

ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH

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Anniversaries: Peggy Brennan, The 2 Danny Johnston's, William Graham, Jim McCourt, Davy McCoy, Jessie Murdoch, Mary Mullaly, Joan McClure.

Sunday Mass

Saturday vigil at 6.30pm Sunday at 10.00am and 12noon

Weekday Mass

Monday 16th December, Eucharistic Service at 9.30am
(as Fr Stephen has to be at Maghaberry Prison all day)

Tuesday - Thursday at 9.30am

Friday evening at 7.00pm

Tuesday 9.30am - St Anthony's Novena during Mass

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

HOLYWOOD PARISH ~ PENITENTIAL SERVICE Wednesday 17th December at 7.30pm.

FORTHCOMING CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve – there will be no morning Mass as Fr Stephen will be celebrating 2 Masses in two of the prisons during the day.

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS at 9.00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 10.00am and 12noon

ST STEPHEN'S DAY MASS, Friday Evening 7.00pm

Centering Prayer Group

Wednesdays in Gartan. We will be breaking for Christmas next week and resuming on 7th January at 8.00pm.

St Vincent de Paul

Cards £3 per pack, both are on sale.
Also our **Christmas Gifts Appeal** for children from babies to teenagers (1month to 16years).

Christian Meditation After School Club

for children in P5-P7 continues every Wednesday during term time from 3.10pm to 4.15pm in St Patrick's Hall.

Admission £1

Good News Club for children in P5-P7 meets this **Monday 15th Dec** in Iona (porch of church) from 6pm to 7pm
Gospel stories, crafts and fun group games.

Folk Group Practice on Monday 15th December 7pm-8.30pm

FAIRTRADE WEEKEND ~ CHRISTMAS FAIR ~ 13th & 14th December.

TROCAIRE GIFTS on SALE in IONA
get your chicks, goats etc

Children and young people of the parish you are invited to help plan and partake in the **Christmas Youth Mass on Sunday 21st December at 10am.**

Our rehearsal went very well last week but we still have some roles for budding young actors so please come along **Sunday 14th December** from 4 to 5pm for our practice.

Any questions or queries contact Ann-Frances Quinn on 07878269337



NIGHT OF THE FATHER'S LOVE by Pepper Choplin
The Contact Singers bring a 'Celebration of Advent / Christmas' in Music at 8.00pm on Sunday 14th December 2014 in St Colmcille's Church, Holywood.

This fundraising evening is in aid of the Maynard Ward quiet room, Ulster Hospital Dundonald. All donations will be gratefully received on the night of the concert towards the refurbishment of the bereavement room.

THE JESSE TREE (which is on the altar sanctuary) helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse Tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse Tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history. Our school children will be making illustrated ornaments and placing them on the Jesse Tree during Advent.



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3rd Sunday in Advent Year B

15 December 2014



O Come Let Us Adore Him - The Live Crib at St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane, Belfast from **Saturday 13th Dec. until 6th Jan '15**, animals arrive at 11 a.m. and go home at 5 p.m. each day. Come along to The Grotto and meet the Holy Family, Shepherds and Kings. Also featuring, Henry the donkey, goats, Emily and Buttercup, and friends. All donations to Tuesday's Child's Following Yonder Star Christmas Appeal for children living in extreme hardship in Gaza, Kenya and Brazil. Carol singers and school groups welcome. For further details e-mail info@tuesdayschild.ie or phone 02890-502725 or text 07545-452362.

ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL - The Cathedral Clergy, Director of Music and **Schola Cantorum invite you** to a service of Advent Readings and Carols by Candlelight on **Sunday 14th December 2014 at 4.30pm.**

St Dominic's Past Pupils' Union's Annual Carol Service will take place in the school on **Monday 15th December at 7.30pm** (Refreshments afterwards). Past Pupils and their friends all welcome.

