



PARISH

of Aghagallon & Ballinderry

Music Ministry. Welcome back to Michaela and the choir at 11am Mass. Music is an essential part of our parish liturgies, and our choirs help us to praise and worship God. Both choirs welcome new members. From October, our Saturday Night Choir will practice every other Tuesday evening after Mass and sing at every other Saturday evening Mass. Our Sunday Community Choir will initially return once or twice a month at the 11am Mass on a Sunday, with a practice just before Mass. We urgently require another person, musician or group to lead our music during alternate Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses. This is a paid role and may suit someone who is studying music and has an interest in religious music. For more information speak to Fr Declan or contact Catherine in the Parish Office.

Growing In Faith Together Programme. Monday 14th Sep 2026 in Aghagallon Community Centre from 7.30pm-9pm for Year 8's.

Children's Liturgy. Welcome back to all of the children and the leaders of Children's Liturgy.

Sacramental Preparation for Children in Non-Catholic Schools. Faith development is primarily the responsibility of parents. However, in Aghagallon and Ballinderry parish we try to emphasise the partnership between home, school and Church. If you choose to send your child to a non-Catholic school and would like to present them for First Penance (P3), First Holy Communion (P4) or Confirmation (P7) in the parish this year they must be prepared appropriately. Please contact their teacher to ensure that they are part of a catechetical programme and enrol them in children's liturgy in the parish. If schools do not provide sacramental preparation, the parish can assist with providing classes. Please contact Catherine in the parish office to collect an application form.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 13th September 2026

Weekly Collection

£1,115.00

Online

£644.47

Total: £1,759.47

Monthly Stipend

£1,335.00

Thank you for your continued support

The Sanctuary Lamp
will burn this week for a
Special Intention

Weekly Mass Schedule

14th Sep – 13th Sep 2026

Mass

Monday: 10.00am

Tuesday: 7.00pm

Wednesday: 10.00am

Thursday: 10.00am

Saturday: 7.00pm

(Vigil)

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Adoration

Wednesday 10am-10pm

Liturgy of the Word

Friday: 10am

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

Booking Masses, Baptisms and Weddings As parish office opening hours have been reduced slightly, we are returning to our previous practice of booking Masses, baptisms and weddings in person, in the sacristy after Masses.

Masses can be booked well in advance to ensure your preferred dates are available.

Baptisms can only be booked by the child's parent or legal guardian. At least one month's notice is required. To book a baptism parents must present the child's long birth certificate, complete the baptism request form, meet with one of our Baptism team and attend weekly Mass during the month prior to the date of the Baptism

Weddings can be booked by the couple themselves. Couples are required to give at least six months' notice of marriage to ensure the preferred date is available and that there is adequate time to complete all Civil and Church paperwork.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Seamus Lavery

Brian McGarry

Tom Dowdall

Mary Orr

Iris Craig

Michelle Latimer (nee Rush) Month's Mind Mass Sunday 13th September at 9am

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Colin Toomey

Pat Lavery

Barry Geraghty

Kathleen McStravick

Pat McKillop

Kathleen Mulholland

Charlie McVeigh (34)

Desmond McVeigh (15)

Lily Mallon

Anniv Mass Sat 12th Sep at 7pm

Anniv Mass Sun 13th Sep at 11am

Anniv Mass Tue 15th Sep at 7pm

Anniv Mass Sat 19th Sep at 7pm

Anniv Mass Sun 20th Sep at 9am

Anniv Mass Sun 20th Sep at 11am

The Order of the Knights of St Columbanus cordially invite you veneration of the Holy Relic of St Padre Pio, Sat 26th Sept directly after 7pm mass. Tea & Coffee will be served during the veneration from the Kiosk. Everyone welcome. **Adoration** will run from after 10am Mass-6pm and 8pm-10pm from Wednesday 16th September 2026.

Recent expenditure - Folens - New School Books for Confirmation preparation - £173.25.

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02892651214

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Catherine 07485605252

EMERGENCIES AND SICK CALLS

07831 934 756

(in the event you are unable to reach Fr Declan on the emergency number)

02894 422278

St Vincent De Paul

Contact Number:

07598 076585

www.svp.ie

Lifeline Freephone 0808 808 8000

The Knights of St Columbanus

028 92 528 916

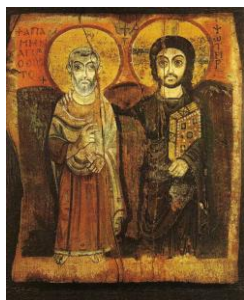
Diocesan Safeguarding Office

028 9049 2798

Parish Office Open Tue, Wed & Fri 11am-3pm

All insertions for the bulletin – please leave in the Parochial house red post box, email or phone the parish office before 4pm on Tuesday.

13th SEPTEMBER 2026 — 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PARISH OF ANTRIM
St Comgall, St Joseph, St MacNissius

Rev Patrick Mulholland PP, St Comgall's Presbytery: 94428016
 Rev David Aksenczuk, St Joseph's Presbytery: 07935340359
 Parish Support Officer: Mrs Bernie Mann: 94428016
 Antrim Parish website www.antrimparish.com
 Facebook: [Parish of Antrim](https://www.facebook.com/ParishofAntrim)

**SUNDAY MASSES**

St. Comgall's 9.00am 11.00am
 St. Joseph's 5.30pm (Sat vigil) 12.00noon
 St. MacNissius 10.00am

Weekday Mass

St. Comgall's: Monday, Wed, Friday & Sat 10.00am
 St. Joseph's: Tues & Thurs 10am Fri 7pm

Mass is available to view on the Parish
 facebook page and youtube: Parish of
 Antrim

Confessions

St. Comgall's – Sat 12 - 12.30pm
 St. Joseph's — Sat 4.45 – 5.15pm

Adoration: Fri 10.30 – 12 noon St. Comgall's
 Every 1st Fri. @ 6pm St. Joseph's

Prayer Group – Every Wed 7pm in Sr.
 Catherine's Room
 St. Comgall's

Readings: Sunday Cycle A 24th
 Sunday of the Year Weekday Cycle 2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Holy Spirit by your light you guide
 this world toward the Father's love
 and accompany creation as it
 groans in travail. You also dwell in
 our hearts and you inspire us to do
 what is good.
 Praise be to you.*

PRAYER PEOPLE

Intention for Parish Community Year 13
Week 43

*We pray for parishioners who are
 living the single vocation in life that
 they will be encouraged and
 appreciated for the gifts that they
 bring to the community*

Thought for the Week

*“The Lord set his love upon you and
 chose you. (Deut. 7:7)
 God is bound to us, he chose us, not so
 much because we are faithful, but
 because the Lord is faithful and endures
 our faithlessness, our indolence's,
 our lapses....
 We can experience and savour the
 tenderness of this love at every stage of
 life: in times of joy and sadness, in times
 of good health and of frailty and of
 sickness.”*

Pope Francis

Offertory Collection: £3,167.00
Thank you to all who contributed.

Recently Deceased: Keith Hagan

Month's Mind: John Hughes, Bernadette McManus

Anniv : Danny McKay, Theresa Gallagher, Brigid Duffin, Denis Dickson, Joby Thomas
 Paddy McKiney, Jean McTernan, James Maguire, Catherine & Michael Donaghy,
 Enda McAuley(Jnr), Jim Delargy, Eileen Marks, Frank O'Hanlon, Ellen Rice,
 Patrick O'Keeffe, Roisin Gibson, Elizabeth Murphy, Niall McAleese, Aileen McGinn

CEMETERY SUNDAYS IN PARISH

Sunday 13th September in St Comgall's Cemetery.

People are asked to assemble in the Church for prayers before going to the graves for the blessing.

(a collection will be taken up to defray expenses for the services)

Healing Night will be on Sunday 20th September at 6pm. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, confession and an opportunity for quiet individual prayer and music.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNING The social and hospitality would love you all to come and join us for a cuppa and some refreshments on Sunday 20th September in St Comgall's Youth Centre after 11am Mass. Bring your family and friends – everyone is welcome.

Naming Our Family of Parishes We have been grouped in the Family of Parishes with Duneane and Randalstown. We are inviting our parishioners old and young to find a name for our Group which reflects our faith, heritage and location. More details on how to do this are available on the parish website and facebook page

Padre Pio Mass – Blessing with the glove of Padre Pio

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Moneyglass, on Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm. The Mass will be held in the Grotto. A Petition box will be available for all petitions.

QUEEN'S CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY – WE'RE BACK!

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's reopens for the new academic year on **Monday 14 September**, with weekday Masses and our semester programme resuming.

Our first Sunday Mass is **20 September at the new, earlier time of 7.00pm. Please note the new time!**

New or returning student? Find out about what's on, ways to connect and get involved, and student accommodation at Ryan Hall at qubcatholic.org and on our socials. Staff and alumni are always welcome too. Visit our newly renewed Chaplaincy at 28 Elmwood Avenue for Mass, Confessions or candlelighting — and call into Mosaic for some of the best coffee, hot lunches and home-baked treats in South Belfast!

HSC NI Foster Care This September HSC NI Foster Care are hosting two child specific virtual information events which will feature 6 children from across Northern Ireland who urgently need safe and nurturing foster homes. **EVENT 1** Tuesday 22 September 7.30pm - 9.00pm **EVENT 2** Thursday 24 September 7.30pm - 9.00pm

To register for either event, please provide your contact details (including postcode) and which child/children you are interested in hearing about to: 0800 0720 137.

hello@adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net

Prayer after Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;

Body of Christ, save me;

Blood of Christ, fill me;

Water from the side of Christ, wash me;

Passion of Christ, strengthen me, O Good Jesus hear me

Within your wounds hide me; allow me not to be separated from you;

From the malicious enemy defend me;

At the hour of my death call me;

And bid me come to you, that with your saints I will praise you forever and ever. Amen

13th SEPTEMBER 2026
24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Priest: In our first reading, Sirach teaches us that when we pray for others, our own sins will be forgiven. We offer our prayers, ever mindful of God's mercy for us and for all people.

With Pope Leo, we pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Let us pray to the Lord

For world leaders and all in authority, that they may choose paths of peace, dialogue, and mutual forgiveness over power, division and conflict.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who struggle with 'resentment and anger'; may God give them the grace to forgive, the patience to understand one another, and the courage to let go of bitterness.

Let us pray to the Lord

That the gift of creation may be used with care and responsibility. May human beings be true stewards and act for the welfare of all creatures who share our world

Let us pray to the Lord

For the sick who carry a daily cross of pain or helplessness may be granted healing and fresh hope through the hands of those who care for them.

Let us pray to the Lord

For those who have died:

Recently Deceased: Keith Hagan

Month's Mind: John Hughes, Bernadette McManus

All those named in the bulletin.

that the Lord who '*is rich in mercy*' may welcome them into the eternal joy of heaven.

Let us pray to the Lord

Priest: Merciful Father, hear our prayers. Help us to forgive as we have been forgiven, and guide us always in the way of love, reconciliation, and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord **Amen.**



The Parish of Ballyclare & Ballygowan

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Notice Board

The Parish of Ballyclare & Ballygowan

13 September 2026

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@ballyclareballygowanparish

The Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Monica Harris

Anniversaries: Sheila Dawson, Eileen Foley, John Joseph Ryan, Kathleen McToal, John Flynn, Sarah Maxwell, Dan Tallon, Michael McWilliams, Peggy Mulholland, Anne Denvir, John McKernon, Maureen Watters, Maureen Miskelly, Ann Marie Nash

Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Masses this week: Thursday – 9.00am

Offerings: Thank you for your recent offerings.

Holy Family Church will reopen on Sunday 4th October with a celebratory Mass at 3.00pm. All welcome, refreshments afterwards.

The priests of the Diocese will be on retreat together this week. Please pray for God's blessing on our time of prayer and reflection together. Thank you.

Children in Crossfire: As they celebrate their 30th anniversary of providing education, healthcare, nutrition and safe, clean water to some of the world's most vulnerable children, volunteers will speak at both Masses next Sunday (20th September) about their current projects in Ethiopia and Tanzania and will collect outside afterwards. Please support them in any way you can.

Belfast Jesuit Centre: Two new programmes starting this September: A Year of Ignatian Prayer and The Chosen Season 2 - weekly screenings. For more information please visit the centre website belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk or email bjc@jesuit.ie

Called & Gifted - Discover Your Spiritual Gifts Have you ever wondered how God might be working in your life, or what gifts He has given you to use for others? Called and Gifted is a guided process to help you discern the Spiritual gifts you received at your Baptism, and how God is calling you to use them. We invite you to journey with others to discover: Who God is calling you to be; How the Holy Spirit is at work in your life; The unique gifts you have been given to share with others. This engaging programme will run for two Saturdays and three Wednesday evenings in Belfast. For more information and details of how to register please contact the Pathways to the Future team pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org (028) 9069 0920

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Could You Help Share the True Spirit of Christmas? Each year, volunteers in parishes across the north of Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell Trócaire's Gifts of Change — meaningful gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world. We provide everything you need including training and support. All we ask is a little time and a big heart. Last Christmas, 50 parishes took part — and we'd love to grow that number even more this year! If you would like to find out more about how you can help, please email Mark at mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

<i>This Week's Hymns</i>			
Entrance	395	Communion	260
Offertory	687	Recessional	442

DONATE

Please click on the button if you wish to make an online donatation to the Parish of Ballyclare and Ballygowan. Thank you.



