like to attend please e-mail: tharkin@ionainstitute.ie