

ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH

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Recently Deceased: Canon Gerard Timoney, Mary Mulholland, Fr Colm Campbell **Anniversaries:** Betty McDaid, Mary & Jim Lucey, Gerry O'Reilly, Etta McWilliams, Derick McFarland, Oliver Napier, George & Rita Logan, Francis Smiley, James Armstrong, George Smith, Claire Johnston, Ted McConnell.

Sunday Mass

Saturday vigil at 6.30pm

Sunday at 10.00am and 12noon

Weekday Mass

Monday to Thursday at 9.30am

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 ½ hour for the following intentions:

Monday for Peace, Tuesday for Families,

Wednesday for the Youth & Vocations,

Thursday for all the Marginalised, the Poor and Needy

Friday for those who are ill or sick.

Confessions: Available before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptisms: By appointment. At least 3 wks notice to be given.

Marriage: By appointment



Children's Liturgy

is finished until the beginning of the school term in September 2015.

Many thanks to all the leaders and volunteers, we hope you have a lovely summer break.

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**The Folk Group** will be back in September and we thank everyone for their support over the years.

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I want to thank you all very much for giving me such a lovely surprise farewell evening. I am completely overwhelmed with your generosity and thoughtfulness. I really had a wonderful night and thank you all so much. Ann Moore

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**Centering Prayer** will restart on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8.00pm** in Gartan. All welcome.

Fr Stephen would like to thank all those who helped in any way in the preparation of the church and all those who participated in the recording of the Songs of Praise programme over last weekend. It was a resounding success!

Many hours of preparation went in to this event, no less so than the time and effort of Dr Gregory Skibinski, and our Choir in giving their time voluntarily in the weeks leading up to the weekend in the rehearsal of the hymns. Our Choir was made up of the Vigil Choir, the Folk Group, parishioners & other individual members of other churches in Holywood.

Fr Stephen would like to acknowledge the choir for all their hard work and thank the many parishioners who participated on the day which resulted in a fabulous musical collaboration together with 2 other outside choirs all under the direction of John Anderson.

The BBC were very impressed with the sound recorded and the interior beauty of our church. With the skill of their camera technicians, they were able to work their magic and the church was seen at its best with camera angles. The hymns recorded will be used in a 'bank of hymns' that the Songs of Praise Production Team will use when needed throughout their new series. We will let you know when the recording will be aired prior to the dates.

## **Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

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. For more information or to register interest in the next training session which begins in September, please contact Claire Dowds, Good Shepherd Centre, 511 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GS.

☎ 07557882183, Email: bethanybereavementni@gmail.com

There will be **1** further bulletin at the beginning of August on the following date: **1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup> August**. All notices still need to be in the parish office by the preceding Wednesday.

The **APOSTOLIC WORKS** will recommence in September. We are very grateful for all your support over the year.

## **Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season**

*Advance booking is essential.* The Three Day Pilgrimage season began on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. You can begin the Three Day Pilgrimage any day between 29<sup>th</sup> May and 13<sup>th</sup> August. Pre-booking not required. Contact Lough Derg 00 353 71 9861518 or email. [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

St Vincent de Paul, thank you for all the support and good-will shown to them during their appeals throughout the year. New members welcome.

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14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

5<sup>th</sup> July 2015

## Tobar Mhuire Annual Summer

**Institute:** Programmes as follows, for costing contact directly.

**Your Journey with Focusing** – from 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July, Residential or Non-Residential, facilitated by Rev Pat Duffy CP (Certifying Focusing Co-ordinator with the Focusing Institute, New York) and Margaret Webb (Focusing Professional/Trainer with the Focusing Institute, New York).

Contact Tobar Mhuire T: 0284483044

Email: [secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com](mailto:secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com)

**Are you suffering the pain of loss?** Looking for help and understanding? Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets every Wednesday from 8pm to 10pm in St Bride's Hall, 38, Derryvolgie Avenue, Malone Rd, Belfast. **Support group every Wednesday Residential Weekend:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne. Application forms available on request. For further information please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07542070835

Age NI Advice Service - **0808 808 7575** Age NI Personal Alarm - [www.ageni.org/alarms](http://www.ageni.org/alarms) / [www.ageni.org/mylifemyway](http://www.ageni.org/mylifemyway)

**DOWN AND CONNOR E-NEWSLETTER, SIGN UP TODAY !! Get all the latest news by sending an email to:**

[events@downandconnor.org](mailto:events@downandconnor.org) The E-Newsletter aims to give an update on news and events in the Diocese.

Parishioners can also follow the Diocese on Facebook & Twitter.

## Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* of The Holy Father **Francis on** - Care For Our Common Home

### *My Appeal*

15. It is my hope that this Encyclical Letter, which is now added to the body of the Church's social teaching, can help us to acknowledge the appeal, immensity and urgency of the challenge we face. I will begin by briefly reviewing several aspects of the present ecological crisis, with the aim of drawing on the results of the best scientific research available today, letting them touch us deeply and provide a concrete foundation for the ethical and spiritual itinerary that follows. I will then consider some principles drawn from the Judaeo-Christian tradition which can render our commitment to the environment more coherent. I will then attempt to get to the roots of the present situation, so as to consider not only its symptoms but also its deepest causes. This will help to provide an approach to ecology which respects our unique place as human beings in this world and our relationship to our surroundings. In light of this reflection, I will advance some broader proposals for dialogue and action which would involve each of us as individuals, and also affect international policy. Finally, convinced as I am that change is impossible without motivation and a process of education, I will offer some inspired guidelines for human development to be found in the treasure of Christian spiritual experience.....

### **I. POLLUTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

#### *Pollution, waste and the throwaway culture*

20. Some forms of pollution are part of people's daily experience. Exposure to atmospheric pollutants produces a broad spectrum of health hazards, especially for the poor, and causes millions of premature deaths. People take sick, for example, from breathing high levels of smoke from fuels used in cooking or heating. There is also pollution that affects everyone, caused by transport, industrial fumes, substances which contribute to the acidification of soil and water, fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and agrottoxins in general. Technology, which, linked to business interests, is presented as the only way of solving these problems, in fact proves incapable of seeing the mysterious network of relations between things and so sometimes solves one problem only to create others.

21. Account must also be taken of the pollution produced by residue, including dangerous waste present in different areas. Each year hundreds of millions of tons of waste are generated, much of it non-biodegradable, highly toxic and radioactive, from homes and businesses, from construction and demolition sites, from clinical, electronic and industrial sources. The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish. Industrial waste and chemical products utilized in cities and agricultural areas can lead to bioaccumulation in the organisms of the local population, even when levels of toxins in those places are low. Frequently no measures are taken until after people's health has been irreversibly affected.

22. These problems are closely linked to a throwaway culture which affects the excluded just as it quickly reduces things to rubbish. To cite one example, most of the paper we produce is thrown away and not recycled. It is hard for us to accept that the way natural ecosystems work is exemplary: plants synthesize nutrients which feed herbivores; these in turn become food for carnivores, which produce significant quantities of organic waste which give rise to new generations of plants. But our industrial system, at the end of its cycle of production and consumption, has not developed the capacity to absorb and reuse waste and by-products. We have not yet managed to adopt a circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present and future generations, while limiting as much as possible the use of non-renewable resources, moderating their consumption, maximizing their efficient use, reusing and recycling them... (in part ...for the full document go on to the following website [www.vatican.va/](http://www.vatican.va/))