



PARISH BULLETIN

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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

Rev Manuelito Milo CC

Dean Brendan McGee

(Retired)

Sr Mary Carlin CP

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.

COLLECTIONS

Offertory Collection: £1,842

Monthly Collection: £1,349

Thank you for your generous contribution

PARISH DRAW – WEEK 49

£100 – Mary McAllister, Duncairn Gardens

£50 – John Douglas, Thorndale Avenue

£50 – Ann Hughes, Pinkerton Walk

Promoter's Prize: Cecil Sloan

CONGRATULATIONS

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: The Giving Tree supports families in need within our community at Christmas. If you wish to leave a gift can you please put a label on it stating whether it's for a boy or girl and age. Please return gifts to the Giving Tree or the sacristy on or before Sunday 17 December.

DEAD THEOLOGIANS: 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.

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

THE ELMWOOD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: Under the direction of Fr Gerard Magee (Chaplain, Queen's University, Belfast) will give a concert of music by Albinoni, Grieg, Respighi and Dvorak on Saturday 16th December in the Great Hall (Lanyon Building), Queen's University, Belfast. The concert will begin at 3pm. Proceeds in aid of the CLIC Sargent Cancer Foundation. Entrance: £10; £5 (Students/OAPs), at the door.

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE: St Patrick's Primary School will hold a Carol Service in St Patrick's Church on Tuesday 19 December at 7 pm. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT 'A Festival of Carols': St Patrick's Church on Friday 22nd December at 7.30 pm. Ensemble of young adult singers – Lux Chamber Choir – choral music from the sacred and classical repertoire

CONFIRMATION AT ST PATRICK'S: 2018 Confirmation will take place on Monday 29 January at 11 am.

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.

LIVING YOUTH – WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES VOLUNTEERING: Living Youth is leading a Youth Group from the Diocese of Down & Connor to Dublin this coming summer to volunteer at the World Meeting of Families Congress and to attend the Papal Mass. The trip will be from 22nd – 26th August 2018 and will be for those aged 16 – 25. The trip will cost £100 per person. We expect places to fill quickly so to register your interest please email Living Youth at info@livingyouthni.org with your name, contact number, parish and date of birth or contact us directly on 02890 232 432.

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.

THE EMERALD BALL AT TITANIC, BELFAST: Takes place on St Patrick's Day, 17th March 2018. The evening will commence with drinks at 7pm, to be followed by a superb four course dinner at 8pm. There will be a high-end luxury ballot and dancing to a live band. Dress is formal and monies raised will support the Down and Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage for the Sick. Tickets are £60 each and available from the pilgrimage secretary, Sinead on 90646040 or the Drumbo Parish office on 90812238. The Emerald Ball would be the perfect Christmas gift and promises to be a highlight of the social calendar so be sure to reserve your tickets early.

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.

LAGANSIDE SINFONIA PRESENTS: A Century on 1917 – Holst – 'Mars from 'The Planets'; Weber – Concertino for Clarinet and Orchestra – Soloist: Eve Wietlschnig; Bach – Double Violin Concerto – Solists: Patrick Rafter and Christopher Quaid; Shostakovich – Symphony No 12 'The Year 1917'; Williams – Star Wars the Force Awakens – Conductor: Paul McCusker at 7.45 pm on Saturday 30 December in Girdwood Community Hub, Girdwood Avenue, Belfast BT14 6EG. Free admission – retiring collection (refreshments included). All profits in aid of Belfast Organisation (Help the Homeless).

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Sunday 27th May to Friday 1st June 2018. The price is £669 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) includes return flights from Belfast International Airport, full board and accommodation at Hotel Agena and travel insurance for persons up to 85 years on date of return.

Medical, nursing and other staff will accompany the Pilgrimage. To enquire or to obtain a booking form contact: Mrs Jean Clarke on Tel: 07516759646 or e-mail at mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk.

TRINITY COLLEGE: Warmly invites you to their Open Evenings on Wednesday 10th January and Thursday 11th January 2018. There will be an address by the Principal at 7pm. The Opening Evening will be a great opportunity to come and experience life in Trinity and see all we have to offer. P7 boy and girls will have the chance to win many prizes including mini ipads. Please come along and be part of our exciting evenings.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: The Priory Singers are holding Carols by Candlelight at St. Bernadette's Church, Rosetta Road on Friday 15th December at 8 pm. Director of Music - Robert Thompson; Organist - Phillip Elliott. Admission Free. Retiring Collection in aid of St. Bernadette's Church Restoration Fund.

JOSEPH'S CENTRE DAY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAMME – CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: Thursday 14 December from 9.30 – 4 pm. Join us for a festive day of fun free of charge. This is an opportunity to meet new people, try new things and have some fun! Transport to and from home is available on request. Tea, coffee and scones on arrival. Full 3 course lunch. Tea and biscuits on departure. **Places are limited therefore booking is essential, first come first served.** To book your place contact Fr Patrick Devlin tel: 9071 3401; e-mail: stvdep@btinternet.com; Address 321 Grosvenor Road.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: St Matthias's Church, Glen Road on Saturday 6th January. 3 pm Exposition; Rosary; Act of Consecration and Confession. Mass at 4 pm. All welcome.