Vincent's Shop – open Monday – Friday - 9 00-5 00pm.
 Telephone 2564 4122 Helpline Tel No 078 4048 2141

Parish Centre Telephone Number – 028 2563 1236



Why not join us after 10 00am Mass for tea, coffee, and some light snacks in the Main Hall, Parish Centre. There will also be juice and nibbles for the younger people

The Old School Café is available for funeral receptions – various menus available. Contact 078 7977 4749. **Thursday Lunch - Contact Claire** to book.

Repository Shop – Tuesday – Friday - 10 30am-12 30pm.

Wednesday Get Together Club continues - 16 September – 2 00pm-4 00pm. Come and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat.

All Saints' Men's Group new project – Friday Club for Seniors (ladies and gents) continues – 11am-1pm. Activities include Badminton, Boccia & Board games. Refreshment provided – Free! Managed by NACN & financially supported by PHA.

Bingo continues – Sundays - 7 30pm.

All Saints' Men's Club (Seniors) – Wednesday - 11am (after Mass). New members welcome. No upper age limit.

Ladies Activity Class recommences – Monday 14 September – 11 00am-12noon. New members welcome.

Creative Crafters recommences – Monday 14 September – after 10 00am Mass

Pitter Patter Parents & Toddlers recommences – Monday 14 September – 10 00am-11.45am – All Saints' Youth Club.



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13 September 2026

Our Parish vision:

Our Parish is a caring community, leading people into friendship with Christ and sending them out to serve, bring hope and enrich lives.

Church of All Saints - Saturday 6 00pm Vigil, Sunday 8 30am, Sunday 10 00am, Sunday **2 00pm Polish Mass**
St Patrick's Church - Saturday 5 00pm Vigil, Sunday 11 00am

Eucharistic Adoration each Friday 10 30am-12noon

Confessions – Saturday 12noon-1 00pm
First Fridays 7 00pm-7 30pm. Mass at 7 30pm

On the first Saturday of each month, beginning on 3rd October, confessions will be heard in the room under the gallery

Weekly collection £4006 Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Office Tel: 028 2564 1515 – weekdays 9am-12noon
Facebook Page: Ballymena Kirkinriola Parish
Youtube: All saints ballymena
. Website: ballymenaparish.org
Email: ballymena@downandconnor.org

If you are new to the parish, you are invited to register at the Parish Office and collect an Information Pack for new Ballymena parishioners

Weekend Masses at 5pm & 6pm (vigils) and 10am & 11am will be transmitted via YouTube and 6pm and 10am via Parish Radio
Daily Mass at 10am transmitted via Youtube and Parish Radio



We welcome those who were Baptised recently in the parish: Lyla-May Kerr

Recently deceased: Elizabeth Ann Hayes, Marie Reid
Month's Mind: John Donnelly, Frank Heffron (Randalstown)

Anniversaries: Shaun McCormick (Downpatrick) & Hilda Butler (née Kerr), Robert Atkinson, Jim Dougan, John Curry, Richard O'Rawe, Marie Joseph, Sheila O'Brien, Patrick McKenna, Seamus Marron, Mary McMullan, Rose, Joseph & Elizabeth Gallagher, Sheila & Joe McGrath, Jo Roden, Susan O'Hara, Bridget McAlonan, Matilda Downey, Alfred Mooney, James & Emily McIlwee, Jean & Patsy Neeson, Rose Murnin, Eric Sphara, Martin McCarte

Eucharistic Adoration – Down and Connor Diocese is renewing and developing its **Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee** in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting at **ONE** of these venues:

Thursday 1 October – The Parish Centre Ballymena – 8 00pm

Friday 2 October – St Patrick's Centre Downpatrick – 8 00pm

Registration from 7 30pm. See poster in the church for details.

Pioneer Gathering – Sunday 27 September

A meeting for all Pioneers who are interested in helping to renew and strengthen the Pioneer Association in Down & Connor will take place on: **Sunday 27 September at 3.00 pm in Holy Family Gathering Space, Holy Family Church, Newington Avenue, Belfast.**

This gathering is open to all Pioneers, especially those who would like to support a fresh start, new energy, and renewed commitment within our diocese. We would be delighted to welcome as many Pioneers as possible.

Children's Liturgy -We will shortly be restarting Children's liturgy following the summer break for pupils in P1 -7. Children's liturgy is a wonderful way for children to engage with the gospel message and the good news of Jesus through storytelling, discussion, singing and prayer. **The liturgy will take place in the Parish Centre during the Sunday 10am Mass from 13 September.** Only children who have started Primary School and have been registered by a parent/guardian to attend can leave the church to attend. For new registrations, or if your details have changed, please contact Claire on clarhanna@gmail.com or 07415653854.

Fr Joe Davis – Presentation

There will be a special Mass of thanksgiving concelebrated with Fr Joe in **All Saints Church on Friday 25th September at 7pm.** This will be followed by a presentation of a gift and social event in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you wish to donate to the cost of the gift, use the special donation envelope which can be found in the porch of the church. Please return it on the collection plate on or before Sunday 20th September. Many thanks.

Irish Classes in All Saints' Parsh Centre - 10 weeks - beginning - Thursday 17th September. Minor Hall 07:00pm - 08:00pm – Irish Language Improver's Class Slemish Room 07:00pm - 08:00pm – Irish Language Beginner's Class. Please book early as numbers are restricted. Braid Room 07:00pm - 08:00pm – Irish Language Advanced class. **Please contact Rosie Lyness on 07740684152 for further details.**

OCIA/RCIA - Adults, who are interested in finding out more about our Catholic faith, thinking about joining our Catholic community or existing Catholics, who wish to learn more about the basics of our faith, please contact the Parish Office and complete a registration form by **Friday 18th September.**

Down & Connor Cantor Training – Music Ministry Formation for adults (18+) ready to serve more fully in parish music ministry. Training will take place in St Joseph's Parish Centre Dunloy – 3rd & 17th October & 7th November. To request an application form or for more information please contact the Pathways team at pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org

If you know of anyone who has recently become housebound and would like a visit from a priest, please contact the parish office.

The **CONNECT** friendship group will meet in the Secret Garden Cafe at the Ecos Hub on **Saturday 19th Sept 11.30am.** Everyone welcome. (Over 18)

RNID Near You/NHS Hearing Aid Support Service - We can provide new batteries, cleaning, and re-tubing of ear moulds for NHS hearing aids. We are in the Ballykeel Community Centre on Wednesday September 16 from 12noon - 2pm . All welcome.

All Saints' new Weekend/Holy Day Rota available from the Sacristy



Parish of Ballymoney
& Derrykeighan

CAUSEWAY FAMILY OF PARISHES

13th September 2026
Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

FORGIVENESS WITHOUT LIMIT

In today’s Gospel, Jesus continues last week’s teaching on conflict with the parable of the unforgiving servant. A king forgives a servant an unpayable debt (worth billions in today’s money) only for that servant to refuse mercy to a colleague who owes him a much smaller sum. The king’s anger reveals the lesson: having received such extraordinary mercy, the servant should have shown it in turn.

We too are debtors before God, and Christ has already paid what we could never repay. But receiving that gift means extending it to others — even when forgiveness feels impossible. If we’re Christians we have to be serious about seeking forgiveness *and* forgiving others. Confession deepens our experience of God’s mercy; practising forgiveness in small daily moments builds the habit for harder ones.



THIS WEEK

Parish webcam can be viewed on our YouTube channel
(search for Ballymoney Parish)

SUNDAY 13th	9.30am Mass
MONDAY 14th	10am Mass
WEDNESDAY 16th	10am Mass 7pm Rosary
FRIDAY 18th	6pm Adoration & Confessions 7pm Mass
SATURDAY 19th	5.30-5.50pm Confessions 6pm Mass

Our Lady & St Patrick’s church is open every day
for private prayer - usually from 10am to 7pm.

Other Sunday Masses in the Causeway Family of Parishes

Saturday 4.30pm	-	Portstewart
Sunday 10am	-	Portstewart
Sunday 11.30am	-	St Malachy’s, Coleraine
Sunday 12noon	-	Portrush
Sunday 5pm	-	St Malachy’s, Coleraine

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anniversaries

Thomas Graham, Cahal Kelly, Kevin Laverty,
John & Mary McCann, Kevin McCann,
Annie & Roger McConnell, Catherine McCollam,
Joseph McCollam, Anthony McGreevy, George McMillan,
Michael Mullaghan

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

PARISH FINANCES

Thank you to everyone who supports the parish through our collections. If you want to request a box of envelopes there is a purple form at the back of the church. Remember that you can also support the parish through a regular standing order or by making a one off payment through your bank or online. Our account details are:

Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan

Sort code: 95-06-79

Account No: 10020192.

If you want to give by cheque please make payable to:

Parish of Ballymoney & Derrykeighan.

BLESSING OF PETS

Once again we will be marking the Season of Creation with a blessing of animals inspired by the ministry of St Francis of Assisi. Our pets and animals remind us of the beauty and diversity God has given us in the natural world. This year the blessing service takes place here in Ballymoney in the grounds of the church on **Sunday 27th September at 2pm**. All welcome to attend and bring along your animals to be blessed.

OLD & NEW@No.5

Visit us at 5 Gate End, Ballymoney, open **Wednesday to Saturday, 10am - 4.30pm**. To keep in touch with our offers and to see pictures of our stock don’t forget our Facebook page **@oldandnewatno5**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our parish SVP conference is here to support our local community, and we do this in the strictest confidence. If you are in need and would like our help please do not hesitate to get in touch on **07860 455 549**.

SVP ANNUAL OUTING

The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Ballymoney, are hosting their annual outing for senior citizens and those living alone on **Sunday 20th September**.



This year’s event will offer a shopping trip followed by an evening meal. Transport is being organised for those wishing to attend with number limited to 48. Anyone with mobility issues please speak to a member of SVP prior to the event. A donation of £5 per person would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in attending should call the SVP number (**07860 455 549**) and leave their name and contact number, or speak to an SVP representative. Final numbers for the trip required by 13th September. Bus will leave carpark opposite the church at 1pm sharp and return after 6-30pm.

MEN’S RETREAT

A Catholic men’s retreat will take place at Portglenone Monastery on **Saturday 19th September**, from **9am to 1pm**. The theme of the retreat is “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me” (Galatians 2:20). The morning will include prayer, teaching, fellowship and men’s testimonies, with Fr Eddie McGee as keynote speaker. All men are very welcome. For further information, contact Thomas Carey on **07967 620435** or email **sean@catholicminute.co.uk**

CAUSEWAY PARISHES PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

There will be a pilgrimage to Knock Shrine for our Causeway Family of Parishes on **Saturday 3rd October** led by **Fr Kevin McGuckien**. The bus will make pickups from Portrush, Portstewart, Coleraine and Ballymoney leaving at approximately 7am and returning around 10.30pm. The cost is **£35 for adults** and **£10 for children**. You can book a place by phoning **07724 092063**.

PARISH OF BALLYMONEY
& DERRYKEIGHAN

Diocese of Down & Connor
Causeway Family of Parishes

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HYMNS FOR MASS

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.



OTHER TRIPS TO KNOCK

The Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on **Sunday 27th September**. A coach will leave Dunloy Parish Centre at 7am, returning by 9.30pm. Information/booking: **07471537051**

There will be another trip to Knock on **Saturday 3rd October**. A bus will be leaving St Patrick’s Church Loughguile at 6am. Contact Patricia Campbell on **02827641120** or **07871626940**. Price approx. £30 depending on numbers.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Dunloy & Cloughmills Parish are seeking to recruit into the **part-time** role of **Caretaker**. This role will include:
•Ensure the Parish buildings, including the Parish Hall, are opened and closed at the appropriate times and maintained to the highest standard.
•Providing a reliable and efficient cleaning service to ensure that all public areas of the Parish are maintained to a high standard of cleanliness and are welcoming to users and visitors at all times.
•Ensure the parish grounds are maintained, safe and secure for all who use them.

The terms are based on a permanent part-time appointment requiring 20 hours per week, over Monday to Sunday – work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest. Availability to work flexible hours is required from the post holder, including evenings, weekends and occasional anti-social hours. Rate of Pay - £12.71 gross per hour. Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: www.downandconnor.org and on the Community NI website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application packs can also be obtained from Dunloy & Cloughmills Parish Office.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish. Closing date for applications will be **12noon on Monday 28th September 2026**.

PARISH OF BANGOR, MEMBER OF ARDS FAMILY OF PARISHES

Parish Priest: Very Rev Joseph Gunn St Comgall's Presbytery, 27 Brunswick Road, Bangor, Co Down, BT20 3DS
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Email: bangor@downandconnor.org **Website:** www.bangorparish.com **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 10am to 1pm.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – 13th September 2026

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased:

Gerry O'Loan

Tess Hughes

Anniversaries:

Jack Allen

Raymond & Alice Havlin

Mona Hinds

Mary Ellen McGeough

Bridget Agnes Rafferty

Kitty Campbell

June Boyd

Billy Grego

Ena Quinn

Joe McNally

Maureen Taylor

Maureen Cullen

Stephen McKearney

Patrick Coyle

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

DAILY MASS:

Monday 14th – Friday 18th September @ 9.30am

ST. COMGALL'S CHURCH DONAGHADEE

Sunday 20th September 2026 @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 19th September @ 6.30pm

Sunday 20th September @ 10am & 12noon

BAPTISMS

Please register online SIDE BAR under Baptism registration
Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm



TRÔCAIRE COFFEE MORNING

In aid of disaster in Nepal

Sunday 20 September in Parish
Centre

Tea/coffee & traybakes
Big ballot
Tombola

Please support our appeal

Canon Ronnie Nesbitt

This weekend sees the retirement of Canon Ronnie Nesbitt as Rector of Bangor Abbey. He and his wife Carol have been firm and generous friends to both me since 2009 and to the parish of St Comgall during his term of office.

