



ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH

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Lent is a highway of holiness. Signposts along the way point towards the renewal of our baptismal promises and the joy of Easter Sunday.

The ashes on our forehead are our pilgrim badge marking us as penitents, poor beggars seeking God's grace and mercy.

Our prayer is a sign of our hunger and thirst for God.

Our fasting is a sign of sorrow for our sin and an openness to conversion and turning back to God.

Our almsgiving is a sign of gratitude, for we have received mercy, and through generous giving show mercy.'

Extract from this year's Lenten 'Walk with me' booklet by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. These 'Walk with me' booklets will be available after Mass this weekend and next

During Lent, **Stations of the Cross** will be held **each Sunday at 5pm**.

The different parish groups will lead the prayers each Sunday beginning on **Sunday 10th March** with the Parish Pastoral Council.

'**Beloved Disciples**' (an inspiring DVD course for the over 60's) will be held on successive Tuesdays during Lent. The theme for this series of talks examines 'Spirituality for the autumn of life'. The first session will be held on **Tuesday 12th March at 10am** in **Iona** and lasts about 40 minutes.

Those who may be interested in becoming **Readers of the Word**, **Eucharistic Ministers** or **Ministers of Welcome** are asked to leave their name with the parish secretary.



Our Prayer to St Patrick
O Patrick, in the ways you trod
The Fifteen Mysteries of Ireland's Rosary,
Told unceasingly for Love of God.
Sometimes Joyful and Sometimes Glorious,
Oh, how often Sorrowful with Pain and Tears.
'O Patrick',
Beg from 'Our Lord for Ireland,
The reward of those Fifteen Hundred Years.

For inclusion in the Bulletin Notices, notices need to be in to the Parish Office before 2pm on Wednesdays!

Calling all pupils in P6 & P7. We invite you to become an **Altar Server** and join our joyous band! Parents just give your child's details into the Parish Office during hours or call Caroline Nugent on 07955252991

First Confession Ceremony will be held at **12.30pm on Tues 12th March**



REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED

Recently Deceased: Brenden O'Reilly, William Docherty

Anniversaries: Bridgid Malone, Seamus McGuinness, Tommy Leigler, Sam Novokry, Brendan McGarrgle, Phyllis Brady, John Montague, Samuel Montague, Joseph Montague, Jean & Michael Darcy, Pete Woodman, James McKervey, Paddy McCauley, Bartholomew & Alice McCormick

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 the service.

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 1/2hr

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Baptism by appointment.

Marriage by appointment.

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**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

**Contact number:**

**07845-854671**

Feast Days highlighted this week in the Diocesan Directory Calendar:

**Some useful websites for prayer and reflection:**

[www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)  
[www.shalomworldtv.org](http://www.shalomworldtv.org)  
[www.radiomaria.ie/](http://www.radiomaria.ie/)

## Reflection

'And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.' —Romans 8:38-39, New Living Translation



# First Sunday of Lent



“Grant, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, we may grow in understanding”

## Parish Groups who meet regularly throughout September to June (Iona Room in the Church)

New members always welcome. Come and join us to build up the parish community.

### Parish Scripture group – Weekly, Mondays from 7.30 - 8.30pm

Scripture speaks not just to theologians and clergy but it has a message for each and every one of us. Contact Paul Logan [07798 655 654](tel:07798655654) for more information.

### St Vincent de Paul group – Weekly, Tuesdays from 7.00pm

Motivated by the guiding principle of Christian charity, we seek to find those in need, to help them in a spirit of justice and to tackle poverty where we can.

### Centering Prayer group – Weekly, Wednesdays from 7.45pm

A method of developing our relationship with God through an exercise of faith, hope and love. It is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with God in Silence. God's Language of Silence.

### Legion of Mary group – Weekly, Thursdays – 7.00pm

The Legion of Mary is a lay catholic organisation whose members are giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis. We develop a deep love of Our Lady through prayer and charitable works.

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group – Monthly, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – 10am

Those joining are asked to complete a course before they become part of the parish ministry and this will be offered free through the Diocese. The members are a 'listening ear' to all those who are bereaved.

### Apostolic Work group – Monthly, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 10am

Our work is very worthwhile, inspirational and a way of answering the call of action within our Catholic faith. We are welcoming, friendly and have established long term friendships within the group. Faith & action together.

**Choirs meet in the Church for Practice: Mondays - Folk Group; Tuesdays - Senior Vigil Choir.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Saturdays from 10am to 5pm**

**ROTAS – MARCH 2019** available in the room behind the altar & on the website.

### Tues 12<sup>th</sup>-Fri 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH at HOLYWOOD LIBRARY

**Nasca Community Festival** starts with a talk by Fionnuala Williams on "Exploring Irish Proverbs" at 7pm, followed by a screening of "An Saothrat" on Thursday at 7pm and concluding with a bilingual children's storytelling show on Friday at 2.30pm

### "With One Voice"

Singing for Well-Being starts on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 12.30 in the Old Scholl Hall, Holywood**  
Belonging to a singing group is good for your body and soul... Everyone Welcome!!!

### Living Youth – Local Summer Pilgrimages 2019

**Summer Madness** – join with over 2,000 other young people from all religious backgrounds across the island of Ireland to celebrate, connect and explore your faith. This 5-day camping experience at Glenarm Castle is on from **28<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019**, Cost: £120, Age: 15-18

**Camino Through the Mournes** – join with other young adults to spend time together in a faith environment, all through the medium of outdoor activities, such as hikes, walks and outdoor adventures. Stay in Newcastle Co Down from **6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019**, Cost: £125, Age: 18-25. For more information and to apply go to [www.livingyouthni.org](http://www.livingyouthni.org) or follow Living Youth on Social Media

### LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life. Register your pledge with local Pioneers and say the daily prayer.

**PRAYER:** "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."

**The Iona Institute NI** welcomes you to our upcoming conference, "The Future of Conscience in an Age of Intolerance" on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019**.

**10 am - 1.30pm** Wellington Park Hotel, Malone Road, Belfast BT 9 6RU £10 Adults £5 student (includes tea/coffee/scones) Speakers include Nuala O'Loan (DBE), Dr Helen Watt (Anscombe Bioethics Centre Oxford) Benedict Ó'Floinn SC, and David Smyth (Evangelical Alliance). To book or to request further information, please email [ionainstitute@gmail.com](mailto:ionainstitute@gmail.com) or call 02892646861

**DIARY DATE! - DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA.** Led by the Most Reverend Noel Treanor D.D. **15<sup>th</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019** 7 Nights **Full Board** Hotel Avenida. £715 includes tax & insurance. Discount of £100 if paid in full by Dec' 14<sup>th</sup>. Pilgrimage Directors Fr. G. McCloskey PP & Fr. S. Gilmore PP For further details contact Joe Catney 90714001 or 07776425631.