



ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH

The Presentation of the Lord, Cycle A, 2 February 2014

ANNIVERSARY LISTING

Recently Deceased: Michael Byrne

Anniversaries: Ann Campbell, Mary Alice Magennis, Arthur Egan, Mary Murray, Lily Gavin

Mass and Confession Times

Sunday Mass

Saturday vigil at 6.30pm

Sunday at 10.00am and 12noon

Weekday Mass

Monday – Wednesday at 10.00am

Friday at 7.30pm

Saturday at 10.00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Before weekday Mass for ½ hour for the following intentions:

Monday for Peace, Tuesday for Families,

Wednesday for the Youth & Vocations,

Friday for those who are ill or sick.

Every Saturday 10.30am – 6.30pm

Confessions

After Saturday 10.00am Mass,

12noon – 1.00pm, and after Saturday Vigil Mass.

Frassati Club for Altar Servers meets

Monday 3rd February

from 6 to 7pm in Iona

Schola Cantorum – The boys from St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast conductor Nigel McClintock will be performing in St Philip & St James Church on **Friday 7th February 2014**. Tickets £5 (£2 concession) from the Parish Office 71 Church Road, Holywood 028 9042 3622. www.hollywoodparishchurch.co.uk

Serendipity singing group continues every **Wednesday** night in Saint Patrick's Hall, come along and join us!

The Centering Prayer Group continues on Wednesday 5th February at 7.30pm in Gartan.

Fr Peter O'Kane T:028 9042 2167

Office Hours: 10.00am-2.00pm Monday-Friday

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Website: www.parishofhollywood.org

BELFAST PIONEER REGION:

The **AGM** of the Belfast Pioneer Regional Council will take place in **Clonard Monastery at 3pm on Sunday 9th February**. All adult Pioneers are welcome to come along and have their say about Pioneer affairs within the Belfast Region. Please come along and help shape the future of the Belfast Pioneer Council

Christian Meditation After School Club for children in P5-P7 continues every **Wednesday from 3.10 to 4.15pm** in St Patrick's Hall. For more info call Joe on 07841102376



Children's Liturgy every Sunday 10.00am

Mass. Come and join the learning and fun up to P7.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

On **Saturday 8th of February at 10am** Mass will be offered for the deceased family and friends of parishioners. Members of Bethany Bereavement Support Group invite you to join them in celebrating this Mass and in Iona after for light refreshments.

St Paul's GAC: Sunday morning coaching for children aged six and upwards **begins again next Sunday, February 9 from 11am - 12pm**. Cost per child for the season is £15 and £2 subs are collected on Sunday mornings.

Registration forms are available from www.stpaulsgaa.com or by emailing John Monaghan at jmonaghan2609@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing all returning and new players.

Clonard-Faith & Friendship Group-Are you in your **30's,40's, 50's or over** , enjoy sharing/living your faith with others while making new friends. Interested in finding out more ? Why not come along to Clonard - on either Friday 7th Feb 7.00-8.00pm or Saturday 8th February 10.00-11.00am Clonard Monastery Belfast . Register your name/date by emailing faithtogether@clonard.com or text your name/ date your coming to 07842960198

World Day of the Sick The XXII Annual World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on 11th February 2014. Pope Francis is commending this World Day of the Sick to the intercession of Mary, so that she will help sick people to live their own suffering in communion with Jesus Christ. The theme for this world day is **Faith and Charity**. The Message of Pope Francis for the World Day of the Sick can be downloaded here:

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/sick/documents/papa-francesco_20131206_giornata-malato_en.html

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VOCATION WEEKENDS –

A Vocation Weekend **for Students**

and young men will take place in Drumalis

Retreat House, Larne on **February 14th – 16th 2014**. The Weekend is for anyone who is thinking about the possibility of a Vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life. Anyone interested should contact Fr. John Murray St. Michael's Presbytery, 200 Finaghy Road North, Belfast BT11 9EG (20890 913761) for further information.

You can also email Fr John at mail@frmurray.co.uk.