Whether it was in relation to St Columbanus celebrations in which he participated fully or in ecumenical co-operation he gave of himself with typical humour and warmth.

I know that he is hugely respected and loved in his parish and he has been a wonderful exponent of the friendship promised in the very name of St Comgall "the friend of the stranger".

May he go from strength to strength as he begins his retirement and may it be as long and fruitful as his ministry in the Abbey where he personified the words of St Comgall - *Sancti Venite – Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord.*

On behalf of the Catholic Parish of Bangor, Canon Whyte, Deacon James and Sr Maura I wish God's blessing on Canon Ronnie and Carol and every joy for the future.

Canon J. Gunn PP

PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2025

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
BRIDGE CLUB at 7.15pm until 9.45pm [Minor Hall] LECTIO DIVINA GROUP 7.30pm – 8.30pm [St Dymphna's Room] BADMINTON NOW WEEKLY at 8 to 9pm [Main Hall]	FRIENDSHIP CLUB at 10.30am [Minor Hall] IRISH DANCING CLASSES at 6.00pm to 8.30pm [Main Hall] SVP at 7.30pm to 9.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]	MEDITATION GROUP at 12pm to 1.30pm [St Dymphna's Room] FOLK GROUP AT 6.30 -7.30pm [St Dymphna's Room] SENIOR CHOIR At 7.30pm [St Dymphna's Room] YOUTH CLUB AT 6.30 -8.30pm [Main Hall]	St Comgall's Guide Unit (Girls aged 6-18) at 6.15pm to 8pm [Main/Minor Hall] IRISH LANGUAGE CLASS At 7pm to 8pm [St Dymphna's Room] CEILI DANCING at 8.15pm to 9.30pm [Minor Hall]	Ju-Jitsu Club (Juniors 5-15yrs) 6-7pm [Main Hall] Discussion Group At 7.30pm – 9pm [St. Dymphna's Room]

Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Discussion Group will be on Friday 18 September 2026 in the Parish Centre from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

The topic for this meeting is: 'The Justice of God'.

Everyone is welcome.

Pioneer Gathering – Sunday 27 September

A meeting for all Pioneers who are interested in helping to renew and strengthen the Pioneer Association in Down & Connor will take place on:

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This gathering is open to all Pioneers, especially those who would like to support a fresh start, new energy, and renewed commitment within our diocese. We would be delighted to welcome as many Pioneers as possible.

CHOIR

New choir members welcome for 10am Mass and we would welcome tenors and basses.

No prior music reading experience required.

See timetable above for details.

Poetry & Presence begins on Thursday 1 October at 7pm in the **Belfast Jesuit Centre**, opening with the theme of **Water** in this **Season of Creation**. You're invited into a quiet, reflective evening of poetry, art, music, and Scripture: a space to pause, breathe, and let the imagery of water in God's story speak to the depths of your own heart.



Thursday 1 October 7.00pm



Belfast Jesuit Centre

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be starting on the 27th September. New forms have to be filled in. Lisa will have them at back of church before and after mass this week.

Parishioners are kindly requested to submit notices for the newsletter and anniversary mass requests to the parish office by Wednesday of each week (Mon to Fri 10am – 1pm) or via bangor@downandconnor.org

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINES

Bangor Conference 07703679384

(covering Bangor West, Clandeboy/Newtownards Road area, Kilcooley, Helens Bay and Crawfordsburn)

Ballyholme/Donaghadee Conference 07703679389. (covering Bangor city centre, Bangor East/Ballyholme, Balloo/Bloomfield Road area, Groomsport, Donaghadee and Millisle)

Mass Timings for the weekdays and weekends (17th August onwards)

Mass Times

Monday - 7pm St Nicholas

Tuesday - 10am St Nicholas

Thursday - 7pm Our Lady of Lourdes

Friday - 10am Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday - 9.30 Our Lady of Lourdes

- 11.30 St Nicholas

Confessions

Monday - 6.15 to 6.50 - St Nicholas

Thursday - 6.15 to 6.50 - Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday - 9am to 9.20am - Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday - 11am to 11.20am - St Nicholas



Mary, Mother of the Church Saintfield

Open Sun. Tues. Wed. Thurs. 10 am – 4 pm
Mon. Fri. Sat. 10 am – 8 pm

MASS

Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 11:00 am
Monday & Friday 7:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday 7.00 pm

St Joseph's Church, Carrickmannon
Open Sat & Sun 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

MASS

Sunday 9:00 am
Tuesday 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Before Vigil Mass

ALTAR SOCIETY

Saintfield – Group 2
Carrickmannon – Team 4

READERS 19/20 September

Vigil: Mary Davies

9am: Michael Miskelly

11am: Sharon Murray

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

19/20 September

Vigil: Gemma Magennis, Eileen Murray

9 am: Margaret Bennett

11 am: Audrey Mullan,
Marian Walsh, James Mullan

St Vincent de Paul

Contact: 07521463667

stmochai.saintfield@syvni.co.uk

Weekly Collection 6th Sept. £1270

August Weekly by S/Orders: £572
August Monthly Env: £1407.10
August Monthly by S/Orders: £192



*"Speak Lord, your servant is
listening. You have the message
of eternal life."*

Please remember in your prayers:

Anne Kelly, Cameron Beaton, Jane Stewart, Mathew VP Vanchiparayil, Fr Michael McConville, Joseph McGourty, Ita Bell and Kevin Fay recently deceased.

Anniversaries: Margaret Mullan, Ann Murray, Robert Gault, Minnie Gault, Orla Flynn, Raymond Creighton, Clare Walls, William McDowell, Mary Greeves, Joe Cunningham and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Months Mind Mass for Kevin Fay will be offered at 6:30 pm on Friday 18th September in Saintfield Church.

Feast Days

Monday: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: St Cornelius, St Cyprian

Thursday: St Robert Bellarmine

Saturday: St Januarius, Our Lady of
Salette

A Presentation Evening for Fr Michael Sheehan will be held in St Joseph's Hall, Carryduff on **Saturday 26th September at 7pm.** Envelopes towards his leaving gift are available in both churches. If you wish to make a donation please take an envelope and return to the box provided next weekend 19/21 September. Thank you for your support and generosity.



Hello children. Today Jesus talks to us about forgiveness – about how God is always ready to forgive us if we say sorry and about how we should try to forgive others if they say sorry to us.

This week let's try our best to say sorry when we have done something wrong, and to forgive and help others.

God of love, help us to share your forgiveness with others. Guide us to do what is right and to make this world a fairer place for all who live in it. Amen.

Worksheets and the Kids Bulletin to support this week's Gospel are available in both churches. Pick up copies for your children/grandchildren.

Could You Help Share the True Spirit of Christmas? Each year, volunteers in parishes across the north of Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell Trócaire's Gifts of Change — meaningful gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world. All we ask is a little time and a big heart. Last Christmas, 50 parishes took part and we'd love to grow that number even more this year! For more details please call **028 9080 8030** or email mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org

Catholic Men's Retreat- Portglenone Monastery, Saturday 19 September from 9am to 1pm. Theme: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" Fr Eddie McGee is keynote speaker. Contact Thomas Carey on 07967620435 or email sean@catholicminute.co.uk



Monday Social Club
Next meeting
21st September 2026
12:30 – 2:00 pm

Crois Dharach CLG Club

Lotto Numbers: **4 11 18 28**. No Jackpot winner. Consolation prize winners: Marie Lowry, Lorcan Fairfield, Daryl McLaughlin and Paul O'Callaghan. **New Jackpot £11,300.** Tickets are available on Klubfunder page Oaks Bar, Chestnut Bar, Vivo Shop, Dufferin Bar, International Bar and Central Bars Killyleagh

The Medical Missionaries of Mary will speak at all Masses in the parish on **26th and 27th September** of their work, mainly in Africa and South America, and their mission to bring Christ's healing love to those most in need. Our parish and our diocese have supported MMM generously in the past, both in finance and in prayer, and MMM wishes to express gratitude for that support and to emphasise that we here at home are the body of mission, and those who are sent to faraway places are the hands and the feet. When they speak to us and share their story they serve as a connection between us and those whom they serve.

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As we celebrate the feast of the [Exaltation of the Holy Cross](#), on Monday 14th September, let us *“glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.”*

May Christ be in our mind, in our lips, in our heart, in our actions, in our life. But if this noble and holy desire were to come true, let us not forget that to follow Christ and to live His life necessarily require carrying His Cross and all that it entails, not with mere resignation, but with joyful acceptance and for Love.

“O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we who have known his mystery on earth may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.”

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping. We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love. Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

Anam Cara - Monthly Parent Support Evening - 14th September at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more email info@anamcara.ie

MEN'S 55 + VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE – Tuesday 15th September at 10:30 am in Saintfield Community Association, Windmill Park, 29 Belfast Road, Saintfield. Volunteers will take part in a range of outdoor activities. See poster in Church porch.

Fossil Football – Five-a-side – for 55 years Plus – Down Leasure Centre
Tuesday evenings. Contact Trevor 07843089778 See poster in Church porch

As part of the **Season of Creation**, **Join the Dots Together** is launching a report on its **Earth Day Conference, An Economy of Enough**. The launch will take place on: **Thursday 24 September, 7.30pm in Windsor Hub, 22 Lower Windsor Avenue, Belfast**. Further information from Juanita Majury, info@jointhedotstogether.org

Bookings for Mass, Month Minds, Anniversaries, Baptisms and Weddings are to be made through the Parish Office **02897510237** or Parish email address at: saintfield@downandconnor.org. Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 11.00am - 1.30pm. Thursday 12 – 1pm. Please use the Parish email outside of Office Hours.

Saintfield & Carrickmannon

Parish Bulletin

13th September 2026



*Jesus, son of the living God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.*

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Martin Graham PP 028 9081 2238
Fr Anthony McHugh PE 028 9751 023
Email: saintfield@downandconnor.org

Parish Family Website
www.carryduffsaintfield.co.uk



Dundrum Tyrella Parish

Weekly Bulletin

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th September 2026



Parish Information

Priests: Canon Robert Fleck

Parochial House: 4375 1212

Mobile: 07841101853

E-mail: robertfleck@btinternet.com

Deacon James: 07921026295

Sacred Heart Primary, Dundrum

Mr Mark Fitzsimons: 4375 1293

St. Joseph's Primary, Ballykinlar

John McVeigh: 4485 1600

SVP Helpline - 07538683550

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday 3.30pm to 7.30pm and

Thursday 3.15pm to 6.15pm

Email for bulletin notices: dundrum@downandconnor.org

Visit our Facebook page: Dundrum Tyrella Parish

Dundrum Mass is live streamed—visit www.mcnmedia.tv

PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE:

Our Chairperson is Maurice Redmond, supported by Mary Graham, Geraldine Vaughan, Loretta Killen, and Canon Robert Fleck.

If you have a concern about a child or vulnerable adult's welfare, please contact any of the following:

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person,

Philip O'Hara: 07534 992 124

Social Services: 02890 507000;

PSNI: 101; NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000.

What's On in Our Parish:

Parish Surgery—there will be **NO PARISH SURGERY** this Monday 14th September as Canon Robert away on retreat.

Prayer & Communion Services—on Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th September by Deacon James in Dundrum at 9.30am. **The service will be lay led on Tuesday 15th September.**

St Carlo Acutis—many thank to the Parishioners who purchased medals, prayer cards and candles. A young gent after Mass spoke to Canon Robert and Deacon James informing them he had met St Carolo Acutis' mother in Paris—how special!

Parish Fundraising Concert on Friday 18th September—countdown on for this event!

Parishioners and friends are requested to be seated by 6.45pm please. Parish Pastoral Council Members will be available to provide help in carpark and chapel.

"Helpers" would be most welcome to come along to tidy chapel on Monday 14th September at 7pm and setup community centre on Thursday 17th September at 7pm. **Not too late to purchase ticket!**

We hope everyone has an enjoyable evening.

Canon Robert—will be away on retreat after Mass on Sunday the 13th September until Wednesday 16th September inclusive. **Please contact Mary Polland for any emergencies 07713 701 750.**

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—held last Tuesday the following was agreed. The 1st Anniversary of Deacon James Ordination will be held on Sunday 4th October 2026. Following tea and coffee and light refreshments for everyone. Parishioners are **ALSO** welcome to join Deacon James and his family for lunch in Maginn's Castlewellan (**payable!**)

Please inform Annette or Mary if you wish to attend and choose menu!

October is the Month of the Rosary and at weekend Masses the Rosary will be recited (outside, weather permitting) in Ballykinlar at 5.45pm and Dundrum at 10.30am.

Harvest Display—Parishioners/Friends who would like to help with the display please come along to chapel on Thursday 1st October at 7pm. Your views will be very welcomed!

