



ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH

ANNIVERSARY LISTING

The Baptism of the Lord, Cycle A, 12 January 2014

Recently Deceased: Frances Kelly, William Eccles (Bangor)

Anniversaries: Harold Lismore, Alan Frost, Edward Francis & John Ferry, Patrick McCoy, Dermot O'Connor, Claire Burke, George Thompson, John & James Montague, Sarah Boyle, Charles Brady, Isabella Smith, Kay McKeown, Edith Gavin, Baby Olivia Lang, James McIlroy.

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.

Please note the **Holy Hour for Children preparing for First Communion** has been postponed from Monday 13th January and **will now take place on Monday 20th January** from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

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

Child protection training will take place in Gartan (2B My Lady's Mile) on Thursday 16th Jan at 7pm.

The Centering Prayer Group continues on Wednesday 15th January 2014 at 7.30pm in Gartan.

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

Diocese of Down & Connor Safeguarding Office

'working together to safeguard children, young people & vulnerable adults' Good Shepherd Ctr, 511 Ormeau Rd, Belfast, BT7 3GS Diocesan Designated Officer – Andy Thompson T:9049-2798

St Columbanus' College - Would like to invite all P7 pupils and their parents to our **Annual Open Evening.**

Tuesday 14th January 2014 From 7.00pm to 9.00pm
The Principal's Address will take place at 7.00pm and 8.00pm

The Black Santa Collection which was organized by all the Churches in Holywood came to £1463-61. Many thanks to all the parishioners who contributed to this wonderful donation which will be given towards the Black Santa Appeal in Belfast and distributed to local charities and Christian Aid.

LIVING YOUTH – Music Ministry Days

We are organising two Music Ministry Days in the Diocese led by DCF. If you are in a folk group or a choir or would like to start a folk group why not come along to one of the seminars where you will have a chance to meet other singers and musicians who are also interested in folk music. You can learn some new music from recent folk weekends and you will have an opportunity to discuss music ministry and how to attract new members.

Saturday 1st February 2014 – Newcastle (Parish of Maghera); **Saturday 8th March 2014** – Ballymena

For further information please check out our website www.livingyouthni.org or go to our facebook page.

The St Vincent de Paul - Would like to thank all the parishioners for their most generous response to our Christmas Appeal which amounted to £7,700 of which £6,100 was Gift Aided meaning that in due course we will receive an additional £1,525 from the Revenue. Many thanks to all the parishioners who donated toys, and to the pupils, teachers and Parent Teacher Committee who donated food hampers via St Patrick's Primary School and Sullivan Upper School.

4 Corners Festival, Bringing Belfast Together - 15th January -1st February 2014

The Festival consists of innovative events during and around the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. These events are designed to entice people out of their own 'corners' and into new places where they will encounter new perspectives. First of four evenings, **JANUARY 19th @7pm** – The Psychology Of Peace in The Sermon On The Mount with Roddy Cowie in **Fitzroy Presbyterian Church**, University Street. For full programme and others details see <http://www.4cornersfestival.com/>

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VOCATION WEEKEND – 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.

St. Agnes' Choral Society is delighted to announce that it will be performing the much loved classic 'Hello, Dolly!' in the Grand Opera House, Wed. 26th February – Sat. 1st March 2014. Tickets can be booked by phoning 028 90 241 919 or online at www.goh.co.uk

The **Story of Fatima** will be presented, in Sr Lucia's own words, delivered by Fr Michael Maher in St Oliver Plunkett Church on **Wednesday 15th January** from 7.30pm-8.30pm. All welcome; tea and coffee & biscuits. Fr Maher is a member of the Marist Fathers, of The Society of Mary, Dundalk.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group – More volunteers are needed to help with this work in the Parish. If you are interested in becoming involved then please leave your name and contact details in the Parish office. More information about Bethany can be found at www.bethany.ie

Apostolic Exhortation – Evangelii Gaudium – of our Holy Father Francis

Chapter 5, Section I: Spirit-filled Evangelizers

Paragraph 4. The books of the Old Testament predicted that the joy of salvation would abound in messianic times. The prophet Isaiah exultantly salutes the awaited Messiah: "You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy" (9:3). He exhorts those who dwell on Zion to go forth to meet him with song: "Shout aloud and sing for joy!" (12:6). The prophet tells those who have already seen him from afar to bring the message to others: "Get you up to a high mountain, O herald of good tidings to Zion; lift up your voice with strength, O herald of good tidings to Jerusalem" (40:9). All creation shares in the joy of salvation: "Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth! Break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones" (49:13)... Perhaps the most exciting invitation is that of the prophet Zephaniah, who presents God with his people in the midst of a celebration overflowing with the joy of salvation. I find it thrilling to reread this text: "The Lord, your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives you the victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing, as on a day of festival" (3:17).

Paragraph 7. Sometimes we are tempted to find excuses and complain, acting as if we could only be happy if a thousand conditions were met. To some extent this is because our "technological society has succeeded in multiplying occasions of pleasure, yet has found it very difficult to engender joy". I can say that the most beautiful and natural expressions of joy which I have seen in my life were in poor people who had little to hold on to. I also think of the real joy shown by others who, even amid pressing professional obligations, were able to preserve, in detachment and simplicity, a heart full of faith. In their own way, all these instances of joy flow from the infinite love of God, who has revealed himself to us in Jesus Christ. I never tire of repeating those words of Benedict XVI which take us to the very heart of the Gospel: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction".

Paragraph 8. Thanks solely to this encounter – or renewed encounter – with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being. Here we find the source and inspiration of all our efforts at evangelization. For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?

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

NEWS SNIPPETS – STUDENTS - OUT AND ABOUT IN BELFAST!



Catholic Chaplaincy Trust Cafe offers freshly made sandwiches, hearty vegetable soup & 'hot from the oven' crispy rolls to nourish the students as they go about their studies. (In the near future we will be adding in a hot meal of the day, a proper home-cooked meal). The beauty of the café is that there are no prices, we simply trust the students to donate what they can, no questions asked. With queues reaching around the café and a multitude of comments from students saying how much they are loving the new chaplaincy "vibe", we are already assured that this was a great new venture to undertake.