



# ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH

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

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**Recently Deceased:** Sr Sally. **Anniversaries:** Bernie & Brian Greene, Mick McGeown, Frances Graham, Ellen Liddy, May O'Connor, Esther Hill, Ellen & Cecil Todd, Mary Kate Doherty, Terry Johnston, Bill Robinson, Margaret McNamara, Kathleen Bell, Mick Fealty.

## SUNDAY MASS

Saturday vigil Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10am & 12noon

## Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday at 9.30am

**10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - ASH WEDNESDAY** – ashes distributed

at **9.30am & 7.00pm MASS**  
**DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE**

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 ½hr.*



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** continues

on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**

All P1 – P7 children  
welcome to attend.

**HOLY HOUR** for all **P4** children preparing for First Communion takes place in Iona inside church porch from 6pm to 7pm on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**SERVICE OF LIGHT FOR ALL P7 CHILDREN PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION TAKES PLACE IN THE CHURCH THIS MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 7PM.**

## **The 'DOOR OF MERCY'**

A 'Pilgrim's Prayer Card' will be available at the Door of Mercy to guide the pilgrim on the 'Pilgrim's Way'

For those unable to go on this pilgrimage physically the housebound or those imprisoned, a 'virtual pilgrimage' is available online accessible via the Diocesan Website. [www.downandconnor.org](http://www.downandconnor.org) and choose the Year of Mercy icon.

**Link to the Online tour** of St. Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast.

**Pilgrim's journey of St. Patrick's Church, Belfast**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4LuNl9AAQuA>

## **VISITS TO THE HOLY DOOR**

**The Parish Pastoral Council** plan to organise monthly visits during the Year of Mercy to St Patrick's Church, Donegal Street and to Clonard for the elderly and housebound parishioners.

The first visit will be on **26<sup>th</sup> February.**

Leave your details in the parish office during office hours 10.00am to 2.00pm.

The **MARIAN PRAYER GROUP** will be restarting again on Monday mornings after the 9.30am Mass in the Church. The Rosary is recited and a reading from the Marian Blue Book will be read. All welcome.

## **PARISH MINISTRY**

You are invited to take part in parish ministry as a **Reader or the Word** or as a **Eucharistic Minister.** Some training will be given. You may wish to join the Vigil Mass choir (practice on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm)

**Male members** are particularly needed or join the Folk choir as a singer or musician.

You may be prepared to commit to one hour of **Eucharistic Adoration** on **Saturdays** especially between 11.00am-12noon or from 4.00-5.00pm. If you are interested please give your name to a member of the Parish Pastoral Council after the Masses on the weekends of 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> February or else leave your name in to the parish office during office hours.

## **SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH HALL**

In December 2015 a new regulation came into effect in relation to 'Internal Oil Fuel Boilers' within public properties and the Diocese undertook to survey all existing parish centres, ours included. It was found that our internal oil fuel boiler does not meet the new Health & Safety Regulations and we have been advised to close the larger of the halls in the Parish Hall with immediate effect until all regulations are met. Unfortunately this will mean for the foreseeable future that all activities and groups using the larger hall will have to look for other accommodation while we assess the next step forward that we as a Parish will take.

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year 7 February 2016

## MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY

Precious Life will be holding a prayer vigil and peaceful protest at the main gates of Stormont on at 7pm.

Please join us in prayer.

**Abortion Threat to Northern Ireland** – a proposed amendment to change the law on abortion in cases of fatal fetal abnormality and rape/incest will be put forward for consideration in the NI Assembly on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. We are asking for your urgent prayers for this intention. For further information, please contact Precious Life on (028) 90278484 or [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

## WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

**Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre Crossgar** – a day of prayer in solidarity with those who have lost loved ones through suicide will be held in Tobar Mhuire on Ash Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February. The day begins with an opening prayer service at 10am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. An evening Prayer Service at 7.30pm will be addressed by Philip McTaggart, founder of PIPS, who lost his son through suicide. All welcome. For further details please call the Secretary on 02844 830242

## FRIDAY 19 – SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY

The "Door of Mercy" has been opened in this Jubilee Year of Mercy! Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to be His ambassador of mercy as a priest in the Church? If so, why not take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood? This retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's call in your life. The retreat will take place in **Drumalis Retreat Centre**. If you wish to attend this retreat or would like further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien, 23 Hannahstown Hill, Belfast, BT17 0LT (02890614567) Email: [kevinmcguckien@hotmail.com](mailto:kevinmcguckien@hotmail.com).

## SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY & SATURDAY 12 MARCH Lenten Retreat Days in Dromantine.

Dromantine is offering two retreat days during Lent. These will provide an opportunity to reflect and pray in the peaceful environment of Dromantine on important themes of Lent, and to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. - Conducted by Fr. Aodhán McCrystal, SMA

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> March – Conducted by Fr. Des Corrigan, SMA

Time 10 AM – 5PM All are welcome Bookings to:

(028)30821964. E: [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

[www.dromantineconference.com](http://www.dromantineconference.com) Newry, BT34 1RH

## SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY

*Take Off Your Shoes* – gentle prayer & reflection led by Breige O'Hare from 11am to 3pm. See God in old places. Meet him in new ways. Donation £5, bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Booking essential. For more info contact Clonard 028 9044 5950 or Breige T:07565502662

## MONDAY 14 MARCH or FRIDAY 18 MARCH

The **Marie Curie Helper Service** is provided by trained volunteers who offer one-to-one support to people with a terminal illness (cancer and other illnesses), completely free of charge. This is a non-clinical Volunteering opportunity for people in your area. We are looking for individuals who are very flexible with regard to their availability i.e. willing to *provide cover for existing volunteers* who are temporarily unavailable as and when necessary OR willing to undertake assessments OR, when necessary, commit to a maximum of three hours a week. We will be running Information Sessions in Marie Curie Centre, 1a Kensington Road, Belfast Monday 14 March at 2pm or Friday 18 March at 10am. Contact Joy Spreadborough for more information: Marie Curie Helper Service N.Ireland Tel: 028 9088 2078 or 0845 302 4851 Email: [joy.spreadborough@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:joy.spreadborough@mariecurie.org.uk) Marie Curie Volunteer Centre :0845 305 2191

## THURSDAY 17 MARCH

### St. Patrick's Day Charity Dinner Dance and Concert with 'The Priests'

St. Patrick's Parish is delighted to announce a spectacular Dinner and Dance Event to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and raise much-needed funds for the Church's Stone Restoration Fund. The Parish will host a Dinner Dance in Titanic, Belfast. The evening will commence at 7pm with a drinks reception. This will be followed by a sumptuous three-course meal at 8pm. Internationally renowned singing trio 'The Priests' will give an after-dinner concert. Guests can then dance the night away to swing sensation 'Dave Martin and the Casino Cats'. Tickets are priced at £60 each. Tickets are available from the Church Sacristy after Masses and the Parish Office, Monday to Thursday 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm or by contacting the parish by phone: 028 90324597 or by E: [stpatricks@downandconnor.org](mailto:stpatricks@downandconnor.org)

## FRIDAY 27 MAY to WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2016

NI Cancer Pilgrimage To Lourdes - The price of £599 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) will include: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, operated by JWT License T.O. 052. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/treble rooms. Mrs Jean Clarke, Hon. Secretary, c/o Drumbo & Carryduff Parish, 6 Knockbracken Drive, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8EX, or speak to us on Tel. 07516759646, Chairman:- Dr Seamus McAleer, Spiritual Directors: Rev. Dermot McCaughan, Fr. Adrian Eastwood, Fr. Andrew Black or e-mail at:- [mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto:mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk)

Please note the concert by **Bjorn Identity** (Ireland's best loved ABBA tribute band) which was due to take place in St Patrick's Hall, Church View, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm will now take place in **Hollywood Football Club, High Street instead**. Tickets cost £15 and are available from Gary's Barber Shop, High Street.

**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/). The E-Newsletter will be delivered on the last Friday of each month and will contain a short quote from Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy. Parishioners can also follow the Diocese on Facebook and Twitter.