November 2026—There will only be **ONE** Mass this year (in November) for all those who have died (or buried) since November 2025 in Ballykinlar.

Date to be confirmed.

Remembering the faithful departed

12th September to 18th September

"Grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord" (Wis 4:15)

Frances Walker

Eileen Hynds

Gareth Hunter

Jackie McVeigh

Sadie Savage

Clement Digney

Kathleen Digney

Peter O'Hare

Margaret Howard

Margaret McCann

Patrick Mahon

Willie Joe Valentine

Danny McAvoy

Vera Cunningham

Tommy Smith

Mary C Killen

Hugh Kelly

J.J. Magorrian

Margi Grant

Barney Kelly

Recently deceased

Patsy (Patrick) Forsythe
Margaret Magee (nee Poland)

Mass Intentions for this weekend

Sun, 13th September 11am Dundrum

Anniversary Mass for Pearse Rice & Gareth Hunter

This week's mass times from 14th Sept to 20th Sept 2026:

Monday	9.30am	Prayer/Communion Service in Dundrum
Tuesday	9.30am	Dundrum –Lay-led Prayer Service
Wednesday	9.30am	Prayer/Communion Service in Dundrum
Thursday	9.30am	Dundrum
Friday	9.30am	No Mass - Ballykinlar
Saturday	6.00pm	Ballykinlar
Sunday	11:00 am	Dundrum

All masses in Dundrum and Ballykinlar can be viewed via church webcams on www.mcnlive.tv.

Lifeline. If you're in distress or despair call free on 0808 808 8000. Lines are open 24/7.



May their souls,
and the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen

Entrance Hymn

*Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me
save that thou art;
Thou my best thought
in the day and the night
Waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light*

*Be though my wisdom,
be thou my true word,
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father,
and I thy true heir;
Thou in me dwelling,
and I in thy care.*

*Be though my breastplate,
my sword for the fight,
Be though my armour
and be though my might,
Though my soul's shelter,
and thou my high tow'r
Raise though my heav'nward,
o Pow'r of my pow'r*

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Preparation of the Gifts

*O, the love of my Lord
is the essence
Of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see
he has given to me,
And his giving is gentle
as silence.*

*Ev'ry day, ev'ry hour,
ev'ry moment
Have been blessed by the
strength of his love
At the turn of each tide
he is there at my side,
And his touch is as gentle
as silence.*

*There've been times
when I've turned
From his presence,
And I've walked
other paths, other ways;
But I've called on his name
in the dark of my shame
And his mercy was gentle
as silence.*

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Recessional Hymn

*Abide with me,
Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide
When others fail,
And comforts flee
Help of the helpless
O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close
Ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim,
Its glories pass away;
Change and decay
In all around I see;
O though who changest not,
Abide with me.*

*I need thy presence ev'ry
passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil
the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and
stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
Lord, abide with me.*

Public Domain

The Chosen – Season 2 at the Belfast Jesuit Centre

Weekly screenings of The Chosen: Season 2 will take place each Friday at the Belfast Jesuit Centre. Tea/coffee at 10.45am, episode at 11.00am, followed by a reflective Examen and discussion. All are welcome; no registration required. Episode dates: 4 Sept, 11 Sept, 18 Sept, 25 Sept, 2 Oct, 9 Oct, 16 Oct, 23rd October. **Contact: bjc@jesuit.ie | 07955 282371 | belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk**

Beginning Experience – Beginning Experience is a peer ministry to the bereaved, separated and divorced, based within the Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor. We are offering a support programme over three Saturdays from September through to November and would be most grateful if you could include the following information in your Church Bulletin at your earliest convenience. The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (26th September 24th October and 21st November)

Booking essential. To find out more contact Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

Fr Lawrence Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland. Join us for the Ulster event at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry, on Tuesday 29th September at 6:45pm, with a First Class Relic of St Thérèse. **Free admission.**

"**MYMY** is an accredited counselling service for adults based in Newcastle. If you or someone you know could benefit from counselling **please give us call on 028 4372 7549**, email hello@mymy.org.uk or self-refer via our website."

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Eternal Father,

*anoint us with your Holy Spirit,
as we read your Word,
let us hear your voice speaking
to us from within.*

*Give us wisdom to understand
your message to us.*

*Let your word be the joy of our
heart and a lamp for our steps.*

*May we rejoice in the
blessedness of those
who hear your Word and keep it.
Speak Lord
your servants are listening.*

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick

Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

Father Gerard McCloskey PP.

Tel: 02844841208

Father Vincent McKay

Tel: 02844841208

E mail office@dunsfordandardglassparish.comParish website address: www.dunsfordandardglassparish.com.

Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £890.00 loose plate £727.00, Monthly Collection £688. 00 loose Plate £460.00, Direct Debits £140.00.

Give Peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

MASSES:

ARDGLASS

5.00pm Vigil Saturday

11.30am Sunday.

10.00am Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

DUNSFORD

10.00am Sunday.

10.00am Thursday, Novena Mass

CONFESSIONS:

4.30 - 4.55pm Saturday, Ardglass (or upon request)

ADORATION:

ARDGLASS TUESDAY 11am to 10pm

DUNSFORD THURSDAY 11am to 10pm.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Smyth, Emily McIlrath, Joseph Mills, Richard Killen, George Rice, Peggy Slattery, Thomas & Elizabeth Gribbon, Lisa McCann, Ambrose Kearney, Chrissie Telford, Gerry Rooney, Margaret Nolan, Betty McHenry, Clare Degans, Helen Hayes, Robin Black, Sean Madine, Jack O'Sullivan, Joan Murphy, Brian Kearney, Eamon Sharvin, Patrick J McQuoid.

SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT SERVICE: Children and Parents of P3, P4 and P7 children are required to attend an enrolment service for First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. St Nicholas' Primary School service is on Wednesday 16th September at 7.30pm in St Nicholas' Church Ardglass. St Mary's Primary School service is on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Dunsford. They will soon be receiving a letter with an enrolment form, which they are asked to complete and bring with them to the service.

St Mary's Primary School Dunsford - Mass in thanksgiving for the Leadership of

Ronan Fitzpatrick: The staff and pupils of St Mary's Primary School, Dunsford warmly invite past pupils, past parents, former colleagues and members of the wider community to join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Leadership of Ronan Fitzpatrick:

Thursday 17th September 2026 at 10.00am St Mary's Church, Dunsford.

This Mass will be an opportunity to give thanks for Ronan's dedication, leadership and service to the children, families and community of St Mary's Primary School. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards in St Mary's Primary School, Dunsford, and all are welcome to attend.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 14th September at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast**. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age their child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 014045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Catholic Men's Retreat - Standing in the Breach: A Catholic Men's Retreat will take place at Portglenone Monastery on **Saturday 19 September 2026, from 9am to 1pm**.

The theme of the retreat is "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). The morning will include prayer, teaching, fellowship and men's testimonies, with Fr Eddie McGee as keynote speaker. All men are very welcome.

For further information, contact Thomas Carey on 07967 620435 or email sean@catholicminute.co.uk.

Legion of Mary Annual Trip to Knock: Sunday 27th September

The cost is £30 per person, making the usual stops for breaks. Pick up points are at the following Churches:

Newcastle - (back of the Church) 6.15am,

Castlewellan - 6.30am,

Downpatrick - 6.45am,

Crossgar - 7am

Saintfield - 7.15am.

For booking and further information, please contact Sean McAlea 07504 041526.

Thinking about becoming Catholic or want to deepen your understanding of the faith?

The Diocesan RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of faith, formation, and community for adults who wish to explore the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is open to those who are not baptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics who wish to reconnect with their faith. **The 2025-2026 programme begins on Wednesday 1st October and runs weekly from 6.30-8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. To register or find out more, please email rcia@downandconnor.org**

Medical Missionaries of Mary - A Thank you for your Parish

I would like to sincerely thank you and your parish community for the warm welcome and generous support during our recent collection weekend. We are very grateful for the opportunity to visit and share more about our work. I am pleased to let you know that a total of **£1319.80** was raised at Dunsford & Ardglass over the weekend. Please extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed, as well as to those who helped organise and facilitate the visit. We also remain very grateful for any further donations that may still come in via your parish. With many thanks and blessings.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Down and Connor Diocese is renewing and developing its Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting at ONE of these venues:

Thu 1s Oct The Parish Centre, Ballymena 2, Broughshane Rd, BT43 7DX at 8pm.

Fri 2nd Oct St Patrick's Centre, Downpatrick Market St, BT30 6LZ, at 8pm.

Registration from 7.30pm.

Jeanie O'Kane, Gerard Tolan, Elizabeth Murtagh, Lily McGonagle, Mickey Russell, Daniel McCarthy, Maureen Montgomery, Aisling Anderson, Donna Fitzsimmons McMahon.

Months Mind: Kate Devlin,

Recently Deceased: Francis Loughran, Bernard Tolan, Ethel Crilly, Brian McGarrity, Joanne Cavanagh (nee Prenter) James Charles McErlean.

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Baptism Lines, Marriage Lines etc: will be copied from our register and we will telephone when they are ready. Identification is needed for all Certificates.

Funerals: If you would like your loved one's funeral recorded, please let us know when we are taking the details or let the undertaker know. We need to know beforehand if it has to be recorded.

Marriages: If you want your Marriage to be recorded please inform us when booking the wedding. It is not automatically recorded on the day.

Readers: David Wasson, Brian Lundy, Kathleen Osbourne, Arthur Kealey, Chris McMullan, Paul Currie, Michael Stevenson, Betty Magee, James Baker, Michelle McCulloch, John McParland, Wilma Lynch, Kate Lynch, Jinno Carloe, Daniel, Rose Kilmartin, Sr. Kathleen Savage, Joseph Bennett.

Music Sunday: 7pm Vigil Tanya and Anne, 10am Mass Betty & James, 12 noon Mass Organist Mark P. Laverty & Holy Cross Choir. 7pm folk Group.

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Poetry & Presence begins on Thursday 1 October at 7pm in the Belfast Jesuit Centre, opening with the theme of Water in this Season of Creation. You're invited into a quiet, reflective evening of poetry, art, music, and Scripture: a space to pause, breathe, and let the imagery of water in God's story speak to the depths of your own heart Thursday 1 October 7.00pm, Belfast Jesuit Centre. To register, visit belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/poetry-presence/

The Belfast Jesuit Centre will host a special hybrid book launch on Monday 19 October at 7.00pm for *Conquest or Leaven: Reflections of a Catholic Priest in Palestine/Israel* by Fr David Neuhaus SJ.

Books will be available at a discounted rate. to register. Visit

<https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/hybrid-book-launch-conquest-or-leaven-by-david-neuhaus-sj/>

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{Church Services TV}

Office Hours: Weekdays 9am – 5pm

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur 6 – 8 Houben

CLOSED 1-2, SUNDAYS 9.30AM -1.30.

6-8 PM, SICK CALLS 24/7



Sunday 13th September 2026 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Passionists Community: Fr. Charles Cross CP Superior

& Parish Priest, Fr. Aidan Troy CP. 07517889434 (24/7) Assistant,

Bro. Conor Quinn CP

Weekday Masses: Monday – Saturday 10am.

Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil 7pm, Sun. 10, 12, & 7pm, Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows Monday 7pm, First Friday: Healing Mass of St. Charles & Penance Service 7pm.

Confessions: 20 Minutes before each mass by the celebrant of the mass.

Sick Calls: are normally covered by the Priest on duty

Tel: 90748231 pastoral care of sick in hospital is covered by The Hospital Chaplain.

Baptisms: From September onwards 2nd Saturday of the month 12noon Baptism Meeting first Sunday of the month 1pm.

Funerals: are celebrated at 10am mass (unless there is more than one funeral or because of time due at the cemetery).

Wedding Bookings: Please contact Parish office 028 90748231.

Pre Marriage-Courses: Wilma 07791148340 after 6pm.

City Hall forms www.groni.gov.uk.

Relic of St. Charles: available at Chapel of Passionist saints.

Requests for Home Blessings: Can be made with any of the priests.

Please phone Parish office 028 90748231.

Children's liturgy: Sunday 12 noon.

Bulletin Reflection 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th & 13th Sept. 2026

All politics is local, it is said. The Church is local in the community of Holy Cross parish. The message of Jesus come down to us personally answering His Word today before we ask how other people or places are doing.

The Word of God is struggling to be heard amid the noise of war and destruction in so many places. There is more of 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' as in the Old Testament. Instead **listen to Jesus today** speaking to us and to all people:

"If a person nurses anger against another, can they then demand compassion from the Lord?" [1st Reading at Mass today] The answer must be **NO**.

"The life and death of each of us has its influence on others."
[2nd Reading at Mass today] **We are Influencers** whether we know it or not. It is God who wants us to influence for good in a World of evil.

"Lord, how often must I forgive another if they wrong me?"
[Gospel at Mass today] Peter resorted to mathematics in his question to Jesus with his 'how often'. He needed to be reminded of **the astonishing promise of Jesus**, *"Whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in Heaven,"* The Sacrament of Reconciliation **[Confession]** puts this within reach of each of us.

Our **Eternal Destiny is decided on how I:** 1) Forgive others. 2) Work for deep reconciliation with others and 3) Render humble and living service to others.

We have a lot to do, let us get started and take once more to heart the Word of God.

