



ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH



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Reflection for Lent – Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Lent is the time for greater love. Listen to Jesus' thirst for our love: "Repent and believe!" What are we to repent of? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor. He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.

Parish Pastoral Council Initiatives during Lent

The Parish Pastoral Council will assist at the Stations of the Cross on Sunday at 5pm

Stations of the Cross during the Sundays of Lent commence this **Sunday 25th February at 5pm**. This is a wonderful way to pray as a family during the parish Lenten journey. Bring the whole family and invite friends. The PPC have invited all the other churches in Holywood to be part of our prayer walk. Come along!

As part of our parish's reflection and prayer during Lent we have sourced the booklet **'Walk with Me'** as a way to pray with small meditations daily. Copies are available this weekend at all the Masses. Contribution of £1 only.

The day of reflection for Readers of the Word and Eucharistic Members organised by the North Down and Ards Pastoral Community was very successful. Over eighty people from the five parishes attended. Hopefully this will become an annual event.

The MARCH, HOLY WEEK and EASTER rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are available in the small room to the side of the altar.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES AUGUST 2018 – UPDATE

The following key moments make up the 9th World Meeting of Families:

- A **National Opening** on Tuesday 21 August which will take place simultaneously in each of the dioceses of Ireland;
- A **three day congress** from 22-24 August in the RDS, Dublin;
- A **Festival of Families** on Saturday 25 August, (Croke Park) comprising a reflective concert style event within a prayerful and joyful atmosphere, in which personal stories of faith will be shared by families from all continents;
- A **Closing Mass** will be celebrated on Sunday 26 August with thousands of people from Ireland and across the world. (Phoenix Park)

"Love...It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13, 4-7. Trócaire has launched its Lenten campaign 'Until Love Conquers Fear'. Fear is felt by millions of people around the world who can't feed their families, are forced to flee their homes because of conflict or are imprisoned for standing up for their rights. Love is the support shown to them by people here at home through the Lenten campaign. To find out more visit www.trocaire.org

REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED

Recently Deceased: Daniel Joseph (Don) Owens, Brian McAuley
Month's Mind: Major William Shaw MBE

Anniversaries:

Brendan Armstrong, William(Billy) Moore, Agnes Graham, May Graham, Sally Leddy, Fr Francis Corr, Annemarie McKenna, Rose Egan, Arthur Egan, Adrian Egan, Pat Wilson, Billy Rainey, Maggie Rainey, Bobbie Pollock, Robert Churchman, Alfred Churchman, Rory O'Brien.



MASS TIMES

Saturday vigil Mass

6.30pm

Sunday

10am & 12noon

Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
at 9.30am

Friday at 7.00pm

**Tuesday - St Anthony's
Novena during Mass.**

**Friday – Novena of 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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**Diocesan Pilgrimage to  
LOURDES**

Applications Forms in the  
Parish Office. Poster in the  
porch of the Church. Or for  
more information contact  
T: 02890 646 040

7nights or 5nights

10-17<sup>th</sup> July

11-16<sup>th</sup> July

**Youth Team**

8-17<sup>th</sup> July

**Lourdes 2018:** we are currently seeking nurses (on the NMC live register - working in any area) to join the volunteer staff of the **Diocesan Pilgrimage (11-16th July 2018)**. For more information please email us at [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) or telephone (028) 90646040



# 2nd Sunday in LENT 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

“Of you my heart has spoken: Seek His face.”

**CENTERING PRAYER GROUP on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in IONA at 7.45pm.**

## BOOK YOUR TICKETS

### ST PATRICK'S DAY, 17TH MARCH

The Emerald Ball will take place at Titanic, Belfast. The evening will commence with drinks at 7pm, to be followed by a superb four course dinner at 8pm. There will be a luxury ballot and dancing to a live band. Dress is formal and monies raised will support the Down and Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage for the Sick. Tickets are £60 each and available from the pilgrimage secretary, Sinead on 028 9064 6040 or the Drumbo Parish office on 028 9081 2238.

