



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: £1,943

World Meeting of Families 2018: £808

Thank you for your generous contribution and support.

PARISH DRAW – WEEK 9

£100 – Bernadette Coogan, Earl Close

£50 – Isobel McConnell, Lancaster Street

£50 – Christine Ossaway, Lancaster Street

Promoter's Prize: Eileen Murray

CONGRATULATIONS

DECEASED

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Thomas McKinney**, late of Hillman Street, **Veronica Noade**, late of Parkdene Nursing Home and **Sadie Shepherd**, Southwell Street. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

TRÓCAIRE: “How much longer will you set on a victim, all together, intent on murder, like a rampart already leaning over, a wall already damaged?” Psalms 62:3. Today we pray for the people of Eastern Ghouta in Syria. Hundreds of innocent civilians have been killed in the bombing of the past two weeks including many children. Trócaire’s partners continue to work on the ground in horrendous conditions. We pray for those who can resolve this crisis to find the political will to do so. To find out more on Trócaire’s work visit: www.trocaire.org

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

LENT: It is traditional that during Lent there are no flowers in the Church as an expression of penance except for St Patrick’s Day. Then at Easter the altars are decorated richly with flowers as a sign of joy at the Resurrection of Jesus. If you wish, you can make a donation for Easter flowers, please see Ian our Sacristan.

INNER NORTH WEST MASTERPLAN: Belfast City Council is consulting on a Masterplan for the area. Council staff will be available to discuss plans and answer questions at 2 drop-in events in St Patrick’s Church Hall on **Wednesday 7th March from 1:30 - 2:30 pm and Saturday 10th March from 6 - 7:30 pm.** All are invited to attend.

LIVING YOUTH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Ruairí McGinn is travelling next summer with volunteers from Living Youth to support Habitat’s work in Malawi with orphaned and vulnerable children. The programme builds simple homes, facilitates training on HIV and malaria prevention. He will speak briefly about the project at Masses on the weekend of **17 and 18 March** and will hold a Church door collection afterwards. Ruairí comes to Mass in St Patrick’s regularly with his family and last year assisted with the Holy Week ceremonies.

RALLY TO “SAVE THE 8TH”: A massive pro-life Rally will be held in Dublin on **Saturday 10th March 2018.** Join thousands from across Ireland in support of the 8th Amendment of the Irish Constitution that protects unborn babies and their mothers. Coaches travelling to the Rally from towns across Northern Ireland. For further details please contact the Rally for Life Committee on 02890278484 or click on www.rallyforlife.net

BUS OF LIGHT FOR LIFE: Bus to The March for Life on **Saturday 10th March** from St. Mary’s Church Chapel Lane to Dublin to pray for the protection of human life in Ireland, leaving Belfast city centre at 9 a.m. and picking up at Sprucefield at 9.20 a.m. arriving at St. Saviours Church Dublin for the Mass for Life at 12.30 p.m. followed by rosary procession after mass and the pro life march at 2 p.m. Saturday 10 March is also “24 hours for the Lord” as announced by Pope Francis and so there will be a holy hour in Dublin from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m before returning to Belfast for those who

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.

ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK ON THE SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH: In this Holy Season of Lent why not join us by offering a one day pilgrimage to Knock in honour of St Joseph on his Feast Day on **19th March** to protect Ireland from abortion and any changes to the 8th Amendment. The bus leaves St Agnes Church at 7.30 am sharp and returns at approximately 10 pm. Cost £15 and bring a packed lunch. Contact: Pat 07946917354 or Harriet 07812098991.

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.

TEA DANCE: Tuesday 6th March 2 pm - 4 pm in **St Bernard's Pastoral Centre, 165 Antrim Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 7QR.** (situated at the back of St Bernard's Church). Admission £3. Refresh your skills at Waltzing, Foxtrot, Ballroom dancing or simply enjoy a cup of tea and a bun. All welcome

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.

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

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.