This is the only hope for our World and it is our own personal **Key to Heaven**.

Aidan Troy, C.P.

S.V.D.P: Meeting Wednesday night at 7pm in the Houben Centre.

Holy Cross Choir: 7:30pm Wednesday. In the Houben Centre

AA: Wednesday 7pm – 8:00, Saturday 11 – 1pm Houben Centre

NA: Sunday 7:30 – 8:30pm in the Houben Centre

Prayer Group: 8pm Sunday in the Houben Centre

Legion of Mary: 7pm Thursday in the Houben Centre.

First Friday Film: 8pm in The Houben Centre.

Old School Café: 9:30am – 1:30pm. Monday – Friday

We Welcome new volunteers

Weekly Bingo each Tuesday: From 7pm Flax Room

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Ardoyne Shankill Health Partnership:

Monday: Gentle Exercise & Relaxation 10:30 – 11:30am

Tuesday: Dancing Sessions/Tea & coffee 10:30 – 12noon

Wednesday: Sewing 10:30 – 12:30, Relaxation Stress Management

-2-3pm. **Thursday:** Art/Painting class 12:30 – 2:30pm.

Friday: Crochet/knitting class 10am – 12noon. Tel: 028 90756638.

Legion of Mary Auxiliary Membership: The Legion invites you to become an auxiliary member. There are no meetings to attend. You simply pray the Legion prayers at home every day. This is a great support to the mission of the Church. Contact the Parish office, if you feel called to be and auxiliary Legionary. Contact Conor 07798865887.

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Feast Days this Week: 14th the Exaltation of The Holy Cross, 15th Our Lady of Sorrows, 16th St. Cornelius, 17th St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Hildegard, 19th St. Januarius, Blessed Virgin Mary

A Unique Pilgrimage 23rd September 2026

Travel to Lourdes with us in September for a Pilgrimage like no other, as Pope Leo XIV will be visiting THE Sanctuary. We have limited spaces available on our Pilgrimage with flights from Dublin and Cork. Book on line or talk to our team. info@joewalshstours.ie. Tel: Ireland 01241 0800, Uk 0808 1890468.

Stella Maris, the Catholic seafarer's charity is looking for volunteers to help with ship visiting, knitting woolly hats and make appeals at Christmas and Easter for eggs and toiletries, For further information please contact peter.mullen@stellamarismail.org or 07745543959

Additional Masses during Lent: Monday Novena Mass as usual 7pm, Wednesday 7pm.

Confessions: 15 Minutes before each mass by the celebrant of the mass.

Music Sunday: 7pm Vigil Tanya and Anne, 10am Mass Betty & James, 12 noon Mass Organist Mark P. Lavery & Holy Cross Choir. 7pm folk Group.

Readers: Sr. Kathleen, Wilma Lynch, Arthur Kealey, Michelle McCullagh, Brian Lundy, Chris McMullan, John McParland
Kate Lynch, Michael Stevenson, Kathleen Osbourne, Rose Kilmartin, Betty Magee.



Holy Family Parish

A praying, caring community, centred in Christ

Holy Family Parish is a member of a Family of Parishes, comprising the parishes of St Patrick’s, Holy Family and St Gerard’s.

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church: 6pm Vigil & 10.30am

St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: 9am & 12noon

WEEKDAYS

Holy Family Church: 9.15am Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: 10.00am Thursday, Friday & Saturday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Holy Family Church: Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm

St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: Saturday after 10am Mass

BAPTISMS

(Prior booking via Parish Office)

Holy Family Church: Saturdays at 4pm

St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: Sundays at 1pm

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration: Daily 10am-10pm (St Thérèse)

Pilgrim Prayer: Tuesday 8pm on the Parish Facebook page

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 9:15am Mass

First Saturday: 10am (Holy Family)

Taizé Prayer: last Friday of the month 8-9pm (Holy Family)

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

- Mon 14:

Tue 15:

Wed 16:

Thu 17:
- The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Our Lady of Sorrows

St Cornelius and St Cyprian, martyrs

St Robert Bellarmine and St Hildegard of Bingen



“The Cross is the ladder by which we climb to heaven.”
Anonymous

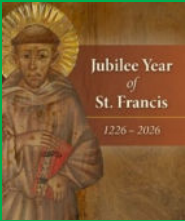
CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Clergy: Very Rev. Michael Spence PP,
Rev. John O’Lavery CC & Rev. Deacon Brendan Dowd

Parish Telephone (Office hours): 90743119
Office hours: Mon-Thu 9.30am-2.30pm, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm
Address: 226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast BT15 3AP

Emergency Sick Calls only (24hrs): 07928968773
Society of St Vincent de Paul (Helpline): 028 90351561

Email: holyfamily@downandconnor.org
Website & Webcam: www.holy-familyparish.com



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Readings: A (II) Psalter: Week IV



Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

The symbol above for this year’s Season of Creation depicts water flowing from the Temple of God – at first a tiny stream that grows deeper, and deeper and as it does so, it brings life to dead areas and restores fertility to damaged or barren ecosystems. Through living water comes healing; but in order to receive new life, we too must step into the water and also become part of God’s river of life, taking part in the healing of creation.

St Colmcille’s
Laudato Si’ Group
in association with **trócaire**
invite you to join us for

Heroes for Humanity

A series of workshops exploring the principles of Catholic Social Teaching through the lives of four remarkable individuals.

Each event will begin at **St Colmcille’s Parish Hall** 191a Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 1JB

Wednesday
9 September 2026
Saint Oscar Romero

Wednesday
16 September 2026
Sister Dorothy Stang

Wednesday
23 September 2026
Dorothy Day

Wednesday
30 September 2026
Martin Luther King Jr

Beginning at **7.15 pm**

Ending with a supper around **8.45 pm**

All are welcome!

EVENTS

FOOD DRIVE

To mark the Season of Creation, and as we also celebrate the time of harvest, the parish is again organising a food drive, to support our local food banks. NON-PERISHABLE FOODS can be left in both churches, in the gathering space in Holy Family church, and at the sacristy in St Thérèse church, between 19th and 27th September. Your support for this initiative will be greatly appreciated by the many people who rely on food banks.

AN ECONOMY OF ENOUGH in a Time of Crisis and Opportunity. Earth Day Conference report launch on 24th September at 7.30pm, in 22 Lower Windsor Ave. For details, email info@jointhedotstogether.org.

JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

Before the San Damiano Cross St. Francis prayed: “Most high, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart. Give me right faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command.”



HOLY FAMILY PARISH
PRESENTS
AN EVENING OF MUSIC
IN
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
LIMESTONE ROAD
SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026
7PM

FEATURING:
NEIL MARTIN
CAVEHILL COMMUNITY CHOIR
& FRIENDS

TICKETS £10
available from the parish office
supporting the work of
Newington Day Centre
Est. 1978

Join us for tea and coffee after. For your comfort bring a cushion.

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER AT 7PM, our Parish Community will present an evening of music in Holy Family Church in support of the work of Newington Day Centre. Tickets £10, available now from the parish office, and after weekend Masses, from next weekend. On the night you will have the opportunity to enjoy some of the wonderful talent our parish has to offer including Neil Martin, Cavehill Community Choir, Conor Caldwell, our Schools and other local talent.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY OFFERING. The weekly collection on Sunday 6th September came to £2,966.10, plus £1,990 in standing orders, and the monthly collection, for the support of the priests, was ££2,794.02, plus £635 in standing orders. Online donations in August amounted to £375. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. For information on standing order and contactless methods of donation, please contact the parish office.

PARISH 100 CLUB. Week 18 winners: Charles O’Kelly, Joanne Laverty, Mary Rose McAleer & Philomena Donaldson (Promoter). Congratulations to all the winners.

WEEKDAYS MONDAY 14TH, TUESDAY 15TH & WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER: There will be a Gathering for the Priests of Down & Connor in Dromantine for these days. As a result, there will be **No 9.15am** Mass on these mornings. However, Deacon Brendan will be leading a Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Service and Benediction at 9.15am on each morning. The normal Mass schedule will resume on Thursday 17th September. Apologies for the inconvenience.

PIONEER ASSOCIATION IN DOWN & CONNOR. Meeting on 27th September at 3pm in Holy Family Gathering Space. Open to all Pioneers, working towards a fresh start, new energy, and renewed commitment, within our Diocese.

SONAS SUPPORT. Learning Disability Day Centre, based in the Houben Centre, at Holy Cross church. Contact 90133636 or info@sonassupport.co.uk. www.sonassupport.co.uk.

PADRE PIO MASS AND BLESSING WITH RELIC. 23rd September at 7pm, in St Vincent de Paul church, Ligoniel. Collection to support the parish of St Vincent de Paul.

THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY AT QUEEN’S. Sunday Mass resumes in 28 Elmwood Ave. on 20th September, at the new earlier time of 7pm. Visit qubcatholic.org.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE. A peer ministry to the bereaved, separated and divorced, based within the Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor. Support programme in St Bride’s Hall, Derryvolgie Ave. on 26th September, 24th October & 21st November. Booking essential. T: Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com.

BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE. *A Year of Ignatian Prayer.* Starts 26th September; Suggested donation: £200–£280. Bursaries available. Registration required. *The Chosen – Season 2.* Weekly screenings on Fridays at 10.45am. And job vacancy for *Pastoral Ministry Co-Ordinator*. For all, visit belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk.

NORTH BELFAST DEMENTIA CARERS SUPPORT GROUP. Meets 15th Sept. in Chichester Library at 1.15pm. Activity– Nutrition tips & info. E: niamh@reachoutni.org.

CRAOBH NAOMH PÁDRAIG IRISH/GAEILGE CLASSES, ALL LEVELS. From 16th September at 7 pm in Arás Mhic Reachtain (opposite the Waterworks). Cost per term for adults is £30. Teenagers - no cost. Term will last for 12 weeks.



REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased: Jordan Flannery, Matilda Logan, Felicitas Kerr
Month’s Mind: Bertha Tracey
Anniversaries: Christy Matthews, John Blackham, Paul O’Neill, Bob Monahan, Vincent O’Toole, Vera Duffy, Sheila O’Brien, Kathleen McCrudden, Geraldine Hart, Molly Martin, Victor Gormley (1st), Josephine Kerr (1st), Anna & Frank Greene, Joe McCann, Mark Varini, Mary, James, Larry & John Hart, Patrick White, Joseph Catney, Rosaleen Deignan

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

For more information and resources:
www.holy-familyparish.com

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat 12 (6pm):

Sun 13 (9am):

Sun 13 (10.30am):

Sun 13 (12 Noon):

Mon 14:

Tue 15:

Wed 16:

Thu 17:

Fri 18:

Sat 19 (10am):
- Molly Martin

For the People of the Parish

Victor Gormley (1st)

Josephine Kerr (1st)

No Mass

No Mass

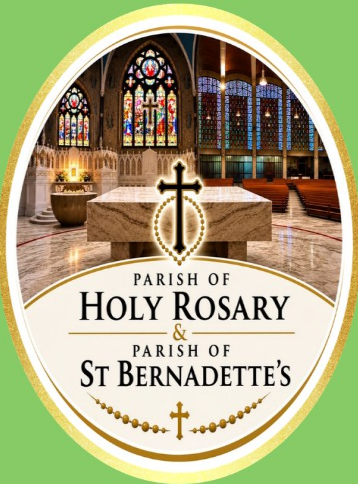
No Mass

Anna & Frank Greene

Joe McCann

Alfie Dowd





MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH
Vigil 6.00pm & 11am

HOLY ROSARY PARISH
9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

WEEKDAYS
St Bernadette's Parish:
Mon, Tues & Wed 9.30am
Holy Rosary Parish:
Thurs, Fri & Sat 10.00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Good Shepherd church Saturday **10.30am**
St. Bernadette's church Saturday **5.15pm**

BAPTISMS
(Prior booking via Parish Office)
Holy Rosary Church: Third Sunday of the month at 2p.m.
St Bernadette's Church: First Saturday of the month at 2p.m.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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b.hickland@downandconnor.org

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Rev. Patrick Keown (Deacon) p.keown@downandconnor.org

Kylee (Parish Support Officer) Office Hours
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Holy Rosary Parish Office (028) 90642446 Option 2
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Philomena (Finance Officer) p.dawson@downandconnor.org
More Information and resources:
holyrosaryparishbelfast.net and www.st.bernadettesparish.org

COME AND SING WITH US!

St. Bernadette's Parish Choir is looking for new members! We return to our musical duties on **Sunday 6th September**, singing each week at the **11.00am Sunday Mass**, with a rehearsal beforehand.

There are no auditions, and you don't need to be an experienced singer - just someone who enjoys singing and would like to be part of our choir. We warmly welcome singers of all ages, so if you've ever thought about joining us, now is the perfect time to give it a try!

For more information, speak to Marty Lavery, our organist and choir director, or to any member of the choir.

Down and Connor Cantor Training

Adults (18+) involved in parish music are invited to take part in Cantor Training at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Dunloy. Training takes place on Saturday 3 October, 17 October and 7 November, from 10.00am to 3.00pm (registration from 9.30am). Attendance at all three days is required for commissioning as a parish cantor. To request an application form, contact your parish office.



