



PARISH BULLETIN

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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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday
14 February begins
LENT

Masses on Ash
Wednesday are at:
10 am, 1 pm and 7 pm.

Ashes will be
distributed at each
Mass

COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection: £1,872

Monthly Collection: £1,236

Thank you for your generous contribution
and support.

**There will be a 2nd Collection next
week for Sick and Retired Priests**

PARISH DRAW – WEEK 6

£100 – Lila McConnell, North Queen Street

£50 – Michaela MacFarlane, Southwell Street

£50 – Mary Branney, Lancaster Street

Promoter's Prize: Cecil Sloan

CONGRATULATIONS

DECEASED

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Maura McFerran**, late of Dawson Street, **David Faulkner** late of Oisín House and **Brian Largey** late of McCleary Street. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

WORLD SICK DAY: Today is World Sick Day. "I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame". Please remember the sick of our community in your prayers.

GODPARENTS FOR BAPTISMS: A number of parishioners have asked about Godparents for Baptism. Only one Godparent is required by Canon Law and can either be male or female. If you have two Godparents, they must be male and female. Only two Godparents permitted. Practicing Christians from another denomination can act as Christian Witnesses.

BBC RADIO 4: Fr Eugene will present Prayer for the Day from Saturday **10 February to Friday 16 February**. They are broadcast at 5.42 am - for early risers and available on the BBC I-player!

LOURDES 2018: nurses are currently being sought (on the NMC live register - working in any area) to join the volunteer staff of the Diocesan Pilgrimage (11-16th July 2018). For more information please e-mail: lourdes@downandconnor.org or telephone the Pilgrimage Office 9064 6040. The subsidised fare for nurses is £520.

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.

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND: Is God calling you from your family to serve His family? Have you ever asked Jesus what he wants from you? Perhaps He wants you to serve as a priest in His Church. Take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This retreat will create the time and space to help you reflect on what vocation Jesus is calling you to. The retreat will take place in **Drumalis Retreat Centre, from Friday 16th – Sunday 18th February**. If you wish to attend this retreat or would like further information contact: Fr Kevin McGuckien, 23 Hannahstown Hill, Belfast BT17 0LT – Tel: 9061 4567 or E-mail: k.mcguickien@downandconnor.org

KEEP CALM-SLOW DOWN FOR LENT: Saturday 24 February from 11 am- 3 pm in Clonard Monastery. Time for you-time for God. A chance for you to experience Lent differently, with space to pray and think, gently guided by Breige O'Hare. Bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Donation £5. It's a really popular day so booking is essential. Ring Clonard 02890445950 or contact Breige through www.athomewithgod.co.uk

DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE LOURDES 2018: 7 nights 10 – 17 July £725, 5 nights 11 – 16 July £650, 5 nights 11 – 16 July for pilgrims needing care (Accueil Notre-Dame) £550 and Youth Team 8 – 17 July £590 (**closing date for Youth Applications 16 March**). Fares per person sharing, inclusive of return flights from Belfast, transfers, full-board accommodation, insurance and courier services. Application forms available from Parish Office or contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office 9064 6040 or lourdes@downandconnor.org

LENTEN CAMPAIGN FOR IRELAND: Join our Lenten Campaign of Prayer and Fasting and help Ireland at this crucial time when we are being threatened with abortion and redefinition of family. Let's all come together and pray for our nation beginning on Ash Wednesday. Please call Paul on 087 9141588 or e-mail your pledge to: lentencampaignforchange@gmail.com

LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE: Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life. Register your pledge with local Pioneers and say the daily prayer. Prayer: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink until the end of Lent."

OREMUS - LENTEN FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME: Oremus is a guide to Catholic prayer and provides simple, yet profound steps to an effective and fruitful prayer life. You will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Following the Tradition of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to hear his voice. Oremus is delivered via a 30 minute DVD input and then group discussion with a cup of tea. It will begin **Tuesday 20th February 7.30pm-9pm** in Holy Family Church, running the 6 Tuesdays of Lent. There will be a workbook available, cost £15. This will be a valuable and necessary resource to assist your journey. Come join us. Please contact Holy Family Parish Office on 90743119, if you wish to attend.

VOLUNTEERING AND REGISTRATION FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018:

Registration for all WMOF2018 events is open via www.worldmeeting2018.ie or e-mail: volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie or call (01) 5676800. REGISTER NOW!

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.

"ONE FAMILY... ONE COMMON HOME" RE-INHABITING THE EARTH SPRING

CONFERENCE: Drumalis, **Friday 23 - Sunday 25 February**. Facilitated by Gráinne Doherty with keynote speaker, Dr Lorna Gold, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Trócaire. This is an opportunity to extend our understanding of family and home to include the entire community of life with whom we share our common home - planet EARTH and to celebrate twenty years of environmental activity at Drumalis. It is possible to attend on a residential or non-residential basis for the full weekend and there is also the opportunity to attend for the day only on Saturday. For further details or to book a place, please contact Drumalis - tel 028 28 272 196/28 276 455 (Mon- Fri, 9am – 5pm). Booking forms can also be downloaded from <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

LENTEN RETREAT DAYS IN DROMANTINE: Dromantine is offering two retreat days during Lent. These will provide time and space to reflect and pray in the peaceful environment of Dromantine on important themes of Lent, and to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Dates are **Saturday 17th February** – led by Fr Aodhán McCrystal SMA and **Saturday 10th March** - led by Fr Des Corrigan SMA. Time 10 am to 5 pm. Cost £25, including lunch, teas/coffee. To book phone 028 30 821 964, e-mail: admin@dromantineconference.com or www.dromantineconference.com All welcome.

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.

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: 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.

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.

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

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering 'a weekend away for a lifetime of change' at Drumalis, Larne, Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th March 2018. To find out more, contact Phil: 90 207645 or Marie 07896119669 or email bebelfast@hotmail.com. Support group continues Wednesday evenings at 8pm in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY: "Do you enjoy good company and a bit of craic? Are you a people person? Do you enjoy helping others? If you could spare a few hours a month, The Alzheimer's Society in Northern Ireland are currently recruiting new Side by Side volunteers in Belfast to support people in the early stages of dementia to carry on with hobbies and activities that they enjoy. Could you support someone on a regular basis to get out of the house? Our volunteers support people to enjoy a range of activities from going for walks, baking, attending groups, going to the cinema, going for a run, or just popping to the local shops for a cuppa and a bun. Full training and expenses are provided. If you would like to learn more about this rewarding and exciting volunteer opportunity please call David on 9038 7787 or email Sidebysidebelfast@alzheimers.org.uk