

ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH

ANNIVERSARIES

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER 4th May 2014

Month's Mind: Kathleen Regan

Recently Deceased: Josie MCKinney (Canada), Kathleen Maguire (Lisnaskea)
Mollie Hanratty, Brendan Hanratty, Rosena & John McKeown,
Brian Longney, Anne Quinn, Dorothy Cooley.

**ENVELOPES STILL NEED
COLLECTION IN IONA**

Mass and Confession Times

<u>Sunday Mass</u>	<u>Weekday Mass</u>
Saturday vigil at 6.30pm	Monday – Wednesday at 10.00am
Sunday at 10.00am and 12noon	Friday at 7.30pm & Sat 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.

Parish Coffee Morning in St Patrick's Hall on **Sunday 18th May** from **11.00am to 12noon**. All proceeds in aid of Parish youth Fair Trade Group.

Serendipity Singing Group continues every Wednesday night in Saint Patrick's Hall, come along and join us!

Frassati Club for altar servers will meet in Iona on **Monday 12th May** from 6 to 7pm.

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Bethany Bereavement Support Group

On **Saturday 10th May at 10am** prayers will be offered for the deceased family and friends of parishioners. Members of Bethany Bereavement Support Group invite you to join them in celebrating this Mass and in Iona after for light refreshments.

From the Chaplin to the Deaf in Down & Connor Diocese.
If you or someone you know is Deaf and have not made yourself known to the Parish Priest, can I ask that you do so ASAP in order to allow me to create an up to date deaf register for our Diocese. I wish to ensure that all our deaf parishioners and families are receiving the pastoral services available within the Diocese. God Bless, Father Patrick Devlin Full-Time Chaplin to the Deaf.

PRECIOUS LIFE NOTIFICATION
Make your vote count for unborn children - we must ensure that our politicians represent the pro-life views of the vast majority of people here. To hear more on this most serious issue, there will be a public meeting in **Jury's Hotel Great Victoria St BELFAST** on **Wednesday 7th May@7:30pm**. For further information, contact **PRECIOUS LIFE (028) 9027 8484** or **info@preciouslife.com**

THIS YEAR WE ARE **CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST PATRICKS PRIMARY SCHOOL**. There will be an open evening organised by the present PTA in the school on **Wednesday 21st May 2014 from 4.30pm till 7pm**. All past and present pupils and staff are encouraged to attend. There will be refreshments and entertainment provided. We are looking for pictures, photos and stories about St Patricks across the decades. Anything of interest would be gratefully received. (Please note copies if possible as originals could be damaged). Please contact Tracey Jordan T:07746440910 or the chairperson of the PTA Denise Middleton T:07938984825



MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

If you would like to serve in one of these two Ministries please let Fr Peter know by Friday 9 May. A special invitation is given to the young people of the parish (those beginning Year 12 or above next September). A meeting for new Ministers of the Word will take place in 'Iona' (room off the church porch) on Monday 12 May from 7.30-8.30pm, and for Ministers of the Eucharist in 'Iona' on Monday 19 May from 7.30-8.30pm.
Tel: 028 9042 2167 or email: stcolmcilleshollywood@btconnect.com



Annual Le Chéile -Together Lecture

The new Vice Chancellor of St Mary's University, Twickenham, London, Dr Francis Campbell, will deliver a public lecture entitled: 'Faith and education in a pluralist world' in **St Mary's University College, Belfast, Tuesday 6 May at 7 pm**. Chair: The Most Rev. Richard Clarke, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. All welcome.



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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 recommencing Wednesday 30th April 2014.

Residential Weekend: Friday 17th – Sunday 19th October 2014 in Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne.

Application forms available on request.

For further information please contact Phil Tel: 02890 207645 or Marie Tel: 07542070835

Study - The Lord's Prayer

Last year a preliminary meeting was held on the study of The Lord's prayer that was well attended. However, the study did not proceed as we then ran the course on Theology of the Body.

We are considering doing this study in the Autumn.

The study is based around the information on the Lord's prayer in the Catechism (sections 578-599) in the would take 7 sessions. In order to proceed we would need 7 volunteers, to act as leader for one session each.

Study guides would be provided and the leaders would have a preliminary meeting to go through the material. If you are interested in leading one of the sessions then please leave your name and contact details with the Parish Office.



Spiritual Direction Training at Drumalis, Larne

Drumalis, in association with Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, Dublin, is delighted to offer a two-year Diploma in Spiritual Direction beginning in September 2014. Further details are available on the Manresa website, www.manresa.ie or from Drumalis - 028 28272196/28276455 (during office hours – Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm)

HOMILY OF POPE FRANCIS

St. Peter's Square Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday), 27 April 2014 (in part)

Saint [John XXIII](#) and Saint [John Paul II](#) were not afraid to look upon the wounds of Jesus, to touch his torn hands and his pierced side. They were not ashamed of the flesh of Christ, they were not scandalized by him, by his cross; they did not despise the flesh of their brother (cf. *Is* 58:7), because they saw Jesus in every person who suffers and struggles. These were two men of courage, filled with the *parrhesia* of the Holy Spirit, and they bore witness before the Church and the world to God's goodness and mercy.

They were priests, and bishops and popes of the twentieth century. They lived through the tragic events of that century, but they were not overwhelmed by them. For them, God was more powerful; faith was more powerful – faith in Jesus Christ the Redeemer of man and the Lord of history; the mercy of God, shown by those five wounds, was more powerful; and more powerful too was the closeness of Mary our Mother.

In these two men, who looked upon the wounds of Christ and bore witness to his mercy, there dwelt a *living hope* and an *indescribable and glorious joy* (*1 Pet* 1:3,8). The hope and the joy which the risen Christ bestows on his disciples, the hope and the joy which nothing and no one can take from them. The *hope and joy of Easter*, forged in the crucible of self-denial, self-emptying, utter identification with sinners, even to the point of disgust at the bitterness of that chalice. Such were the hope and the joy which these two holy popes had received as a gift from the risen Lord and which they in turn bestowed in abundance upon the People of God, meriting our eternal gratitude.

This hope and this joy were palpable in the *earliest community of believers*, in Jerusalem, as we have heard in the Acts of the Apostles (cf. 2:42-47). It was a community which *lived the heart of the Gospel*, love and mercy, in simplicity and fraternity.

Saint John XXIII showed an exquisite *openness to the Holy Spirit*. He let himself be led and he was for the Church a pastor, a servant-leader, guided by the Holy Spirit. This was his great service to the Church; for this reason I like to think of him as the *the pope of openness to the Holy Spirit*.

In his own service to the People of God, Saint John Paul II was *the pope of the family*. He himself once said that he wanted to be remembered as the pope of the family. I am particularly happy to point this out as we are in the process of *journeying with families towards the Synod on the family*. It is surely a journey which, from his place in heaven, he guides and sustains.