



ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH

December 8, 2015 **JUBILEE OF MERCY** November 20, 2016

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Month's Mind: Breda Slocombe **Anniversaries:** Austin Treacey, Jim Eccles, Brendan Smyth, Patrick Bradley, Sadie Mulligan, Dora Lennox, Lilian Campbell, Mollie Hanratty, Brendan Hanratty.

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday vigil Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10am & 12noon

Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 9.30am
and Friday at 7.00pm

Tuesday 9.30am - St Anthony's Novena during Eucharistic Service

Friday at 7.00pm - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm

Before weekday Mass for ½hr.

Confessions available before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism by appointment. Marriage by appointment.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY returns
on **Sunday 17th April 2016.**
All P1 – P7 children
welcome to attend.

Centering Prayer will continue on
Wednesday 20th April at 8pm in Iona.
(Room to the right in the porch of the Church)

Fair Trade Group will meet in Iona in the porch of
the church at **6pm on Sunday 17th April.** Any
young people interested in helping to sell Fair Trade
goods after Mass two weekends per month are
welcome to come along. For more information
contact Joe on 0784 1102376

SERENDIPITY recommences on
Wednesday 20th April at 7.30pm
in St Patrick's Parish Hall.

Please note the change of date
New members welcome.

Teeny Weenies

Baby & Toddler group for Parents/Grandparents & Carers.

We are a friendly group who meet in **St Patricks Hall** every
Wednesday morning from 10am - 11.30am. Everyone is welcome.



BINGO every Monday Night
at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Hall.

Celebrate **May Crone's 101st Birthday**
with a £101 prize for a full house.

Come along and enjoy the fun and craic on **Monday 18th April**

The next **Folk Group** practice on **Monday 18th April**
at **7pm** in the Church, new members always welcome.

Join us after 7pm Mass this Friday in Iona (inside church porch)
where we will watch a 15 minute video tour of St. Patrick's Church,
Donegall Street, Belfast where the Door of Mercy will be open
throughout the Year of Mercy. This video tour is led by Baroness
Nuala O'Loan.

**Fr Stephen would like to meet all current and new
Readers and Eucharistic Ministers on
Tuesday 26th April at 7.00pm in the Church.**

If you have any **unwanted balls of knitting wool** please
leave them into Iona as they are needed for craft classes at
Hydebank Wood. All donations gratefully received.
Many thanks Sr Oonagh, *Assistant Chaplain*

ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT to DRUMALIS will
take place on Saturday to Sunday **21st & 22nd May.**
Everyone is welcome. Cost £65.00 (Drumalis) and
bus cost is approximately £6.00. Contact Una Dobbin
on 90-425575

Altar Servers Club meets this **Monday 18th April**
from 6 to 7pm in Iona in the porch of the church
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## **Health Promotion**

Liam Burns from Burns Pharmacy will come to  
the coffee morning next **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
at **10.30am** to talk about high blood pressure.

There will also be the opportunity for people  
to have their blood pressure measured.

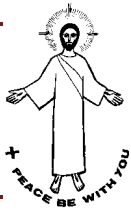
**Pope Francis** published last Friday the  
Apostolic Exhortation '**Amoris Laetitia**

**The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family**  
which is the formal papal reflection issued following  
the earlier synods on the family.

A full copy of *Amoris Laetitia* and a set of Questions  
and Answers which may help to focus on the subject  
matter are available via the diocesan website

([www.downandconnor.org](http://www.downandconnor.org))

**Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage  
Season** opens on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May with One Day  
Retreats. Booking is essential. Contact Lough Derg by  
telephone 00 353 71 9861518



## ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH

# 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of Easter 17 April 2016

### THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL

A Eucharistic Prayer Vigil for **Vocations to the Priesthood**, the Permanent Diaconate and Religious Life will take place in

**St. Patrick's Church, Belfast from 7.30pm – 10pm.** The Vigil will conclude with Mass at 9pm. In his message for Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis said that, 'Each vocation in the Church has its origin in the compassionate gaze of Jesus.' May we take up this invitation to gaze upon the compassionate face of Jesus, imploring Him to bless us with vocations to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate and religious life.

### FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

**HABITAT GALA BALL:** For the fourth successive year Living Youth is sponsoring a Habitat team who will travel to Ethiopia in August. To help raise funds a **Gala Ball** will take place on **Friday 22 April in The Tullyglass House Hotel, Ballymena.** Tickets £40 per person; £400 per table. Master of Ceremonies is **Sarah Travers** and Dancing is to **The Housem8s.** To date over 200 tickets have been allocated thanks to our many supporters but there are still more available. Come enjoy a wonderful evening and help build hope for families in Ethiopia. For more information or to reserve tickets please log on to: [info@habitatni.co.uk](mailto:info@habitatni.co.uk)

### WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

*Anam Cara* is holding its monthly Parent Evening from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Armagh City Hotel, 2 Friary Road, Armagh, BT60 4FR. Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to all bereaved parents. For further information please see our website at [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie) email us at [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or call 02895213120.

### SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY

**Lay Dominicans Celebrating 800 Years 1216-2016**

We are asked to announce that Lay Dominicans in Down & Connor are celebrating the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Dominican Order, the Order of Preachers, with a Jubilee Mass, with Bishop Noel Treanor presiding, on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2.30 pm in the Chapel of Dominican College, 38 Fortwilliam Park, Antrim Road Belfast. This will be followed by refreshments, talks and prayer. This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the great contribution of Dominicans in our Diocese and also to find out more about the Dominican Charism and about the apostolate of the Lay Dominicans in particular. All are welcome, especially Dominican past pupils and friends.

### SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY

The Annual Diocesan Liturgy Seminar will take place on **from 1pm – 4.30pm** in St Brigid's Parish Hall, 38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast BT9 6FP. The Seminar is entitled '**The Liturgical Service of God's Mercy**' and will be presented by Brother Pat Mullins O.Carm. Cost £10 per person.

### THE VOICE OF THE MARTYRS by Fr Martin Delaney, [full article in The Irish Catholic 7 April 2016]

"Some time ago I was alerted to a website called 'The voice of the martyrs' [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com)

This organisation dedicated to assisting and listing the persecuted Christians around the world. You will find there the stories of famous Christian martyrs like Fr Maximilian Kolbe who died in the Nazi death camp Auschwitz and Archbishop Oscar Romero who was gunned down while saying Mass in El Salvador. I also read under the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, untold numbers died for openly professing their faith in Christ; that Christian public witness is forbidden in China, Equatorial Guinea, Iran, Laos, Mauritania, Morocco, North Korea, Sudan and Saudi Arabia which outright forbids freedom of religion. Recent research says that Christians face harassment in a staggering 133 countries representing more than two thirds of all the nations on Earth. Disturbingly in this part of the world for various reasons we seem reluctant to raise our heads above the parapet about this situation."

### YEAR OF MERCY at CLONARD MONASTERY 2016



We have organised to have a special pilgrim event on the **last Friday of each month from 3pm to 4.30pm** and we invite all parishes and their parishioners to these special days to walk our 'Pilgrim Way'. These pilgrim events will include prayer and reflection on some aspect of mercy, a walk through the special Holy Door which we have erected for the Year of Mercy. We will include a short reflective walk along the peace line finishing with an opportunity for people to celebrate the

Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will be an opportunity for people to gain the special Holy Door

Indulgence. The Friday dates are as follows: **29th April**, 27th May, 24th June, 29th July, 26th August, 30th September, 28th October, 18th November. We in Clonard Monastery have a number of events planned to support this check us out on facebook and [www.clonard.com](http://www.clonard.com) **The Clonard Novena** will be on this year **from 15th June to 23rd June 2016.**

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** is a parish based group ministry which aims to help those bereaved and grieving. Support is offered on an individual basis in the home, to groups in drop-in centres, by phone calls, by helping at funeral liturgies and remembrance services. For more information or to register interest in the next Training Course which begins in September 2016 and will take place in the Good Shepherd Centre, please contact Claire Dowds, Good Shepherd Centre, 511 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GS. Tel: 07557882183 or email: [bethanybereavementni@gmail.com](mailto:bethanybereavementni@gmail.com)

### 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 from **8pm to 10pm** in St Bride's Hall, 38, Derryvolgie Avenue, Malone Rd, Belfast. For info please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07896119669

**POPE FRANCIS' COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE** – there will be a voluntary Church Door Collection in support of those suffering the consequences of violence in Ukraine on **Sunday, 24 April.**