Age NI and BBC NI are excited to launch 'Playing Our Part', our new joint Christmas appeal. During the coming week, we will have stories, features and reports across BBC NI airwaves about the important contribution that older people make to NI society, and the challenges that some people are facing in later life. Listen out for our features on BBC NI channels during the next two weeks. Visit our website & download our leaflet to find about more about the appeal
Email: info@ageni.org Tel: 028 9024 5729
Age NI Advice Service 0808 808 7575
<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/northern-ireland>

FLOWER COLLECTION for Christmas will be taken up on the weekend of 20th & 21st December. All your support is gratefully received.

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. As of January 2015 there are twenty four parishes in the Diocese with Bethany Teams. For more information or to register interest in the next training session which begins in February, please contact Claire Dowds, Good Shepherd Centre, 511 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GS. ☎ 07557882183, email: bethanybereavementni@gmail.com

Community Led Collaboration, Tuesday 10 February 2015 10.30am – 12.45pm The Volunteer Centre, 34 Shaftesbury Square, Belfast, BT2 7DB. Collaboration NI, in partnership with Interaction Institute for Social Change, (IISC) are pleased to invite you to a roundtable to examine the collaboration and leadership at local community level. Contact Email: rachel@co3.bz Tel: 028 90 245356 www.collaborationni.org

All Ireland Christmas Nativity Art Competition - Get creative and enter our Christmas Nativity Art Competition. Draw, paint or craft your favourite scene from the Christmas Story of the Nativity. The competition is open to 3 – 18 yr olds across 8 categories 3-4 yrs, 5-6 yrs, 7-8 yrs, 9-11 yrs, 12-14 yrs, 15-16 yrs, 17-18 yrs and special needs children. Great prizes for the winner of each category. All entries will be posted on our online exhibition. Further details available on www.tuesdayschild.ie. The closing date for entries is 13th Jan.

Precious Life is helping with the **Project Love Campaign**. This campaign is led by *Every Life Counts*, a support group for parents whose unborn children had been diagnosed with life-limiting disabilities. *Every Life Counts* is encouraging the people of Northern Ireland to respond to the consultation and completely reject the proposals of Mr David Ford, the Minister of Justice of Northern Ireland, who has issued a public consultation on legalising abortion. As part of the campaign, 'submission postcards' are being distributed in churches and communities. These postcards are also to raise awareness of the humanity of precious unborn babies diagnosed with life-limiting disabilities, and the pressing need for perinatal hospice care in Northern Ireland. Please contact us on **028 9027-8484** for postcards.

Hollywood Nursery School is currently accepting applications for September 2015. Forms are available from the school. For more information, please call 9042-5012 Closing date for applications is 12noon on 14th January 15.

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock - Year 7 Pupils and Parents Open Morning on **Saturday 10th January 2015**, from 9.15am to 12.30pm. Principal's Address 9.30am & 11.00am. Prospective Year 13 students are also welcome.

Time Out Workshops for Parents & Carers of younger children 'Positive Reinforcement Taster Session (Free)' & Sensational Saturdays or Crèche for your babies P7 children, **Saturday 10th January 2015** at 5-7pm at St Philips & St James, Hollywood. Contact info T:028 9042 3622

POPE FRANCIS - MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE

Am I alive inside? Tuesday, 18 November 2014

"The Word of God can change everything" but we "don't always have the courage to believe" in it. During the Mass at Santa Marta on Tuesday, Pope Francis spoke about the "three calls to conversion" from the day's liturgy, explaining that "converting is not an act of will"; one doesn't think: "I'll convert now, it's convenient...", or "I have to do it". No, conversion "is a grace"; it's "a visit from God: it's the Son of Man who has come to seek and to save"; it's Jesus "who knocks at our door, at our heart, and says: 'Come'..... "the Word of God can change everything. But the truth is we do not always have the courage to believe in the Word of God", to receive that "Word which heals us inside" and by which "the Lord knocks at the door of our heart"..... (for full copy go to <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/>)