

ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH

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Recently Deceased: Kathleen Hutton **Anniversaries:** James McEvoy, Elizabeth Boyle, Peggy Kirkpatrick, John & Mary Fitzsimons, Issac McGovern, Pat Brady, James Walsh, Annie Walsh, Joseph McIlroy, Willie Duffy.

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



Children's Liturgy continues this weekend at **10am Mass** for all children from P1 to P7

CHRISTMAS CHARITY CAROL CONCERT **SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER at 7.00pm**

Proceeds to support Cancer Focus and St Vincent de Paul with 'SING FOR LIFE COMMUNITY CHOIR' and THE HOLYWOOD PLAYERS. Admission is free with a retiring collection. This evening is supported by Cancer Focus and Crescent Arts Centre. All ages welcome. Please come along and celebrate the music of Christmas. Refreshments will be served in IONA after.

A member of The Apostolic Works will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend and collecting back their envelopes which were given out last week. Thank you for generous support.

St Vincent de Paul - Senior Citizens dinner is being held on **7th December 2015** at Holywood Golf Club.

Tickets on sale after all masses this week in IONA.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline is T:07845-854671



St Vincent De Paul Christmas Cards will be on **SALE** at all the **Masses** every weekend up to early December in IONA. Also our **Christmas Gifts Appeal** for children from babies to teenagers (1month to 16years) a box will be in the porch for presents for children and teenagers. Many thanks for all your support!

FAIRTRADE WEEKEND

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 November
At all Masses in IONA



TROCAIRE GIFTS on Sale and Christmas Novelties and all our usual Fairtrade delights!

To mark the **1400th Anniversary of the Death of St. Columbanus** on **Monday 23rd November** there will be a Concelebrated Mass in St. Comgall's church, Brunswick Rd, Bangor **at 7.30pm**. The chief celebrant will be Bishop Anthony Farquhar and Bishop Denis Nulty of Kildare and Leighlin will be the preacher. This concludes the Year of St. Columbanus in Bangor Luxeuil and Bobbio. All will be most welcome.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

Throughout the month of November – the month in which we remember our dead relatives, friends and past parishioners - Fr Stephen will offer Mass each day with the intention of the Remembrance for the Dead.

Diocesan Refugee Support Initiative

There has been an incredibly generous response to the 'Funds for Food' Refugee Support Appeal across the Diocese. A big thank you to all who contributed and to all those who helped to take up the collections. The funds continue to be used by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul and Trócaire to provide immediate aid to people fleeing persecution and war in Syria and Iraq. Details of the total amount collected are being gathered and will be announced shortly.

There has also been a wonderful response to the appeal for clothes and other items that continue to be urgently needed. The Parish of St. Agnes on the Andersonstown Road in Belfast has generously allowed their Parish Centre to be used as a storage point. De Paul shops around the Diocese are continuing to take in any spare clothes and other goods you may wish to donate. Volunteers are also required to help sort out the clothes for distribution. If you have a few hours to spare and can help, please contact your local SVDP group.

The Diocese continues to work with officials in Stormont who are making arrangements for a group of some 50-100 refugees expected to arrive before Christmas. There is an urgent need for some good quality, low rent accommodation in the south Belfast area. If anyone can help in this regard, please contact Fr Bartlett at the Diocesan Office on 028 90776185. Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

Children's Liturgy is going to perform the **Nativity Play** during the **10am Mass on Sunday 13 December**. Any children interested in being a part of this should come to the following practices: Sunday 29 November & Sunday 6 December after 10am Mass. For more information contact Ann-Frances Quinn T: 07878-269337.

THE HOSPITAL VISITATION GROUP - If you have anyone who belongs to this parish in hospital & they would like a visit from a parish volunteer please let us know via the parish office T: 9042 2167 Monday-Friday 10.00am to 2.00pm. Giving the patient's name, hospital ward & hospital details.

Legion of Mary - Mass for Deceased Legionnaires on Friday 27th November at 7pm. Refreshments in IONA after.