**FATIMA** 7 Nights F/B, staying at the Hotel Avenida, 16th / 23rd Aug'. Full Religious Programme with Optional Tours. Spiritual Director Fr Martin Graham. £679pps includes all transfers. For further details contact Joe Catney, 90714001 or 07776425631

## LENT PRAYER SESSIONS

St Colmcille's parish, 191 Upper Newtownards Road BT4 3JB, will offer a programme of prayer in Lent for those who are seeking ways to enhance their prayer life, or to find a new way of praying. The sessions will be based around Lectio Divina and Visio Divina. The programme of prayer will take place in St Colmcille's Parochial Hall on **Tuesdays 6th, 13th and 20th March at 7.30pm** and will be repeated on the subsequent **Friday mornings, 9th, 16th and 23rd March at 10.00am**. Enquiries to Noeleen 07879 498131

## WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening at 7:30pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh, BT60 4FR. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February or call the Information Line on 02895213120.

## WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Cross & Passion College, Ballycastle, in association with Ballycastle Church Action are hosting RISE Theatre, a Christian theatre company, who will perform their original play, **Romero – heartbeat of El Salvador**, for the first time in Ireland. This performance will take place in Cross and Passion College, Moyle Road, Ballycastle at 7.30 pm. **Romero – Heartbeat of El Salvador** is a new play by **RISE Theatre** in association with **The Archbishop Romero Trust**, looking at the life and legacy of a man who chose to challenge those in power and stand up for social justice. By purchasing a ticket through Ticketsource for this event, you authorise RISE Theatre CIC to pass the money on to the church on your behalf. Suitable for 11yrs+ For tickets click on the link below: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/FFIKKD>

**Ards CCE Traditional Music Classes** continue on Saturday mornings in St Columbanus' College Bangor. For all traditional instruments and all levels, beginners welcome. More info Niall McClean 07960072218.

## FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> – SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. **Beginning Experience** is offering 'a weekend away for a lifetime of change' at Drumalis, Larne. To find out more, contact **Phil: 02890 207645** or **Marie 07896119669** or email **bebelfast@hotmail.com**. Support group continues Wednesday evenings at 8pm in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave. Belfast

## SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

**Rally to "SAVE THE 8TH"** – a massive pro-life Rally will be held in Dublin. Join thousands from across Ireland in support of the 8th Amendment of the Irish Constitution that protects unborn babies. Coaches travelling to the Rally from towns across Northern Ireland. For further details please contact the Rally for Life Committee on **02890278484** or click on **www.rallyforlife.net**

## 9<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018

**Vocation Discernment Weekend: Dominican Contemplative Nuns** welcome single young women (20-40) to our retreat house and offer the opportunity to experience our life of **Venue: Siena Monastery, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co Louth** **Contact: Sr M Breda OP – [siena3@eircom.net](mailto:siena3@eircom.net) or Tel: 041-9838524; [www.dominicannuns.ie](http://www.dominicannuns.ie)**

## Holy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> until Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

The Benedictine Monks, Rostrevor invite men (18-40) to an Easter Triduum Retreat. "*Prefer nothing to Christ, because he preferred nothing to you*" (St Cyprian) Take time to reflect. Examine your life and consider your call. If interested, please contact: Br Thierry – T:4173-9979 or [benedictinemonks@btinternet.com](mailto:benedictinemonks@btinternet.com) Facebook: Benedictine Monks Rostrevor – Twitter: @rostrevormonks

## FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Living Youth - Habitat for Humanity are hosting a Gala Ball, in support of the African partnership, in the beautiful Titanic suite! If you are interested in attending, or would like to know more, please get in touch with Kiera on 028 90 232 432. Furthermore, you can purchase your tickets on the Habitat for Humanity website: <https://www.habitatni.co.uk/donate/gala-ball-2018>.

**The Parish of Drumbo & Carryduff** - Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (*Tuesday 22 - Wednesday 30 May 2018*)  
Drumbo Parish invite you to join their Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – *In The Footsteps of Christ & the Holy Family*  
Package price - £1,440 per person sharing. This includes return coach transfers from Carryduff to Dublin Airport, return flights with British Airways, generous luggage allowance, 4\* Hotels on a half board basis (3 nights Tiberias / 4 nights Jerusalem) & all excursions. If you are interested to receive further information please contact the Parish Office on 028 90812238 **opt 2** or Anam Cara Travel - 02825 821 690 This pilgrimage is organised and coordinated by Anam Cara Travel (Co Antrim)  
**LIMITED PLACES REMAINING!**