

ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH

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Recently Deceased: Brenda While, Sr Barbara Macauley.

Anniversaries: Kitty Patterson, Michael Patterson (Snr), Harry McLarnon, Liam Houston, Robert Alexander, Margaret Grinnell, Peter Large, June McLaurin, Sarah Murphy, Mary Cunningham

Sunday Mass

Saturday vigil at 6.30pm

Sunday at 10.00am and 12noon

Weekday Mass

Monday to Thursday at 9.30am

Friday at 7.00pm

Tuesday 9.30am - St Anthony's Novena during Mass

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm

Before weekday Mass for ½ hour for the following intentions:

Monday for Peace, Tuesday for Families,

Wednesday for the Youth & Vocations,

Thursday for all the Marginalised, the Poor and Needy

Friday for those who are ill or sick.

Confessions: Available before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptisms: By appointment. At least 3 wks notice to be given.

Marriage: By appointment



Children's Liturgy starts back on **Sunday 13th September** at **10am Mass P1-P7**

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**The Folk Group** will be back in September. Thank you for all your support throughout the year.

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Apostolic Works returns in on 9th September, 2015. We meet every 2nd Tuesday throughout the year. New members always welcome.

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**Community Bingo** continues in Saint Patrick's Hall every Monday evening at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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Centering Prayer Group will start back on 2nd September at **8.00pm**, in Gartan.

This is a prayerful relaxed evening. If you have never been please feel free to come along.

Diploma in Pastoral Theology - Do you want to study and reflect on Christian life and ministry and the way ordained and lay ministry complement each other? Would you like to combine a comprehensive study programme with the acquisition of new skills and supervised practical experience of ministry? Are you willing to listen and to share the journey with others? If your answers are "yes", perhaps the Diploma in Pastoral Theology is for you. *Coursework is appraised on a continuous assessment basis. There are no exams. The course is worth 60 ECTS points (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System).* For more information please contact Maura Burns at 028 28276455 or www.drumalis.co.uk

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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 session which begins in September, please contact Claire Dowds, Good Shepherd Centre, 511 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GS.

☎ 07557882183, Email: bethanybereavementni@gmail.com

The next Parish Bulletin will be the weekend of **6th September 2015**. All notices still need to be in the parish office by the preceding Wednesday.

POPE FRANCIS TWEET of the MONTH:

"In the Sacrament of the Eucharist we find God who gives himself." Follow Pope Francis on Twitter@Pontifex and on @news_va

FAITH AND LIFE CONVENTION

On **Saturday 26th September** 2015 in Our Lady's & St Patrick's College, Knock, Belfast at **10.00am**

This year the keynote Speaker will be Fr Brendan Comerford SJ.

He will speak on the theme: **What hope for faith?** In the afternoon each participant will have the opportunity to take part in two workshops from a range of twenty. Check online at: www.faihandlifeconvention.org

MISSION SUNDAY will take place on **18 October** in the context of the Year of Consecrated Life and in the Year of Divine Mercy your prayers are asked for all the Bishops, Priests and Religious of Down and Connor Diocese. To strengthen them in their ministries and support them in all that they do to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

DOWN AND CONNOR E-NEWSLETTER, SIGN UP TODAY !! Get all the latest news by sending an email to:

events@downandconnor.org The E-Newsletter aims to give an update on news and events in the Diocese.

Parishioners can also follow the Diocese on Facebook & Twitter.

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd August 2015

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season

Advance booking is essential. The Three Day Pilgrimage season has begun. Come along to the Three Day Pilgrimage any day between 29th May and 13th August. Pre-booking not required. Contact Lough Derg 00 353 71 9861518 or email. info@loughderg.org

Are you suffering the pain of loss? Looking for help and understanding? Beginning Experience **Residential Weekend:** Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th October 2015 in Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne. Application forms available on request. For further information please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 0754207083

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from **Thursday 13th – Sunday 16th August 2015**. For young people aged 16-35, this is a great opportunity to find out what your Catholic faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690