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 22nd November 2015

LIVING YOUTH - Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia Team 2016: Following our successful Habitat for Humanity projects over the past three years Living Youth is recruiting for another youth team due to travel to Ethiopia next summer. Provisional dates: **8 - 22 August 2016**. Applicants should be **18 years or over** and all team members will be expected to contribute to the cost of the trip as well as engage in an extensive fundraising campaign. To register or get more information visit: www.habitatni.co.uk, call 028 92 635 635 or email gv@habitatni.co.uk

Teeny Weenies: Baby & Toddler group for Parents/Grandparents & Carers.

Description: We are a friendly group who meet in St Patricks Hall every Wednesday morning from 10am - 11.30am. We have lots of toys and space for the children to play. We have craft activities, noisy fun singing sessions and provide a healthy snack for the children not to mention a most welcome cuppa for the adults. Everyone is welcome.

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER

A Eucharistic Prayer Vigil for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life will take place in **St. Comgall's Church**, Bangor from 7pm to 10pm. The Vigil will conclude with Mass at 9pm. In his message for Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis said that 'vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love.' May these words spur all of us to continue cultivating that good soil through our prayer, imploring the heart of God to bless us with vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Catholic Teachers' Association Annual Mass for Deceased Teachers in Good Shepherd Church at 7.30pm. Refreshments afterwards in Good Shepherd Centre.

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Catholic Teachers' Association Annual Mass for Deceased Teachers in St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick, BT30 6DN at 7.30pm. Refreshments afterwards in the nearby St Michael's Parish Centre, Irish Street, Downpatrick.

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Alzheimers' Society will be having a Christmas Sale and Coffee Morning in Loughview Fold from 10.30am to 1pm. Please come along and support us.

SATURDAY 28 & SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Christmas at Tobar Mhuire. Santa is coming again to the annual Craft Fair in Tobar Mhuire from 1PM - 5PM. There's something for everyone - Face painting, shopping, tombola and delicious refreshments. All welcome! Our popular annual **Christmas Candlelight Dinner** is on **4th December** with music and song by award winning singing sensation Matthew Campbell. To book please call [02844830242](tel:02844830242) or email secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Trócaire with Christian Aid invite you to: 1.15pm - Ecumenical service, St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast 2pm - People's climate rally, Writer's Square, Belfast Together we gather on the eve of the world leaders climate change talks in Paris. People from all walks of life will come together to show their support for climate action and a future free from poverty. We hope you can join us.

MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER

SOSNI who work on the streets of Belfast to inspire hope and build better futures for everyone are having a *Christmas with Concertio Chamber Choir* (award winning classically trained choir who have performed across Europe) at 7.30pm in St Colmcille's Church Ballyhackamore, 191A Upper Newtownards Road, BT4 3JB. Admission is FREE with a retiring collection all proceeds to the charity. All ages welcome (with parent supervision). Please come and support this local charity and get into the Christmas spirit!

FRIDAY 11 – SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER

The Redemptorists at Clonard Monastery at Redemptorist Retreat House, Esker, Athenry, Co Galway. We would like to invite you to a weekend retreat 'Healing in the Spirit' with Fr Jim McManus CSsR Cost £175 (includes full board and travel by luxury coach). Coach departs Clonard Monastery at 1pm on Friday and returns back Sunday by 7pm. Application forms are available at the reception or contact Fr Fonsie Doran T:9044 5950 or leave a message on T:9044 5967

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER

DAY RETREAT to Armagh with Blessed Mother Teresa sister's the Missionaries of Charity. Pick up at Spafield Carpark at 9.00am sharp. Full programme: Talk on Advent, Mass, Confessions, Adoration of the Eucharist, Benediction, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet. Lunch of soup & sandwiches will be provided, along with tea/coffee. Cost of £15 is to cover the cost of transport only. Contact Jacinta at Hollywood Parish Office, 028 9042-2167 Office hours.

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on **Wednesday 25th of November 2015**

from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Armagh City Hotel, 2 Friary Road, Armagh, BT60 4FR.

Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to all bereaved parents.

November is a month when we remember the dead. **We Tidy Graves** is offering a great clean up service on a loved ones grave and all from only £30 for a basic clean. Contact Andrew on 90 292 140 or mobile 07718 282 816 www.wetidygraves.com