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 PATRICK'S COLLEGE, KNOCK: To mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of St Patrick's College, Knock past pupils, parents, staff and former governors are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving at **7.30 pm on Friday 16th March 2018** in **Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock**. For further details telephone 028 9040 1184 or email office@olspck.org

ROSARY AT THE MASS ROCKS: In November over 30,000 Irish People gathered at our coasts to pray the rosary to preserve Life and Faith in Ireland. Now we turn to our Mass Rocks and Ancient Monastic Sites, on **Sunday March 18th**, at **2.30 pm**, to pray the rosary, and ask our deceased brethren, who risked their lives for the faith, to intercede for Ireland. Sign up a location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie.

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.

AA MEETINGS: Held in St Patrick's Old School each Saturday 8 am to 9 am

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

LIVING YOUTH - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GALA BALL AT TITANIC BELFAST: Friday 27th April 2018 at 7 pm. Price (pp): £55. Living Youth - Habitat for Humanity are hosting a Gala Ball, in support of the African partnership, in the beautiful Titanic suite, on Friday 27th April 2018. There will be a drinks reception on arrival, a ballot - with the chance to win amazing prizes, music from The Housem8's, amazing 5-star food and much more! If you are interested in attending, or would like to know more, please get in touch with Kiera on 028 90 232 432. Furthermore, you can purchase your tickets on the Habitat for Humanity website: <https://www.habitatni.co.uk/donate/gala-ball-2018>. Don't miss out on a fabulous night, for a wonderful cause!

LENT IN TOBAR MUIRE: You are warmly invited to a Talk Back evening in Tobar Mhuire on Wednesday 7th March at 7.30 pm to explore signs of hope and challenges facing the church and our community today. The panel includes Fr Brian D'Arcy and Fr Gary Donegan from the Passionist community, along with Alan McBride (CEO – Inspire) and Rev Caroline McAfee (former chaplain NI Hospice). Voluntary donation. Join the Passionist community for Taize style Prayer Around the Cross each Friday night during Lent, beginning at 7.30pm. All welcome.

wish to go. Seats are £10 and you can pay on the bus. To book a seat contact Orla on 07545 452362

LENT PRAYER SESSIONS: St Colmcille's Parish, 191 Upper Newtownards Road BT4 3JB, will offer a programme of prayer in Lent for those who are seeking ways to enhance their prayer life, or to find a new way of praying. The sessions will be based around Lectio Divina and Visio Divina.

Lectio Divina, a Latin term, means 'divine reading' and describes a way of reading the scripture whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us.

Visio Divina shares its roots with Lectio Divina. It invites the viewer into 'divine seeing' when meditating on the image that is presented to the individual. With our culture becoming more and more visually oriented, an intentional way of praying with images is needed more than ever. Visio Divina invites us to a more contemplative place. It invites us to see all there is to see, exploring the entirety of the image. It invites us to see deeply beyond first and second impressions. It allows God, who is never limited or tied to any image, to speak to us through them.

The programme of prayer will take place in St Colmcille's Parochial Hall on **Tuesdays 6th, 13th and 20th March at 7.30pm** and will be repeated on the subsequent **Friday mornings, 9th, 16th and 23rd March at 10.00am**. Enquiries to Noeleen 07879 498131.

THE PARISH OF DRUMBO & CARRYDUFF: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Tuesday 22 - Wednesday 30 May 2018. Package price £1,440 per person sharing which includes return coach transfers from Carryduff to Dublin Airport, return flights with British Airways, generous luggage allowance, 4* Hotels on a half board basis (3 nights Tiberias/4 nights Jerusalem) and all excursions. If you are interested to receive further information please contact the Parish Office on 028 90812238 opt 2 or Anam Cara Travel - 02825 821 690. This pilgrimage is organised and coordinated by Anam Cara Travel, Co Antrim. LIMITED PLACES REMAINING!

MUSIC FOR A LENTEN EVENING: St Brigid's Church on 9th March at 7.30 pm. **St Peter's Cathedral Schola Cantorum** directed by Mr Nigel McClintock and **St Brigid's Choir** directed by Dr Niall Leonard. Programme includes: Allegri's **Miserere** and **Faure's** Requiem. All welcome – Retiring Collection.