Diocese of Dromore - Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Wednesday 21st October 2015 - Thursday 29th October 2015 Under the leadership of Bishop John McAreavey, Cost: £1,245 per person sharing. (Single supplement £52 per night) For booking forms and more information contact. Diocesan Office (028 30262444)

RCIA stands for the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** and is for individuals from any faith background (and none) who want to explore and enquire into the catholic faith. It is a **weekly series** of classes and discussion covering a wide range of aspects of the catholic faith. The weekly classes last 1hr.30mins. Participants on RCIA programmes come from all walks of life, ages and backgrounds. *What they all have in common is that they felt the call of God urging them to change the direction of their lives.* RCIA is also for cradle Catholics who want a deeper understanding of their catholic faith and for Catholics who have lapsed from the practice of celebrating their faith and whom God is inviting to come back to him. Ultimately, RCIA is a journey of faith exploration and development, culminating in the reception of the catechumens/candidates into the catholic community at Pentecost, if after their exploration and enquiry into the catholic faith the Holy Spirit inspires them to do so. The RCIA programme begins at St. Mary's, Chapel Lane on **Thursday 22nd October 2015**. Should you wish to take part, please contact Fr. James Boyle, or Anne McCrossan ASAP to arrange a meeting and register. Tel: 02890 320482 Email: administratorofstmarys@btinternet.com

Encyclical Letter **Lumen Fidei** Of The Supreme Pontiff **Francis** To The Bishops, Priests And Deacons, Consecrated Persons And The Lay Faithful - On Faith - 29 June 2015

1. The light of Faith: this is how the Church's tradition speaks of the great gift brought by Jesus. In John's Gospel, Christ says of himself: "I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness" (Jn 12:46). Saint Paul uses the same image: "God who said 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts" (2 Cor 4:6). The pagan world, which hungered for light, had seen the growth of the cult of the sun god, *Sol Invictus*, invoked each day at sunrise. Yet though the sun was born anew each morning, it was clearly incapable of casting its light on all of human existence. The sun does not illumine all reality; its rays cannot penetrate to the shadow of death, the place where men's eyes are closed to its light. "No one — Saint Justin Martyr writes — has ever been ready to die for his faith in the sun".[1] Conscious of the immense horizon which their faith opened before them, Christians invoked Jesus as the true sun "whose rays bestow life".[2] To Martha, weeping for the death of her brother Lazarus, Jesus said: "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" (Jn 11:40). Those who believe, see; they see with a light that illumines their entire journey, for it comes from the risen Christ, the morning star which never sets.

An illusory light?

2. Yet in speaking of the light of faith, we can almost hear the objections of many of our contemporaries. In modernity, that light might have been considered sufficient for societies of old, but was felt to be of no use for new times, for a humanity come of age, proud of its rationality and anxious to explore the future in novel ways. Faith thus appeared to some as an illusory light, preventing mankind from boldly setting out in quest of knowledge. The young Nietzsche encouraged his sister Elisabeth to take risks, to tread "new paths... with all the uncertainty of one who must find his own way", adding that "this is where humanity's paths part: if you want peace of soul and happiness, then believe, but if you want to be a follower of truth, then seek".[3] Belief would be incompatible with seeking. From this starting point Nietzsche was to develop his critique of Christianity for diminishing the full meaning of human existence and stripping life of novelty and adventure. Faith would thus be the illusion of light, an illusion which blocks the path of a liberated humanity to its future.

3. In the process, faith came to be associated with darkness. There were those who tried to save faith by making room for it alongside the light of reason. Such room would open up wherever the light of reason could not penetrate, wherever certainty was no longer possible. Faith was thus understood either as a leap in the dark, to be taken in the absence of light, driven by blind emotion, or as a subjective light, capable perhaps of warming the heart and bringing personal consolation, but not something which could be proposed to others as an objective and shared light which points the way. Slowly but surely, however, it would become evident that the light of autonomous reason is not enough to illumine the future; ultimately the future remains shadowy and fraught with fear of the unknown. As a result, humanity renounced the search for a great light... (in part ...for the full document go to website www.vatican.va/)