



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.

COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection: £2,126

Thank you for your generous contribution and support.

The Monthly Offering for the Priests of the parish will be taken up today

PARISH DRAW – WEEK 5

£100 – Paul Whoriskey, Evewilliam Park

£50 – Kate Corr, Carlisle Road

£50 – Theresa Campbell, Southwell Street

Promoter's Prize: John Douglas

CONGRATULATIONS

DECEASED

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Tony Friel**, late of Ludlow Street, **Elizabeth Kelly**, Clifton Nursing Home and **Margaret (Peggy) Ryan** late of Larzarus Nursing Home. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

SHALOM MEDIA PRESENTATION: A member of Shalom Media will give a short presentation at all Masses **today** on the work and initiatives of Shalom Media which originated in 1989 in India. For more information visit our website: www.shalomworld.org

MASSES BOOKED AT ST PATRICK'S: If you have booked a Mass at St Patrick's can you please call into the Sacristy before the Mass.

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.

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

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

NEW SERVICE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: This innovative new programme will operate **every Tuesday** at **St Joseph's Centre in the Grosvenor Road, Belfast** from **9.30 to 3.30 pm** beginning **Tuesday 6th February**. It will provide older people with an opportunity to meet others, socialise, learn new skills and maintain their independence. The group will provide an active programme of varied activities including: arts and crafts; local history; music, film and drama; alternative therapies; social games and activities and cookery. There will be a range of guest speakers and refreshments and a three course lunch will be provided. Transport is available to and from home to anyone accessing the service. There is a cost associated with the group but support is available to help meet the costs. Places maybe taken on a weekly or fortnightly basis and are limited so if you would like to know more or know a family member or an older person who you feel might benefit from this service, please contact Fr Devlin on 07910 833699.

WALKING TOGETHER WITH HOPE INTO THE FUTURE: Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre is embarking on a period of consultation about possibilities for the future. Entitled "Walking Together with Hope into the Future". The initial intention is to hold three facilitated consultation meetings in order to draw on the wisdom of the wider family of Drumalis. The dates are Thursday 8th February, 7-9 pm, Saturday 17th February, 5.30-7.30 pm and Thursday 15th March, 2-4 pm. If you would like to participate in one of the meetings, please email: maura@drumalis.co.uk

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.

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."

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS FROM 18 TO 25: The Dead Theologians Society is a new group starting in St Oliver Plunkett Parish Hall at 7 pm on Sunday 11th February and then continuing each week. Young adults are invited to join and explore their Catholic Faith through learning about the lives of the Saints. With social interaction and prayer also offered, it is a chance to form new friendships as well as develop a deeper faith and understanding of Church teachings. For more details, please contact Kerry Kayes on 07872 336535 or kerryfkayes34@yahoo.co.uk More information on DTS can also be found at their website: www.DeadTheologiansSociety.com

RALLY TO "SAVE THE 8TH": A massive pro-life Rally will be held in Dublin on **Saturday 10th March**. Join thousands from across Ireland in support of the 8th Amendment of the Irish Constitution that protects unborn babies. Coaches travelling to the Rally from towns across Northern Ireland. For further details please contact the Rally for Life Committee on 90 278 484 or www.rallyforlife.net

"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 ball 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

TOBAR MUIRE ASH WEDNESDAY DAY OF PRAYER: We invite you to join us for a day of Prayer and Solidarity with the homeless in our community beginning with Mass and the distribution of ashes at 9 am, followed by a day of Adoration in the chapel. In the evening we will host a Prayer Service with Ashes beginning at 7 pm during which we will remember the plight of the homeless. At 8 pm we invite you to join us for a presentation given by members of the homeless community and Paul McCusker, a tireless worker with the homeless in Belfast. Please feel welcome to come for either or both evening sessions. For further information: Contact Tobar Mhuire T: 0284483044 Email: secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com