

ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday vigil Mass:

6.30pm

Sunday:

10am & 12noon

Weekday Masses

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
during Mass

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### **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Every Saturday**

**10.00am – 5.00pm**

*And before weekday Mass  
for ½hr*

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Baptism by appointment.

Marriage by appointment.

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**Feast Days** highlighted this week  
in the Diocesan Directory Calendar:

7<sup>th</sup> March: St Perpetua & Felicity

8<sup>th</sup> March: St John of God

9<sup>th</sup> March: St Frances of Rome

[www.bestlentever.com](http://www.bestlentever.com)

We all know the things that make us  
happy, but we don't always do them.

Lent is an opportunity to change that.

This year we invite you to do something  
different.

Sign up for Best Lent Ever, a **FREE**,  
video-based email programme featuring  
internationally acclaimed speaker  
and *New York Times* bestselling author  
Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to  
Easter Sunday, Matthew will help you  
identify what stands between you and  
happiness . . . and what to do about it.  
Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

**Altar Servers Club meets this Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 6 to 7pm in Iona**

## **LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

### **Sunday afternoons from 5.00 -5.30pm beginning 5<sup>th</sup> March**

to give the opportunity for families to attend.

The Way of the Cross is meant to help us to cling to the wood of Christ's cross  
through the seas of life.

It is not merely a sentimental popular devotion; rather it expresses the  
core of the Christian experience;

'If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and  
take up his cross and follow me'

## **Robert Barron's Catholicism DVD Series : The Pivotal Players**

Following on from the success of Fr Barron's 'Catholicism' series join us for  
the new series which focuses on key figures in the life of the church  
(St Francis, St Thomas Aquinas, Blessed John Henry Newman,  
St Catherine of Siena, GK Chesterton, Michelangelo.) 3 episodes will be  
screened during Lent (8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March) at 7.30pm in Iona and 3  
episodes after Easter. Each episode is standalone and lasts 50-60 minutes.

The first episode focuses on St Francis so please join us in Iona  
(inside church porch) this Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm for a cuppa and  
a chance to learn more about this great saint.

## **FR ANDREW BLACK'S INTERVIEW WITH SHALOM WORLD TV**

a fascinating interview with Fr Andrew as he talks about his own faith journey  
and his path to priesthood can now be accessed online at

<https://youtu.be/ixfuw7LhL6s>

## **WWW.CUANMHUIRE.IE**

**SISTER CONSILIO AND THE STAFF AND RESIDENTS OF  
CUAN MHUIRE, NEWRY, WISH TO THANK EVERYONE WHO DONATED  
TO THE RECENT COLLECTION.**

**A TOTAL OF £1378 WAS RAISED**

## **NASCA COMMUNITY FESTIVAL IN HOLYWOOD LIBRARY, 7-10 MARCH**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Gaelic Song with Rút Ni Bhléine;

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm 'Social Media & the Irish Language' talk (in  
English) by Dr Gráinne Ní Ghilín;

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm: Children's storytelling show 'The Shoemaker'  
Bilingual show by Children's Theatre Company, Ababú.

## **'FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE'**

### **Inaugural Conference of The Iona Institute Northern Ireland**

**Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 9.30 am - 1.30 pm (Free admission)**

**St Brides Parish hall- Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast**

**Keynote Speakers : Archbishop Eamon Martin & Baroness Nuala O'Loan.**

**To register: Please email [info@ionainstitute.ie](mailto:info@ionainstitute.ie) or  
phone 00 353 1 661 9204**



## **REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Marie Leavey (Bangor)**

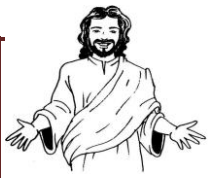
**MONTH'S MIND**

**Bridie Hanratty**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Arthur Bintley, Bena Hanratty, John Nixon, Liam McAleese  
Patrick & Hanna Magee, John O'Flaherty, Teresa Moynes,  
Marie Stewart, Pauline McCausland,**





1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

5 March 2017

### **Centenary Pilgrimage to Fatima 1917-2017**

led by Bishop Noel Treanor

Option One: 25 July – 03 August (9 nights) via Santiago de Compostela. 3 nights Half Board at Hotel Los Abetos, 6 nights Full Board at Avenida, Fatima Total Cost £709.00 Option Two: 27 July-03 August (7 nights) Full Board at Avenida, Fatima Total Cost £659.

For more information, please contact Joe Catney on 02890 714001 or 077 7642 5631

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017**

**Full board in 3\* hotel: 7 nights (10-17 July) for £675 or 5 Nights (11-16 July) for £590.**

**Full board for sick or infirm pilgrims with medical and nursing care in Accueil Notre-Dame: 5 Nights (11-16 July) for £490.**

**Youth Team (8-17 July) £550. All flights from Belfast Int'l Airport. Applications forms now available from the Parish office or for further information contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9064 6040 or email:**

[Lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:Lourdes@downandconnor.org)

### **POPE FRANCIS: LENT IS A TIME TO START BREATHING AGAIN**

The Holy Father began his homily for the beginning of Lent with the words of the prophet Joel, from the first Reading: "Return to me with all your heart... Return to the Lord." These words, the Pope said, apply to everyone, and exclude no one; "we all want to return to the merciful heart of the Father."

Lent, the Pope said, is a path that "leads to the triumph of mercy over all that would crush us or reduce us to something unworthy of our dignity as God's children." The mark of ashes, received during the ceremony, reminds us of our origins, that we are dust – but, he said, it also reminds us that God breathed life into each of us. "The breath of God's life," he said, "saves us from this asphyxia that dampens our faith, cools our charity, and strangles every hope"

And so, Pope Francis concluded, "Lent is a time to start breathing again... the time to open our hearts to the breath of the One capable of turning our dust to humanity."

### **Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages:**

Airport Transfer and 7 nights B&B 279 Euros.

Tel: +353 1 4434510 or

email: [reservations@med-irish-centre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irish-centre.com)

### **Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock**

PTA is organising a Recycling Uniform Campaign during February and March. We would welcome clean items of uniform from parents and former pupils. Please leave uniforms to the College Reception. A 'Pop-up' Uniform

Sales Shop will be open in the College on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 11.00am -2.00pm

### **ACCORD NI NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**7pm – 9.30pm, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017** ACCORD NI CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE Curran House, Twin Spires Centre, 155 Northumberland Street, Belfast  
Tel: 90 339944 Email: [belfast@accordni.com](mailto:belfast@accordni.com)

### **Fr John Murray's Book Launch**

"Saints for the Journey" will take place on **Friday, 10 March 2017**. There will be a celebration of Mass with Bishop Anthony Farquhar at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick followed by the Book Launch at 8.15pm with refreshments served in the Presbytery.

### **Adoration Convent, 63 Falls Road, Belfast.**

**Open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm (except 1-2pm).**

**First Communion and Confirmation gifts are now available in our new convent shop. We also carry a range of rosaries, prayer cards, and Catholic books.**

**SPRED (Down & Connor)** is an independent organisation that promotes the spiritual and catechetical development of those with learning disabilities within the Diocese of Down and Connor. SPRED is looking to recruit a Director who will be responsible for the recruitment, training & development of our volunteers and will be accountable for forming and maintaining a strong and comprehensive network of community & Diocesan relationships in pursuit of the Organisation's mission and goals. For more info email [spreddc@gmail.com](mailto:spreddc@gmail.com)

**Invitation to a very special meeting in Hollywood Library Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 6.30pm to 7.45pm**

**Please be prepared to share your ideas on community issues and the part ROTARY can play in the betterment of the community**

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