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY

6th September

Readings: A (I) ♦ Psalter: Week 3



? LIFE AFTER ALPHA ?
INVITATION TO CONTINUE THE JOURNEY
ChristLife 'FOLLOWING CHRIST' Course

When Jesus called his first Disciples he said, "Come Follow Me." He still makes that call to us today. The 'ChristLife' series is an opportunity for you to respond to that call and continue that journey you embarked upon with Alpha. **FOLLOWING CHRIST** is a 7-week course with a one day Retreat to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus. The course will commence on **TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026 at 7:00pm** in **HOLY ROSARY PARISH CENTRE, 503 Ormeau Road, BT7 3GR**.

Each evening will follow a format similar to the Alpha Course and include a video presentation and small group discussions each evening. We will also have time for tea and coffee and a little something to eat! The evening should last no more than a couple of hours.

To register for **'FOLLOWING CHRIST'** course, please send your full name, your e-mail address and preferably your mobile telephone number to **stbrigids@downandconnor.org**

A short information video can be found here:
christlife.org/about/christlife-process/following-christ/

St Bernadette's Third World Group - Lima Mission

Father Coney and staff members from St Bernadette's Children's Centres in Lima will be speaking at St Bernadette's Masses **Sat 5th & Sunday 6th September**. Their aim is to thank the Sponsors for their continued support over many years, and at the same time promote the sustainability of the projects. The Third World Group is collecting annual sponsorship payments after both Masses this weekend and also on **12th & 13th September**. If you would like to sponsor a child within the Centres please speak to us after Mass. We will be happy to give further details. Many thanks to all sponsors for your continued support.

FÁILTE - WELCOME GROUP

There will be a get together of the group and new members in the coffee lounge (St Bernadette's parish centre) on the **13th September after 11am mass**. We are blessed to have 16 members and would be delighted if more parishioners came along to join us. You will find it to be a very worthwhile and enriching ministry to be part of. Beannacht Dia libh.

HLI Ireland

Fr Lawrence Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland. Join us for the Ulster event at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry, on Tuesday 29th September at 6:45pm, with a First Class Relic of St Thérèse. Free admission.

THE WEST BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The September **Friday the 11th of September at 7.30pm** in St. Michael's Parish Centre, The September talk is entitled: "The Lusitania and the U Boat Campaign 1914 -1918" The guest speaker will be Mr Michael McConway

The Chosen – Season 2 at the Belfast Jesuit Centre

Weekly screenings of *The Chosen: Season 2* will take place each Friday at the Belfast Jesuit Centre. Tea/coffee at **10.45am**, episode at **11.00am**, followed by a reflective Examen and discussion. All are welcome; no registration required. Episode dates: **11 Sept, 18 Sept, 25 Sept, 2 Oct, 9 Oct, 16 Oct, 23rd October**. Contact: bjc@jesuit.ie 07955 282371



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

Holy Rosary: £1997.00
St. Bernadette's: £1065.52

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support

The Monthly Offering Collection for the support of the priests will be taken up this weekend, after Communion. The Building Fund Collection will be taken up next week, in Holy Rosary. Collection offering can be made by standing order or the Dona machines in the church porch.

St Bernadette's Parish Centre
for all bookings and enquiries please email:
stbernadettes@downandconnor.org

Holy Rosary Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens monthly meet-up returns after summer break on Monday 7th September at 8pm. New members very welcome.

St Bernadette's Retirement Group

St Vincent de Paul have invited us to join them for their trip to Mount Stewart on Thursday 17th September.

If you're interested please phone Frances 07800562398 or leave your name in the sacristy.

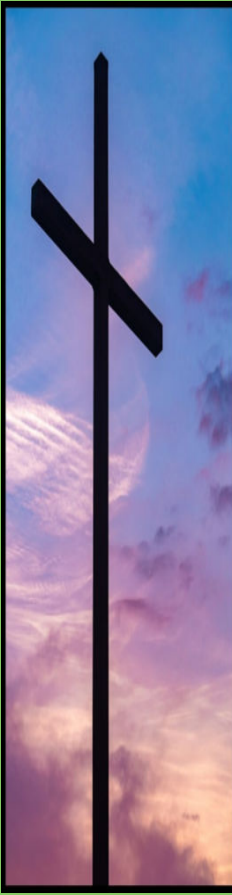
Welcome back after our beautiful summer.

We hope to see you at our next coffee morning on Wednesday 23rd September after Mass.

New members are welcome. £5 registration.

Our Thursday weekly walk: we meet at 10:15 in the church carpark. All members are welcome to join in at any time.

B.I.N.G.O is back, we're hoping for a FULL HOUSE!
18th October & 15th November



REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased:

Georgia Ann Nugent
Joesph Rollins
Michael McKinney
Philip Smith
Edward (Teddy) Dickson
Thomas (Tommy) Napier
Patrick (Pat) McCarney
Frank Maguire
Gerald (Gerry) Henvey

Anniversaries:

Raymond Glover (6pm)
Laura Heaney (9am)
Denis Carey (10.30am)
Eileen Higgins & Paul Cavana (12.30pm)
David Carville, Joesph Woods,
Francis McGinty

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Parish of Blaris

Sunday 13th September 2026
The Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Masses Monday – Friday 10.00am

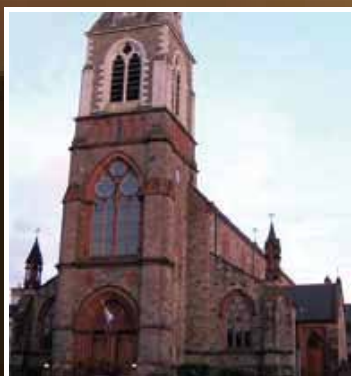
Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am & 12 noon

LIVE WEBSTREAMING OF ALL MASSES

Please note many parishes in the Diocese have webcams installed which provide live coverage of various Masses taking place daily throughout the Diocese. These can be accessed by visiting www.downandconnor.org Links to Parish Webcams. Live Church webcam links: CHURCH SERVICES. TV & MCN MEDIA CHURCH WEBCAMS

'Forgive your brother from your heart.'
Matthew 18:35



Fr. Dermot McCaughan, PP: 028 9266 2341
Fr. Eamon Magorrian, CC: 028 9266 2348

Parish Office Opening Hours:
Monday-Friday 10.30am-4.00pm.
Closed 1.00pm-2.00pm.

Parish Office: 028 9266 0206 Fax: 028 9266 5690
Email: lisburn@downandconnor.org
Pastoral Centre: 028 9260 7110
www.parishoflisburn.org

INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*Entrance Hymn or
Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 36:18

All: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred
mysteries.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

All: And grant us your salvation.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of
God the Father.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,

grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of
the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creatures of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember
dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your
neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most
High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12 R v.8

(R) The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R)
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others;
if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the
Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This
explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so
that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

All: Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy
 Gospel according to Matthew

18:21-35

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.' And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stand

THE CREED

All: **I believe in one God,**
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the
Father; through him all things were made
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Congregation sits

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body and blood are brought to the altar.

The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

Priest: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

The celebrant then raises the chalice above the altar and says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:

Priest: With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Congregation stands

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

PREFACE (VII in Ordinary Time)

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you so loved the world that in your mercy you sent us the Redeemer, to live like us in all things but sin, so that you might love in us what you loved in your Son, by whose obedience we have been restored to those gifts of yours that, by sinning, we had lost in disobedience.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

ACCLAMATION

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and + Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL
COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR
YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS
OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: **My Lord and my God**

Priest: Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Leo our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days,

that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world, grant us peace.**

Congregation kneels

The celebrant says quietly:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood,
Lord Jesus Christ,
not bring me to judgment and condemnation,
but through your loving mercy
be for me protection in mind and body
and a healing remedy.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Priest: May the Body of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

Priest: May the Blood of Christ
keep me safe for eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 35:8

**All: How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of
your wings.**

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord,
may we possess in purity of heart,
that what has been given to us in time
may be our healing for eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray.
May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord,
we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies,
so that its effects, and not our own desires,
may always prevail in us.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen

Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 14th September – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday 15th September – Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday 16th September – Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

QUEEN'S CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY – WE'RE BACK!

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's reopens for the new academic year on Monday 14 September, with weekday Masses and our semester programme resuming. Our first Sunday Mass is 20 September at the new, earlier time of 7.00pm. Please note the new time! **New or returning student?** Find out about what's on, ways to connect and get involved, and student accommodation at Ryan Hall at qubcatholic.org and on our socials. Staff and alumni are always welcome too. Visit our newly renewed Chaplaincy at 28 Elmwood Avenue for Mass, Confessions or candlelighting — and call into Mosaic for some of the best coffee, hot lunches and home-baked treats in South Belfast!

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Beginning Experience is a peer ministry to the bereaved, separated and divorced, based within the Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor.

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (26th September 24th October and 21st November) Booking essential. To find out more contact Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY starts again on Sunday 13th September. If your child has registered, they can join us during the 10.00am Mass. All children will meet the volunteers at the Baptism Font before the First Reading. They will return to the church during the Offertory. This will be announced from the altar. Due to Safeguarding reasons, the volunteers will lead all children to the Pastoral Centre to complete their activity. If your child has not registered, you can fill out a consent form after 10.00am Mass in the Pastoral Centre. If anyone is interested in becoming a **CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEER**, please contact the Parish Office.



This gathering is open to all Pioneers, especially those who would like to support a fresh start, new energy, and renewed commitment within our diocese. We would be delighted to welcome as many Pioneers as possible.

SCRIPTURE GROUP has now resumed on Tuesday evenings. We meet in the Parish Pastoral Centre every Tuesday 7:30 - 8:30 to study, discuss and reflect on the Mass readings for the following weekend.

COFFEE MORNING

In aid of Anthony Nolan Appeal this morning (13th September) 10.30am – 1.30pm. Everyone welcome.

ADULT AND TODDLER GROUP resumes on Tuesday 15th at 10am in Pastoral Centre. All welcome.



CONGRATULATIONS to our esteemed parishioner Lily McCoy. Lily celebrated her 99th birthday on Sunday 6th September. We wish her every blessing and everything that is good for the future.

BULLETIN NOTICES AND ANNIVERSARIES

Bulletin Notices should be with the Parish Office by 12 noon on Monday to be included in the weekend bulletin.

Please note all emails to Parish Office should be addressed to – lisburn@downandconnor.org

ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS to be made regarding family illness or passing of an individual should come to us only through a family member or through Parish Office.

CELEBRATION OF MASS AND BLESSING WITH HOLY RELIC OF ST. PADRE PIO,

Wednesday 13th September at 7.00pm
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THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC OR WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FAITH?

The Diocesan RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of faith, formation, and community for adults who wish to explore the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is open to those who are not baptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics who wish to reconnect with their faith.

The 2025–2026 programme begins on Wednesday 1st October and runs weekly from 6.30–8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. Sessions include prayer, teaching, discussion, and time for questions. Spouses, fiancés or friends are welcome to attend alongside participants. All are welcome, whether you are exploring faith for the first time or returning after some time away. To register or find out more, please email rcia@downandconnor.org



ST ALOYSIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY UNIT

The P5 - 7 children will join the parish family for the 10.00am Mass on Tuesday 29 September, the Feast of the Archangels. This Mass will be a dedication of studies Mass for the new school year.

Catholic Men's Retreat - Standing in the Breach

A Catholic Men's Retreat will take place at Portglenone **Monastery on Saturday 19 September 2026, from 9am to 1pm**. The theme of the retreat is "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). The morning will include prayer, teaching, fellowship and men's testimonies, with Fr Eddie McGee as keynote speaker. All men are very welcome. For further information, contact Thomas Carey on 07967 620435 or email sean@catholicminute.co.uk.

ST PATRICK'S GAC

Senior Ladies unfortunately went out of the Championship last weekend in a high scoring game against Davitts. Hard luck ladies but definitely a good year with lots of talent on show.

Senior Men still have the last Championship match to play against St Comgalls on Saturday 19th at Kirkwood's Road. Throw in 4:30pm.

Today (Sunday 13th) is our Club Day at the pitch. This is a fun day for all the Community with lots of activities. Let's hope the weather holds out. This will run from 1pm until 4.30pm. Please feel free to pop in.

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- Cost: £50 per person

Attendance on all training dates is required. This training involves the use of online resources so requires access to a laptop, tablet or smartphone and a basic level of digital skills. **Please click on the link to register to attend by 11 Sept 2026.** <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/EbEJb01BDs> If you require further information, please contact us at: email: pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org Tel: (028) 9069 0920.

HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL, IRELAND. Fr Lawrence Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland. Join us for the Ulster event at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry, on Tuesday 29th September at 6:45pm, with a First Class Relic of St Thérèse. Free admission.

KINDNESS

*Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed;
let us be done with fault finding and leave off self-seeking.*

*May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face
without self-pity and without prejudice.*

May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.

Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene and gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and un-afraid.

