



ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH

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

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Recently Deceased: Breda Slocombe, Adrian Ismay, Maureen Armstrong, Norma Dattles, Kathleen Connolly
Anniversaries: Alice Churchman, Phyllis Giles, Tom Ferguson, Derek Wood, David Howes, Susannah Lennox, Kathleen James, Kathleen Wiles, Kathleen Brennan, Josephine Brennan, William Riddle

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES - 2016



PALM SUNDAY 20th MARCH

Saturday Vigil at 6.30pm, Sunday at 10.00am and 12noon

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd March

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am – 9.30am
Mass at 9.30am

PENITENTIAL SERVICE WITH CONFESSION WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH at 7.30pm

HOLY THURSDAY 24th MARCH

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 9.00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm

Adoration at the Altar of Repose
concluding with Night Prayer at 10.15pm

GOOD FRIDAY 25th MARCH

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 10.00am

A day of fast and abstinence

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm

Night Prayer at 9.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 26th MARCH

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 10.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm – 7.00pm

EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY 26th MARCH AT 7.00PM

EASTER SUNDAY 27th MARCH

Mass at 10.00am and 12.00noon

Confessions available before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism by appointment. Marriage by appointment.

METAL CROSS ATTACHED TO CHURCH TOWER

Fr Stephen has rescued the Metal Cross from lying in a corner of the basement and has put it in a prominent place attached to the tower.

This cross is a original artwork which was part of the design of the liturgical artefacts of the church.

ST ANTHONY'S STATUE

A new petition and donation box has been placed beside St Anthony's Statue by the request of those who attend the St Anthony's Novena Mass on Tuesdays. It was made possible by a private donation.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY continues on **Sunday 20th March.** All P1 – P7 children welcome to attend.

We will be breaking for Easter Holidays and returning on Sunday 10th April.

Centering Prayer will be resuming on Wednesday 6th April at 8pm in Iona. (Room to the right in the porch of the Church)

Folk Group Practice on Monday 21st March
New members welcome!



ANNUAL EASTER TROCAIRE BALLOT

On sale in the porch this weekend. The Ballot will be drawn after 12noon Mass. Easter Baskets, Prizes galore! Cost £1 All proceeds to Trocaire.

A MISSIONARY GROUP FROM BETHLEHEM in the Holy Land will visit St Colmcille's parish this weekend **Palm Sunday** to sell religious articles made out of olive wood to help and support the poor Christians families.

ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS Will take place again this year on GOOD FRIDAY, 25th March at 12noon starting at Redburn Community Centre and will stopping with us (at St Colmcille's Church) approximately at 12.15pm.

The group will walk through Holywood stopping at all the Christian Churches we will be reading a passage of scripture and reflecting on a short prayer. We will finish by 1.00pm at the Bangor Road Presbyterian Church. This is a beautiful witness and all families are welcome.

EASTER FLOWERS COLLECTION on Easter Weekend Sunday Masses 26/ 27th March 2016

Penitential Services for Easter in our Vicariate
Sun 20 Mar: Ballygalget 6pm.
Portaferry 7.30pm.
Mon 21 Mar: Bangor 7.30pm.
Tues 22 Mar: Newtownards 7.30pm.
Wed 23 Mar: Holywood 7.30pm.

New Parish Envelopes will be ready for collection from next weekend at all the Masses in IONA.



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PALM SUNDAY

20 March 2016

FRIDAY 25 MARCH

Year of Mercy Good Friday Falls/Shankill Walk – beginning at 4.45pm outside Clonard Church and finishing there through Clonard's Holy Door at 6.00pm. Join with others in marking this special Year of Mercy with the 13th Annual Good Friday Prayer Walk. All are welcome! Contact Ed Petersen in Clonard for more details (Tel. 90445950).

Interested in Adoption?

