

# ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH

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## Eucharistic Adoration

Every Saturday

10.00am – 5.00pm

and before weekday Mass for ½hr

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**Baptism** by appointment.

**Marriage** by appointment

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Some **Feast Days** highlighted  
this week in the Diocesan  
Directory Calendar:

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec: St Stephen  
(The First Martyr)

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec: St John  
Apostle & Evangelist

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec: The Holy  
Innocents (Martyrs)

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December: The Holy  
Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to be inspired by the example of your life. We think of you at that moment when, full of faith and trust, you accepted God's call to be the Mother of his Son. Help us, your children, to accept with joy our own calling in life. When you learned that your cousin Elizabeth was in need you immediately went to serve her and offer your help. Help us, like you, to be concerned for others. We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when he rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil. Mother of Sorrows, help us through the trials and disappointments of life. Help us not to lose heart. May we share with you and your Son the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of life. Amen.

## CHRISTMAS WEEK MASS TIMES

26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – 1PM

27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – 1PM

28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – 1PM

29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – 1PM

30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – 7PM

**SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER – Vigil Mass at 6.30pm**

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY – 10am & 12 noon**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR 'GREETER TEAM' /  
MINISTRY OF WELCOME PLEASE CONTACT 0784 1102376. WE  
WOULD BE PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR HELPERS AT THE  
6.30PM SATURDAY VIGIL MASS.**

**SVP HELPLINE TEL: 07845 854671**

### WEBCAM SOUND UPDATE!!

**Please update your software on your Apple or Android Device  
as you need to keep your device upgraded in order to get sound.**

We are presently looking to update our website and until this is completed we have installed a direct link to MCN Media so that the webcam will continue to link you to the live broadcasting of our daily & weekend Mass.

### ST.PATRICKS PRIMARY SCHOOL

**PRIMARY ONE - ENROLMENT FOR 2017**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLOSING DATE FOR  
APPLICATIONS IS WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY @ 12 NOON.  
PLEASE FORWARD ANY OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE, AS THIS ASSISTS IN THE PLANNING FOR 2017-18  
ACADEMIC YEAR.**



**REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED**



### RECENTLY DECEASED

Monsignor Colm McCaughan, Fr George McLaverty,  
Ethel Campbell

### ANNIVERSARIES

Frankie & Kitty Geddis, Bridie Gorman, Stephen Maguire,  
Ciara Catney, Margaret Magee, Susan Carty, Catherine &  
Thomas McDonnell, Catherine & Thomas Hanratty,  
Margaret Mary Quinn, Stan Smyth, Isabella Smith, Paul  
Smith



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25 December 2016

**Teeny Weenies** Baby & Toddler group for Parents/Grandparents & Carers. [Description](#) - We are a friendly group who meet in St Patricks Hall every Wednesday morning from 10am - 11.30am. During Term Time. We have lots of toys and space for the children to play.

**Diocese Of Down & Connor. Centenary Pilgrimage To Fatima C100th - 1917 / 2017** Led By The Most Reverend Noel Treanor D.D. Pilgrimage Directors Fr G. McCloskey P.P. Fr S. Gilmore P.P. For Further Information Contact Joe Catney 90714001 or 07776425631 **Early Booking is advisable** as seats are limited, Deposit Secures.

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**World Meeting of Families to be held in Dublin: 22-26 August 2018 - *The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World***

Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. Guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World", the event has at its heart three main moments. Firstly, from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August, a **three-day Congress** open to all, that will entail a joyful and reflective programme of workshops, talks and discussions centered on the main theme; an engaging and exciting programme for young people as well as faith and fun activities for children. This will be followed by a **Festival of Families** event on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August, comprising a special concert style event within a prayerful and joyful atmosphere, in which personal stories of faith will be shared by families representing the five continents of the world. WMOF2018 will close with a **solemn Eucharistic Celebration** on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August, that will gather thousands of people from Ireland and all over the world.

WMOF2018 will include exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances, events around the city, gestures of solidarity with those in need, celebrations and much more.

The main events of the WMOF2018 will take place in Dublin, at a large conference venue as well as in other venues in and around the city. It is also anticipated that related events, including the hosting of international groups, will take place all over the island of Ireland. All official events will be ticketed. A programme of **catechesis** will be launched in Spring 2017 as part of the preparation for this important and joyful international event, as well as a call to volunteers to welcome and host our national and international guests.

Sign up to be kept informed

<http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/contact/newsletter-request/>

Follow <https://www.facebook.com/wmof2018/> and <https://twitter.com/WMOF2018>

## **LIVE CRIB IN BELFAST**

The Live Crib in in Belfast is now open in The Grotto of St Mary's Church featuring Joseph, Mary and the shepherds and the baby Jesus and three kings.. Also featuring, Henry and Poppy, the donkeys, goats, Emily, Buttercup, Daisy, Molly and Milly. sheep Sean and Larry and Alpacas Snowy and Bambi. The crib will run until 7th Jan '16, animals arrive at 10.30 a.m. and go home at 5 p.m. each day. Entrance is free. Donations (100%) to the crib will go towards Tuesday's Child Following Yonder Star Christmas Appeal for children in Gaza, Syria (Aleppo) and Kenya. There will be prayers each day in the crib at 3 p.m. for peace for every child, born and unborn. For further details available at [www.tuesdayschild.org.uk](http://www.tuesdayschild.org.uk) or text 07545 452362.

**Year 7 Pupils and Parents  
Open Morning in Our Lady & St Patrick's  
College, Knock  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
9.15am – 12.30pm  
Principal's Address 9.30am and 11.00am  
Prospective Year 13 students are also  
welcome**

## **The Emerald Ball at Titanic, Belfast**

The Emerald Ball will take place at Titanic, Belfast on the eve of St. Patrick's Day, 16<sup>th</sup> March. **The evening will commence with drinks at 7pm, to be followed by a sumptuous 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 and the young people who support them. Tickets are £60 each and available from the pilgrimage secretary, Sinead on 02890610477 or the Drumbo Parish office on 02890812238 . The Emerald Ball promises to be a highlight of the social calendar so be sure to reserve your tickets early.

**Trócaire** is hoping for the usual terrific support from parishioners for the **Trócaire Gifts and Christmas Appeal**. The gifts make a huge difference to the lives of families and communities in some of **the world's poorest countries and start from as little as 5 Euro (£4) for olive trees for Palestinian families. To find out more, buy a gift or make a donation log on to trocaire.org or call 0800 912 1200**

**SIGN UP** for 'Thought for the Month' or 'Dear Young People' (for youth), the new **Down and Connor E-Newsletter** for the Year of Mercy, by sending an email to: [events@downandconnor.org](mailto:events@downandconnor.org) or by visiting [www.downandconnor.org/press\\_office/e-newsletter/](http://www.downandconnor.org/press_office/e-newsletter/). Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