*Grant that we may realise it is the little things that create differences;
that in the big things of life we are at one.*

*And may we strive to and to touch and know the great common,
human heart of us all and O Lord God let us forget not to be Kind.*

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES

SATURDAY VIGIL

5.00pm – Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

6.30pm – St Mary's, Greencastle

SUNDAY MASS:

9.30am – St Colman's, Greenisland

11.00am – St James', Whiteabbey

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Star of the Sea, Whitehouse: Tuesday 7.00pm

St Mary's, Greencastle: Wednesday 9.30am

St Colman's: Thursday 10.00am

St James': Friday 10.00am

MORNING PRAYER & COMMUNION SERVICE

St Colman's: Monday 10.00am

ST PEREGRINE'S NOVENA:

First Monday of the month at 7.00pm in St Mary's, Greencastle

NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR:

Every Tuesday at 7.00pm in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Wednesday in St Mary's, Greencastle 10am – 1pm

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

After 10.00am Mass on Friday in St James'

DIVINE MERCY EVENING – Rosary, preaching, healing prayers and Eucharistic Adoration on the second Friday of the month 7.00pm – 9.30pm St James' Church.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a lay association of pious, Marian Catholics, who specialise in both prayer and work. They meet at 7pm every Friday in St. Mary's Church, Greencastle.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are taking place on Saturdays in St James', Whiteabbey. Please contact the parish office for further information.

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MASS INTENTIONS

[Saturday](#)

Greencastle 6.30pm – Alice Gillen anniversary

LOUGHSHORE NET TEAM

We are delighted to welcome the Net Team for 2026/2027 to the Loughshore Parishes this week. We ask God to bless Simeon, Mary, Thomas, Olivia, Natalia and Christine in their ministry and look forward to all that God will do through them in the year ahead.



BLESSING OF SCHOOL BAGS

This weekend, 12th & 13th September, Fr David will be blessing the school bags of all children returning to school. We warmly invite the children and young

people of our parish to bring their school bag to any of the Vigil Masses or Sunday Masses in the parish.

We pray for our children and young people as they return to school. May God keep them in His care. May the Holy Spirit open their minds to all that is true, beautiful and good.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER - FOR THE CARE OF WATER

Let us pray for just and sustainable management of water so that everyone may have equal access to this vital resource. [🔗 Pray with the Pope video](#)

SEASON OF CREATION

1st September–4th October

A message from Bishop Alan on the Season of Creation is available to read on the [🔗 parish website](#).



BAPTISM WELCOME MEETING

We invite parents considering Baptism for their child in October to join us at 7.30pm on Monday 5th October in St James' Parish Hall for

our Baptism Welcome meeting. Both parents and godparents are invited to be present. We look forward to meeting you. Refreshments provided.



The Loughshore Parishes



St Mary's, Greencastle; St Mary, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse;
St James', Whiteabbey & St Colman's, Greenisland



13 September 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LOUGHSHORE SACRAMENTAL CLASS

Parents of children attending non Catholic schools, or children who previously missed out on making their sacraments, wishing to be prepared for sacraments in 2027 should register their interest by forwarding the following information to

loughshoresacraments@gmail.com

- **Child's name & school**

- **Preparation classes required for first penance & communion OR for confirmation.**

- **Parent or guardian's name and contact number**

Registration is open until 4th October.

First Penance and Communion classes begin on Sunday 18th October in St. James Hall at 12pm. These classes are run fortnightly until May. The cost is £30 for books and materials. Confirmation classes will not begin until after the transfer tests are completed. More information to follow.

COULD YOU HELP SHARE THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS?

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HUMAN LIFE IRELAND Join Fr Lawrence Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry, on Tuesday 29th September at 6:45pm, with a First Class Relic of St Thérèse. Free admission.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC

Sunday 4th October at 7pm in Holy Family Church. Featuring Neil Martin, Cavehill Community Choir & friends. Tickets £10 from the Holy Family Parish Office

QUEEN'S CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

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ABIDE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

20th – 22nd November at the Great Northern Hotel Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Speakers include: Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Mark Wharton & more. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, from Cork & Ross Diocese. We would love to welcome you this weekend. For more details please visit Abide in His Love at: eventbrite.ie Registration link: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>

ST JAMES' HALL EVENTS

Céilí dancing will be starting back on Monday 21st September at 7.30pm. All welcome. *Bingo* will be held on Saturday 26th September at 7.30pm.



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Down & Connor Diocese is renewing and developing its Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes

throughout the Diocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting at ONE of these venues:

- *Thursday 1st October The Parish Centre, Ballymena, 2 Broughshane Road, BT43 7DX 8pm,*

- *Friday 2nd October St Patrick's Centre, Downpatrick, Market Street, BT30 6LZ 8pm*

Registration from 7.30pm. See poster in the church for details.

CELEBRATION OF MASS AND BLESSING WITH HOLY RELIC OF SAINT PADRE PIO.

Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm. St Vincent de Paul Parish, 171 Ligoniel Road, Belfast.

Pray, Hope and Don't Worry.



SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Cycle A, Psalter Week 4



✦ MASS TIMES & LITURGIES

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH NEWCASTLE

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri at 10am

LITURGY OF THE WORD & HOLY COMMUNION: Wed & Sat 10am

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm & Sunday Mass at 11.30am

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

BRYANSFORD: Open for Private Prayer Only. Open daily from 10am To 5pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Fridays, 10.30am-5.00pm

CONFESSIONS

1st & 3rd Saturday, 3.30-4.00pm

BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sat, 3-3.30pm. Book in sacristy after Mass. Bring long birth certificate

WEDDINGS: Arrange with Fr Jim after Mass. Weddings can also be arranged in St Patrick's, Bryansford.

The Parish of Maghera is a part of the **Diocese of Down and Connor** Trust and operates in accordance with the Diocesan policies. Registered UK Charity No. **XN46141** Charity Name: **Down and Connor Diocesan Trust**

✦ FAMILY OF PARISHES

Parish of Dundrum & Tyrella

Mon-Thurs 9.30am; Sat 10am (Dundrum);

Fri 9.30am (Ballykinnar);

Saturday Vigil 6pm (Ballykinnar);

Sunday Mass 11am (Dundrum)

Parish of Kilmegan & Kilcoo

St. Malachy's Church, Castlewellan

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.30am

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 10am

(Kilcoo); Sat Vigil 5pm & Sun

Mass 10.00am (Kilcoo);

Mon 9.30am; Wed-Fri 9.30am

Tues 9.30am (Aughlisnafin)

✦ CONTACT DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST: FR JIM CRUDDEN

Parochial House 24 Downs Road Newcastle 028 437 22401

PARISH MANAGER: BRENDA WEBB

Parochial House 24 Downs Road Newcastle 07840 028461

emails: b.webb@downandconnor.org / brenda@parishofmaghera.com

PARISH SUPPORT & FINANCE

OFFICER: VIRGINIA HUGHES

Parish Office, Parochial House, 24 Downs Road, Newcastle, BT33 0AG. Tel: 028 437 22401 Office Hours: Tue-Fri 10am-1pm (Closed Monday). Emails: Newcastle@downandconnor.org / parishoffice@parishofmaghera.com

Web: www.parishofmaghera.com

FB: Parish of Maghera D&C

To access the Parish webcam:

<https://www.mcn.live/camera/our-lady-of-the-assumption-church-newcastle>

SACRISTANS: STEPHEN BODEN / ANTHONY CREELMAN

Tel: 028 4372 7691 (after Mass)

PARISH SHOP: EUGENE SMALL

14 Main Street - 028 4372 3399

Opening Time: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat - 10.30am-4.30pm (Closed Wednesday)

ROOM/HALL HIRE: PARISH CENTRE

& ST PATRICK'S HALL: EAMON

LENEGHAN / JOE DUGGAN -

Office at 14 Main Street Tel: 028

4372 3399, Office Hours Mon,

Wed & Fri 9.30am-1.30pm

Email: newcastlebookings@downandconnor.org

SAFEGUARDING. If you have a concern, suspicion or wish to report an allegation of abuse,

please contact: Philip O'Hara,

Diocesan Designated Liaison

Person, 120 Cliftonville Rd,

Belfast BT14 6LA Tel: 07534991124

E: philip.ohara@soddc.org

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF HELP

Please Contact the St Vincent

de Paul Helpline: 07889780330 or

Lifeline on: 0808 808 8000

✦ MINISTRY OF WELCOME

RECENTLY BAPTISED

Corbin - Joe / Aoife Iene / Lorcán / Rioghnach Rose / Grace Maura

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Please remember in your prayers:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Edith O'Hare / Justin Scott (England)

MONTH'S MIND: Danny Donnan / Cathal McKibbin

ANNIVERSARY: James McKeown

✦ MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, 12TH - 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Sat, 12th 4pm Mary McKibbin / John Harbinson / Danny Donnan

(MM) / James McKeown

Sun, 13th 6pm Joseph McFall /

Gerard McMahon

Mon, 14th 10am Anne Gallagher

Fri, 18th 10am Pat Sawey

Sat, 19th 4pm Cathal McKibbin

(MM)

Sun, 20th 11.30am Patricia

Brannigan / Maureen & Nicola

McKibbin / Laurence

Cunningham /

"May their souls and the souls of all the

faithful departed rest in peace."

✦ SANCTUARY CANDLES

This week's Sanctuary Candles will burn for: **John & Matthew McMullan**

✦ OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

£2444.91, Standing Order;

£621.83, Total: £3066.74,

Diocesan Priests Welfare;

£903.10, Standing Order; £105,

Total: £1008.10, Thank you.

Pope Leo's prayer intention.

September 2026: Water

Management - Let us pray for a

just and sustainable management

of water, a vital resource, so that

everyone may have equal access

to it.

The Flame of Love of the

Immaculate Heart of Mary. Flame

of Love Cenacle takes place

every Friday after 10am Mass at

the side chapel. All welcome!

Holy Rosary every morning from

Monday to Saturday at 9.30am in

Our Lady of the Assumption

Church. All welcome.

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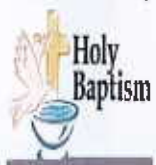
VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE
www.ourladyqueenofpeacekilwee.com

Parish Office Contact Numbers and Email Addresses

Christ the Redeemer	02890309011	christtheredeemer@downandconnor.org
Derriaghy	028 92660073	derriaghy@downandconnor.org
Nativity	028 90625739	nativity@downandconnor.org
OLQP	028 90616300	ourladyqueenofpeace@downandconnor.org
St Luke's	028 90625739	stlukes@downandconnor.org
St Anne's	02890610112	stannes@downandconnor.org

Pope Leo's prayer intentions for September: For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



The Sacrament of Baptism in Our Lady Queen of Peace will be on the **second Saturday of each month at 2.30pm.**

All parents are required to attend a Pre Baptism meeting which is held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm in St Colman's.

KNIT & NATTER: Our Lady Queen of Peace Knit & Natter each Wednesday in the Conference room of the Church 10.30-12pm. All new members welcome.

If there is anyone in the parish who is **sick and housebound** and would like a priest to visit, please contact the parish office or email kilweeparish@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS with Adoration & Confession 7-8pm
Nativity Thursday 24th September 2026 Everyone Welcome



DAY RETREAT TO LOUGH DERG - Saturday 19th September

Leaving St Paul's at 6.30am Returning to Paul's at 7.30pm. The day Includes bus, boat, tea & scones on arrival then a light lunch and retreat. Price for Retreat is £45 plus the bus price determined on the uptake. Tele. St Paul's Parish Office on 028 90325034 Mon - Thurs..

TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE PARISH PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
ourladyqueenofpeacekilwee.com **DONATE BUTTON**

If you require a box of envelopes, please contact the Parish Office 90616300

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (26th September 24th October and 21st November) Booking essential. To find out more contact Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com



ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick & Geraldine McCabe and Margaret & Edward Howell

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them

URGENT APPEAL for volunteers to give up a little of their time on the **3rd Saturday of each month** to help with the **Church Housekeeping**. If you could give some time to this very necessary work, please contact the parish office 90616300.

HOLY RELIC OF ST PADRE PIO

Celebration of Mass and Blessing with Holy Relic of St Padre Pio Wednesday 23rd September 2026 at 7pm. Saint Vincent De Paul Parish 171 Ligoniel Rd, Belfast BT14 8DP
There will be a collection to support the Parish of St. Vincent De Paul.

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CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT - Standing in the Breach

A Catholic Men's Retreat will take place at **Portglenone Monastery on Saturday 19 September 2026, from 9am to 1pm.** The theme of the retreat is "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). The morning will include prayer, teaching, fellowship and men's testimonies, with Fr Eddie McGee as keynote speaker. All men are very welcome. For further information, contact Thomas Carey on 07967 620435 or email sean@catholicminute.co.uk.

THE DIOCESAN RCIA - (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

It is open to anyone unbaptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics wishing to reconnect. The 2026—2027 programme begins on Wednesday 23rd September and runs weekly from 6.30 pm to 8.00pm in St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. To find out more, scan the QR code to visit our information page, or email cia@downandconnor.org to register.