Family Care Society specialises in finding forever families for children aged 3 years old and upwards and for brothers and sisters. This year we have successfully placed more brothers and sisters together and half of them were over the age of 3. Many more children need forever families. Could you be their new family? We are also seeking families who would be interested in becoming concurrent carers for babies under 2 years old. If you would like to talk to one of our specialist adoption practitioners please contact: Rachael at our Belfast office – Tel: 028 90691133 Julie or Brian at our Derry office –Tel: 028 71368592 Email: email@familycaresociety.org Website: www.familycaresociety.co.uk We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES. Fri 27 May to Wed 1 June 2016

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.

Travel insurance cover for persons up to 85 years on date of return.

The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff.

To enquire or to obtain a booking form please contact:- Mrs Jean Clarke, Hon. Secretary, c/o Drumbo & Carryduff Parish, 6 Knockbracken Drive, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8EX, or speak to us on Tel. 07516759646, or e-mail at:- mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk

Chairman:- Dr Seamus McAleer, Spiritual Directors: Rev. Dermot McCaughan, Fr. Adrian Eastwood, Fr. Andrew Black.

FRIDAY 29 APRIL

Cancer Fundraising Gala Night in the Culloden Hotel. In aid of **BRAINWAVES & MARIE CURIE**.

Black Tie Dinner Dance cost £45 per person (3 course dinner), tables in sets of 10 or 8.

Venue: The Stuart Suite, starting at 7.00pm.

Line Up: Magic by Rodd Hodd; Music by Rick & Ryan; DJ Set by Curtis McCosh, Auction by Leo Callow MBE.

This event is in memory of John Barklie.

Contact Jacinta in the parish office for more information.

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 or by visiting www.downandconnor.org/press_office/e-newsletter/. Parishioners can also follow the Diocese on Facebook and Twitter.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

On Good Friday Catholics throughout the world take up a collection to support Christians living in the Holy Land.

We are all aware of the horrific suffering of Christian communities in the region and throughout the Middle East.

Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, has written to bishops around the world regarding the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land: "The East whence comes our redemption ... there lie our roots; there lies our heart. The Christians in the Holy Land care for the places marked by the passage of Jesus himself, allowing us to touch, as it were, the truth of our faith. This land challenges our charity, as it always has, yet today with a growing urgency. In this Jubilee Year we are urged more than ever to demonstrate our mercy and solicitude for our brothers in the Middle East. Refugees, displaced persons, the elderly, children and the sick are all in need of our help. We cannot remain indifferent: The collection for the Holy Land is destined for Israel, the Palestinian Territories, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Cyprus, Egypt, Ethiopia and Eritrea, Turkey, Iran and Iraq".

Yours in Christ, Bishop Noel Treanor

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS *Vatican Basilica Friday, 4 March 2016*

....May our words be those of the disciples who, echoing Jesus, said to Bartimaeus: "Take heart; rise, he is calling you" (Mk 10:49). We have been sent to inspire courage, to support and to lead others to Jesus. Our ministry is one of accompaniment, so that the encounter with the Lord may be personal and intimate, and the heart may open itself to the Saviour in honesty and without fear. May we not forget: it is God alone who is at work in every person. In the Gospel it is he who stops and speaks to the blind man; it is he who orders the man to be brought to him, and who listens to him and heals him. We have been chosen, as Pastors, to awaken the desire for conversion, to be instruments that facilitate this encounter, to stretch out our hand and to absolve, thus making his mercy visible and effective. May every man and woman who comes to confession find a father; a father who is waiting, a Father who forgives.

The conclusion of the Gospel story is significant: Bartimaeus "immediately received his sight and followed him on the way" (v. 52). When we draw near to Jesus, we too see once more the light which enables us to look to the future with confidence. We find anew the strength and the courage to set out on the way. "Those who believe, see" (*Lumen Fidei*, 1) and they go forth in hope, because they know that the Lord is present, that he is sustaining and guiding them. Let us follow him, as faithful disciples, so that we can lead all those we encounter to experience the joy of his love. And after the Father's embrace, the Father's forgiveness, let us celebrate in our hearts! For the Lord himself celebrates!

(in part - go to www.vatican.va)