



# PARISH BULLETIN

Registered Charity: 103983

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## St Patrick's Parish

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### Office Hours

Monday through to Thursday

10 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 5 pm

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

Weekly Collection: £1,828

Monthly Collection: £1,293

Epiphany Collection: £325

Thank you for your generous contribution  
and support

### PARISH DRAW – WEEK 2

£100 – Emmanuel Lavery, Antrim Road

£50 – Gareth Murray, Lancaster Street

£50 – Kathleen McLaughlin, Edlingham Street

Promoter's Prize: Josie Osborne

**CONGRATULATIONS**

### DECEASED

Pray for the repose of the souls of late of **Eamon Gillen**, late of Duncairn Gardens, **Jean English** late of Duncairn Parade and **Esther Molloy** late of Spamount Street. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

# NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

**PARISH DRAW:** Parish Draw prizes will now be paid by cheque beginning Wednesday 7 January 2018.

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

**CANDLEMAS DAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY:** If you wish to purchase candles for your home or if you wish to have candles burned in memory of a family member, please see Ian in the sacristy before or after Mass. Donation of £5 requested.

**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.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTAS:** Available for collection from the Sacristy

**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](mailto:info@livingyouthni.org) with your name, contact number, parish and date of birth or contact us directly on 02890 232 432.

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2018:** Available from the sacristy. Cost from £4.

**DOING PUBLIC THEOLOGY – APPLYING SOCIAL ETHICS TO PUBLIC LIFE:** Programme at Drumalis over 6 Sunday afternoons in 2018, delivered by Dr Johnston McMaster, commencing Sunday, 21 January from 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Course Contribution: £40. To register or for further details, please contact Drumalis by phone or in person during office hours (Mon – Sat, 9 am – 5 pm) – tel 028 28272196 or 028 28276455. A non-refundable and non-transferable deposit of £20 is necessary to confirm your place on the course.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE:** Are you suffering the pain of loss of a partner? Looking for help and understanding? Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets every Wednesday evening from 8pm to 10pm in St Bride's Hall, 38, Derryvolgie Avenue, Malone Rd, Belfast. Next meeting: 8pm on Wednesday 17th January. All welcome. Residential Weekend: 2-4 March at Drumalis, Larne. For details please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07896119669

**PRAYER SERVICE IN PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES:** As we continue our parish preparations for the World Meeting Of Families, our next Prayer Service will be today, **Sunday 14th January, 5 - 5.30 pm in Holy Family Church.** Our special theme will be a Blessing of Toys. All parishioners, of every age and stage, are warmly invited to come along and children are asked to bring their favourite (quiet!) toy. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gathering Space.

**VOICE OF THE FAMILY MEETING:** The family is threatened as never before; unborn babies, children, the elderly and disabled are all under attack. Voice of the Family, an international coalition of pro-life organisations formed to defend Catholic teaching on the family, will host a meeting in Corpus Christi Parish Hall to discuss the threats to life and family in Ireland (North and South) in light of the message of Fatima. Everyone is welcome. Corpus Christi Parish Hall, Monday the 22nd of January, 7 - 9pm.

**ST PATRICK'S PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2018:** The Parish Pilgrimage will take place from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**FATIMA SPECIAL:** 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk).

**BANGOR PARISH 7 DAY TRIP TO BRITTANY AND NORMANDY:** From 25th June to 1st July joining the one day St Columbanus International Meeting in St Coulomb June 30th. The cost is 895 euros pp sharing, all breakfasts and dinners included, 3 nights Lisieux, 3 nights St Malo. Day trips include; Places associated with St Therese, Mont St Michel, Dinard and more. (Courier: Kieran Troy who has led Bangor groups in the recent past). As there is great demand for hotel space in Brittany in this period prompt booking would be highly recommended. Details and booking form on parish website [www.bangorparish.com](http://www.bangorparish.com)

**IRISH CLASSES:** Irish classes recommence next week at the McCracken Centre, 283 Antrim Road for beginning, middle, and advanced classes. In addition to evening classes, we have coffee/conversation mornings throughout the week. All are welcome! Phone 07779704791

**ADULT IRISH DANCE CLASSES:** Every Tuesday at 8.30 from 9th January 2018 in the Holy Family Parish Centre (120 Cavehill Road). Contact Anne 90324732/07714233298  
e:annereidirishdance@gmail.com

**A LECTURE BY LORD ALTON OF LIVERPOOL:** a lecture by Lord Alton of Liverpool "Legislating for Life" in St Brigid's Parish Centre Derryvolgie Avenue Belfast BT9 6FP on Thursday 25th January at 7.30pm. David Alton is an Independent Life Peer, he is a Catholic and strongly holds a "pro-life" position. His motto on his Coat of Arms is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy: Choose Life.

**BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING:** Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and Anam Cara, the national organisation that provides support services to bereaved parents, are hosting a Bereavement Information Evening in Corr's Corner Hotel, 315 Ballyclare Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 4TQ on Tuesday 30th January 2018 from 7:30pm-9:30pm. This event gives parents an opportunity to hear an experienced bereavement professional talk about the many challenges families may face after the death of their son or daughter. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for room set up, we would appreciate if you could RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Monday, 29th January or call us on 02895213120.

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES:** 7 NIGHTS B & B and Airport Shuttle Service from 279 Euros per person. Book any flight – any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel: 00353 1443 4510 or 020 3239 8662 or e-mail: [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)