



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

ST PATRICK'S DAY

Vigil Mass 7 pm on
Friday 16th March

St Patrick's Day Mass will be
at 10 am and 1 pm. The

10 am Mass will be in Irish
and after Mass refreshments
will be served in

St Patrick's Old School,
next to the church.

Everyone welcome.

**Craobh Naomh Pádraig will
hold their annual collection
for the Irish Language after
St Patrick's Day Vigil Mass,
10 am and 1 pm Masses.**

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: £1,713

Monthly Collection: £1,134

Thank you for your generous contribution
and support. **There will be a 2nd**

Collection next week for Needy Parishes.

PARISH DRAW – WEEK 10

£100 – Laura Burns, Plunkett Court

£50 – Donna Murphy, C/o Carlisle Square

£50 – Annie Branney, C/o Carlisle Square

Promoter's Prize: Kathleen McAuley

CONGRATULATIONS

DECEASED

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Mary Love** late of Kent Street and **Dominic McIlroy** late of Cooldarragh Park. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

ST PATRICK'S WELCOMES MONSIGNOR JOSEPH CHAMBERS: We are delighted to welcome Monsignor Chambers who will be celebrating this weekends 5.30 pm Vigil Mass. Monsignor Chambers has recently retired after a long priestly ministry in Scotland. He is a native of Belfast and attended St Malachy's College. He remembers calling into St Patrick's frequently as a school boy. Monsignor Chambers will be saying Mass in St Patrick's regularly. We welcome him to St Patrick's family!

PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Are available at the front of the Church for collection. If you do not use envelopes and would like to use them for your gifting to the upkeep of the Church and the Priests of the Parish please bring it to the attention of the sacristan or call into the parish office. Every contribution helps!

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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY: We give thanks for the gift of life and we remember mothers who carried us, nourished us and helped give life to us. Make a special effort to show and give thanks.

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 Old School (below the Church) on **Saturday 10th March from 6 - 7:30 pm**. All are invited to attend.

TRÓCAIRE: "Motherhood: All love begins and ends there" - Robert Browning. This Mothering Sunday we pray for mothers across the developing world who strive to create a better future for their children. Mothers like those in Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Ethiopia where a hunger crisis still grips the land. Mothers there are doing without food so their children can have a little more to eat. To find out more about Trócaire's Lenten campaign visit www.trocaire.org

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.

ROSARY AT THE MASS ROCKS FOR LIFE AND FAITH: **Sunday 18th March** was chosen because it is the day that bridges the Feasts of St Patrick, the protector of Ireland and St Joseph, the Protector of the Universal Church (March 19th). On March 18th we will gather, with our priests, bishops and religious, across Ireland, at Mass Rocks, Monasteries, Papal Crosses, the shrines of our saints and other holy places, to pray as a people..... to pray with our saints and holy souls who attended mass at these places, to pray to Jesus Christ King of Ireland, and to Our Lady the Queen of Ireland, for the protection of our little sisters and brothers. To register a Mass Rock or other holy site, or to find out where there is a prayer location near you, simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or email coastalrosaryireland@gmail.com or text/ring (after 3:30pm) 087 278 6552. There is also a Facebook Page at Rosary on the Coast for Life and Faith.

VOICE OF THE FAMILY: "The final battle between the Lord and the reign of Satan will be over marriage and the family". Sister Lucy of Fatima Voice of the Family event: VOF is a coalition working to defend and promote Catholic teaching on the family. The event will discuss the current threats to life and family in Ireland, north and south, especially the upcoming referendum on the Eighth Amendment, and what we can do to overcome them. Come along, everyone welcome on **Tuesday the 13th of March at 7pm in St Paul's, Falls Road Belfast Parish Hall**.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA FOR MASSES AND FOR EASTER TRIDUUM: Available for collection from the Sacristy.

MEETING FOR RETURNED LAY MISSIONARIES & VOLUNTEERS: The next meeting for returned volunteers & lay missionaries who have worked overseas will take place on Wed 14th March at 7.00 pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Glenview St, off Oldpark Rd, Belfast. All are welcome. For more info email jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone/text + 353 83 8422468

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 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.

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**.

HOLY SHOP: First Communion gifts, prayer books, rosaries, and accessories are available in the St Joseph's convent shop in the Adoration Convent, 63 Falls Road, Belfast at very reasonable prices. They also carry a range of items for baptism, confirmation, prayer cards, candles icons, the nursery and Catholic Children's books. What they don't stock they can order! Open Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm (except 11:30 -2 pm). Tel 028 9024 7175.

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

GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOP: **Saturday 24th March** from **3 to 6 pm** in **Frank Duff House, 14 Cliftonville Road**. Programme: Solfege and Intervals Rhythm Modality Choir direction led by Canon Lebocq, Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. Open to All! Suggested donation £5.

ST PATRICK'S Day BI-LINGUAL MASS: Join parishioners at St Oliver Plunkett's Church in Lenadoon and start St Patrick's Day the traditional way - by going to Mass in our native language. Our Bishop of Down & Connor, Noel Treanor, will con-celebrate a bi-lingual Mass at 10 am. It will be a great opportunity to commemorate our national Saint and also use however much (or little) of the Irish that we have. Prayers and hymns in Irish will be on a large screen so everyone can join in. Visitors from other parishes are particularly welcome. There will be refreshments served afterwards in the Parish Hall and a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Tá fáilte roimh gach duine!

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

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.

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!

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!