DISCERNING VOCATIONS – a retreat for young women who are considering their vocation in the Church – a look at married life, the single life, lay missionary work, the religious life, consecrated life in the world and the contemplative life. **Venue: Drumalis Retreat House**, Larne on **March 29th/30th 2014**. Cost: a donation is acceptable. If interested contact the Diocesan Vocation Director: Fr. John Murray at 90913761 or email: mail@frmurray.co.uk or also contact Mags Tierney at 07537414387 (text only) or magstierney08@gmail.com.

LOUGH DERG – ONE DAY RETREATS BEGIN ON SATURDAY 3RD MAY

The early days of the new year are a time of anticipation and contemplation on how the year will unfold. It is when we begin the planning - things to do, places to go, people to see. This year Lough Derg invites you to **'Come as you are . . . a quiet place and rest a while'**. Just as Jesus called his disciples away from the hustle and bustle surrounding them, the Sanctuary of St Patrick invites you to a sacred place apart to take time out for rest and renewal, allowing pilgrims to return to daily life with fresh hope and a new awareness for the journey ahead.

"Here I found an island of discovering and recovering" pilgrim friend Eugene

Email: info@loughderg.org Web: www.loughderg.org

May 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 24, 25 & 26

August 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30 & 31

September 2, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20 & 21

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE: Will be held in the **RDS Dublin on Saturday 22nd February**. Entrance Fee €30.00.

A bus will travel from Portaferry on Saturday 22nd Feb if we get enough numbers. Pick up at Newtownards.

Please contact Jean Byers 427 28781 or Una Popplewell 07934-995520. (Cost of bus and times to follow)

The **Legion of Mary in Bangor** invite you to a talk on **Saint Columbanus** on **Tuesday 4th February 2014** in St Comgall's Parish Centre, Brunswick Road at 7.30pm until 9.30pm. Tea & Coffee served. All welcome.

Apostolic Exhortation – Evangelii Gaudium – of our Holy Father Francis

Chapter 5: Personal encounter with the saving love of Jesus

264. The primary reason for evangelizing is the love of Jesus which we have received, the experience of salvation which urges us to ever greater love of him. What kind of love would not feel the need to speak of the beloved, to point him out, to make him known? If we do not feel an intense desire to share this love, we need to pray insistently that he will once more touch our hearts. We need to implore his grace daily, asking him to open our cold hearts and shake up our lukewarm and superficial existence. Standing before him with open hearts, letting him look at us, we see that gaze of love which Nathaniel glimpsed on the day when Jesus said to him: "I saw you under the fig tree" (*Jn* 1:48). How good it is to stand before a crucifix, or on our knees before the Blessed Sacrament, and simply to be in his presence! How much good it does us when he once more touches our lives and impels us to share his new life! What then happens is that "we speak of what we have seen and heard" (*1 Jn* 1:3). The best incentive for sharing the Gospel comes from contemplating it with love, lingering over its pages and reading it with the heart. If we approach it in this way, its beauty will amaze and constantly excite us. But if this is to come about, we need to recover a contemplative spirit which can help us to realize ever anew that we have been entrusted with a treasure which makes us more human and helps us to lead a new life. There is nothing more precious which we can give to others.

265. Jesus' whole life, his way of dealing with the poor, his actions, his integrity, his simple daily acts of generosity, and finally his complete self-giving, is precious and reveals the mystery of his divine life. Whenever we encounter this anew, we become convinced that it is exactly what others need, even though they may not recognize it: "What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you" (*Acts* 17:23). Sometimes we lose our enthusiasm for mission because we forget that the Gospel responds to our deepest needs, since we were created for what the Gospel offers us: friendship with Jesus and love of our brothers and sisters. If we succeed in expressing adequately and with beauty the essential content of the Gospel, surely this message will speak to the deepest yearnings of people's hearts: "The missionary is convinced that, through the working of the Spirit, there already exists in individuals and peoples an expectation, even if an unconscious one, of knowing the truth about God, about man, and about how we are to be set free from sin and death. The missionary's enthusiasm in proclaiming Christ comes from the conviction that he is responding to that expectation".^[208] Enthusiasm for evangelization is based on this conviction. We have a treasure of life and love which cannot deceive, and a message which cannot mislead or disappoint. It penetrates to the depths of our hearts, sustaining and ennobling us. It is a truth which is never out of date because it reaches that part of us which nothing else can reach. Our infinite sadness can only be cured by an infinite love.

full copy found on: www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/