ST. PATRICK'S BALLYPHILIP
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 13th September 2026



Fr Feargal McGrady PP Tel: 028 427 28234 Web: www.portaferryparish.com
Email: portaferry@downandconnor.org Livestream: www.churchmedia.tv
Parish Office: 028 427 28373, Monday – Friday 9.00am – 1.00pm

Parish Bereavement Ministry

This group offers support for anyone experiencing bereavement. If you would like to talk to a member please Telephone: 07564293692

ST PATRICK'S COMMUNITY CENTRE CONTACTS:
MADELINE DYNES 07999945936 & JAMES MAGEE 07542530006
During Business Hours

	St Patrick's Portaferry	St Cooley's Oratory	St Patrick's Ballygalget
Sunday 13 th September TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11am Mass		9.30am Mass
Monday 14 th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross		7.00pm Rosary 7.30pm Novena Mass	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Tuesday 15 th September Our Lady of Sorrows			9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Wednesday 16 th September St Cornelius. St Cyprian		7.00pm Rosary 7.30pm Mass	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Thursday 17 th September St Hildegard. St Robert Bellarmine			9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Friday 18 th September	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	Eucharistic Adoration 11.00am – 6.00pm	7.00pm Rosary 7.30pm Mass
Saturday 19 th September St Januarius	5.45pm Adoration 6.30pm Vigil Mass		5.00pm Vigil Mass

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Joe Kelly, recently deceased and for the following whose anniversaries occur around this time: Paddy Smyth, Dominic Pucci, Oliver Lynch, Abi Rogers, James & Mary McGrath, Robert & Mary Moore, Ellie McDonnell, John Smyth, Charles Denvir, Sammy Denvir, Annie Mason, Peter Grant, Letitia Lennon, Mary McCluskey, Jean McCormick.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace, Amen.

ROSARY IN ST. COORY'S ORATORY: on Tuesday 15th September at 7pm,
in honour of Our Lady of Sorrows.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12th September: **Paddy Smyth, Dominic Pucci**

Sunday 13th September: **Oliver Lynch**

Monday 14th September: **James & Mary McGrath, Robert & Mary Moore, Ellie McDonnell, John Smyth**

Saturday 19th September: **Johnny & Pauline McCarthy, Maeve & Joey Crangle, Noreen Murray**

Sunday 20th September: **Elaine McVeigh (First Anniversary)**

The Bereaved of the Community will be remembered in a special way at Mass on Wednesday 16th September in St Cooley's Oratory at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited for a cup of tea and chat in the Parish Office afterwards.

The Apostolic Workers would like to thank all the parishioners who donated so generously, sponsoring sacred vessels and gave to our church door collection.

We have raised the magnificent amount of £4,264.00

Your sponsorship and donations for the last year 2025 went to Missions in Kenya, Nigeria and Zimbabwe. Again, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Children's Liturgy

The new term of Children's Liturgy begins at the Masses weekend 27th and 28th September.

We look forward to welcoming primary school children from P1 upwards.

A consent form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian before attending.

Forms are available in the main porch of St Patrick's and may be returned to a member of the Children's Liturgy team or to the parish office.



If you are having difficulties with your expenses ring our confidential telephone: 07508 549701. We can help. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Weekly Offering: £1,426.00 Weekly Standing Orders for August: £1,461.00

Monthly Offering: £1,488.00. Monthly Standing Orders for August: £270.00

Cathedral Fund: £928.00. Building & Cemetery Fund: £1,381.00.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



PORTAFERRY AND BALLYGALGET BAPTISM MINISTRY

Baptism Information sessions will begin after Halloween. Dates will depend on Baptisms that are booked via the Parish office.

Parents/ Guardians/ Godparents and Grandparents will be invited to attend. The information sessions will be:

- Short
- Informal
- Explain the rite of Baptism
- Provide refreshments
- Provide a welcome gift for each child.

Over the next few weeks, we will be setting up 'Baptism trees' in St Patrick's Portaferry and St Patrick's Ballygalget beside the Baptismal fonts. The name of each child to be baptised will be hung on the tree as a welcoming gesture from our Parish communities.

May the time of preparation for Baptism be filled with peace, gratitude and the loving presence of God in our families.

The Folk Group would welcome new members, young (from P6) and anyone else who enjoys music and singing and might like to try out being part of a choir.
Anyone interested in joining us please come along any Sunday and learn as you go.
Contact Bernie Doran on 078 4992 7581 or Lorna Spence on 078 5064 8091.

HARVEST SERVICE in Portaferry Methodist Church, Sunday 27th September at 7pm, Rev Alan Wardlow, the Past President of the Methodist Church in Ireland will lead the service alongside other local church leaders. A joint churches choir will help us in our music as we thank God for his goodness to us.
Light refreshments provided after the service.
Food or financial gifts will be welcome but must be shelf stable goods that will be donated to the local Food Bank. These can be brought to the church Sat morning 26th at 09:30-10:30am or brought on Sunday evening to the service.



Notices for the parish bulletin need to be with the parish office by Wednesday 12noon.
Anniversary notices can be left in the anniversary boxes in either church,
(Boxes beside the candle shrines), sent by email, or rang into the office.

St Mary's Primary School & Nursery Unit, Portaferry. Could You Spare an Hour?

As we begin another new school year, St Mary's Primary School & Nursery Unit is seeking volunteers from our parish and wider community to help enrich the lives of our children. Whether you could support reading, maths activities, sports coaching, art, languages, gardening or simply share a skill, hobby or life experience, even a small amount of your time can make a meaningful difference.
If you can spare one hour a week, one hour a month, or help with a particular project, we would love to hear from you.
Contact the school on 028427 28278 or email pgilchrist570@c2kni.net

Share your time. Share your talents. Help our children learn, grow and shine.

BALLYGALGET, PORTAFERRY & ARDKEEN PARISHES
A Great Day Out for Friends, Family & Our Parish Community!
Day Out
FAITH, HERITAGE & COMMUNITY
Explore. Experience. Enjoy Together.

A SHEPHERD'S LIFE AT GLENSHANE COUNTRY FARM
SHEEP SHEARING DEMONSTRATION
Step into the past and experience life on the farm. Watch a live sheep shearing demonstration and see working sheepdogs, hold baby lambs and more.

THE GORTA EXPERIENCE AT FRIELS
THE GORTA EXPERIENCE
A powerful and moving visitor experience that brings the story of the Great Famine to life.

DINNER AT FRIELS BAR & RESTAURANT, SWATRAGH
Relax and enjoy a delicious 3-course dinner in the warm and welcoming surroundings of Friels.

TRAVEL IN COMFORT WITH CONNECTIONS IRELAND
✓ Modern, luxury coach
✓ Air conditioning
✓ Spacious seating
✓ Friendly, professional driver

PRICE: £60 PER PERSON
Includes coach travel, all admissions & 5-course dinner

FULLY GUIDED THROUGHOUT THE DAY
Our day out will be fully guided throughout by a professional tour guide accredited by Tour Guides Northern Ireland.

TOUR GUIDES NORTHERN IRELAND

DATE: THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2026
DEPARTURE: LEAVING PORTAFERRY SQUARE AT 9.00 AM SHARP
RETURN: APPROX. 6.00 PM
WHO CAN JOIN? Open to everyone in the Parishes of Ballygalget, Portaferry & Ardkeen.

TO SECURE YOUR PLACE CONTACT:
SEAMUS DORRAN
ON 07813968171

ALL PLACES ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.
Don't miss out - book early to avoid disappointment!

Together in Faith. Together in Community.

THIS SUNDAY !!!
Abi's Butterfly Breeze 2026
In memory of Abi... ...for Memories for you

13th September at 1pm
Medals and chipped timing entry
£20 entry 10k
£10 entry 5k
Route starts at Portaferry GAC

The money raised through Abi's Butterfly Breeze Portaferry 10K will help support Bright Future, Inspire's counselling service for young people set up in memory of Abi.

INSPIRE
Mindfulness. Mental. Recovery.

SCAN ME



St. Patrick's Community Centre, Portaferry

Bingo this Sunday 13th September at 3pm in aid of Air Ambulance.

Mon. Tea/ Chat, Gentle Exercise, Whist, Quiz, Light. Lunch 11.00am Text 07873284252
Bridge 2pm. **Ferry Fit** 6.45pm. **Tin Whistle** for Beginners 7.00pm beginning Mon. 14th
Sept. Text 07542530006. **Ferry Fit** 7.45pm
Tin Whistle for Improvers 7. 50pm beginning Mon. 14th Sept. TEXT 07542530006

Tues. Portaferry Crafters (Textiles) 10.30am Text 07999945936
Ceili Dancing 7.15pm Text 07395200128
Ukulele Beginners 6.30pm; Improvers 7.15pm Text 07999945936

Wed. Gently Does It 9.30am (Gently Does It) Text 07999945936
Judo 5.00pm Text 07929905310

Thurs. Community Centre Singers 10.30am Text 07999945936
Jo Jingles 12.00pm Text 07395200128
The Hive (Arts & Crafts) 12.30pm Text 07999945936
"Painting Portraits" beginning 24th Sept. 7pm. Text 07542530006 for Registration
Ferry Film Club (Last Thursday in the month) 7.00pm
Ferry Fit 8.00pm

Fri. Party Dance 9.30am Text 07999945936
Walking Group 11.00am
Netball for P5 to Year 10 6.00pm to 7.00pm Text 07542530006

Sat. Flower Arranging (1st Sat of each month) 12 noon text 07999945936

See our Face Book page for further details: Stpatricksccommunitycentreportaferry
or text the relevant number with your details and the activity which interests you.
To hire any of our six rooms, please text 07542530006 or 07999945936

BAPTISMS: Portaferry Parish: 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Ballygalget Parish: 1st & 3rd Sunday

Please book with the parish office, (**Not the parochial house.**) Portaferry: 02842728373

Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm. Ballygalget: 07398623134 Wed or Fri 9am - 1pm.

A copy of your child's Birth Certificate (Long version) is required prior to Baptism date.

QUEEN'S CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY – WE'RE BACK!

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's reopens for the new academic year on Monday 14 September, with weekday Masses and our semester programme resuming.

Our first Sunday Mass is 20 September at the new, earlier time of 7.00pm. Please note the new time!

New or returning student? Find out about what's on, ways to connect and get involved, and student accommodation at Ryan Hall at qubcatholic.org and on our socials. Staff and alumni are always welcome too.

Visit our newly renewed Chaplaincy at 28 Elmwood Avenue for Mass, Confessions or candle lighting — and call into Mosaic for some of the best coffee, hot lunches and home-baked treats in South Belfast!

Thinking about becoming Catholic or want to deepen your understanding of the faith?

The Diocesan RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of faith, formation, and community for adults who wish to explore the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is open to those who are not baptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics who wish to reconnect with their faith.

The 2026–2027 programme begins on Wednesday 23rd September and runs weekly from 6.30–8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. Sessions include prayer, teaching, discussion, and time for questions. Spouses, fiancés or friends are welcome to attend alongside participants.

All are welcome, whether you are exploring faith for the first time or returning after some time away.

To register or find out more, please email rcia@downandconnor.org or scan the QR code.



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Poetry & Presence: [Link to Poetry & Presence Flyer](#)

Poetry & Presence begins on **Thursday 1 October at 7pm** in the **Belfast Jesuit Centre**, opening with the theme of **Water** in this **Season of Creation**. You're invited into a quiet, reflective evening of poetry, art, music, and Scripture: a space to pause, breathe, and let the imagery of water in God's story speak to the depths of your own heart.

 Thursday 1 October  7.00pm  Belfast Jesuit Centre

To register, visit <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/poetry-presence/>

Hybrid Book Launch: [Link to Book Launch Flyer](#)

The **Belfast Jesuit Centre** will host a special hybrid book launch on **Monday 19 October at 7.00pm** for **Conquest or Leaven: Reflections of a Catholic Priest in Palestine/Israel** by **Fr David Neuhaus SJ**.

Join us for a short talk from the author, a guided conversation, and live Q&A with Fr Neuhaus who will join us via live video link. His story - from South African Jewish roots to Christian faith and Jesuit ministry in the Holy Land - offers a powerful and unique perspective on justice, peace, and human dignity.

 Books will be available at a discounted rate.  Visit <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/hybrid-book-launch-conquest-or-leaven-by-david-neuhaus-sj/> to register. We look forward to welcoming you to this thoughtful and urgent conversation.



13th September 2026

THE PARISHES OF PORTSTEWART, PORTRUSH & BUSHMILLS & ST. MALACHY’S COLERAINE

North Connor Pastoral Community

Fr Kevin McGuckien PP Telephone: 028 7083 2534 Email: k.mcguickien@downandconnor.org
TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday A / Psalter Week 4

MASS TIMES

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, PORTSTEWART

TUESDAY: 7.00pm
WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY: 9.30am
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4.30pm
SUNDAY MASS: 10.00am

CHILDREN’S LITURGY AT 10.00AM MASS

CONFESSION:

SATURDAY: 4.00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - THURSDAY 10am-5pm

ST. MALACHY’S CHURCH, COLERAINE

TUES, THURS, FRI & SAT: 10.00am
SUNDAY MASS: 11.30am & 5.00pm

CONFESSION:

SATURDAYS: After 10.00am Mass

SUNDAYS: 4.30-4.50pm

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, PORTRUSH

FRI: 10.30am

SUNDAY MASS: 12 Noon

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - FRIDAY 11am-1pm

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK’S CHURCH, BALLYMONEY

MON & WED: 10.00am

FRIDAY: 7.00pm

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 6.00pm

SUNDAY MASS: 9.30am

DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN RETREAT

The priests of the Diocese of Down and Connor will be on retreat for a few days this week. The retreat will be held in Dromantine Retreat Centre outside Newry. Please keep all the priests of the Diocese in your prayers. **Please note there will be NO MASS in Portrush on Monday or Tuesday of this week.**

COLLECTIONS

PORTSTEWART

Last weekend’s Collections: Weekly Offering: £1686
Monthly Offering: £1117

Our account details are: Portstewart Parish
Sort Code: 95-04-28 Account number: 91011049

PORTRUSH

Last weekend’s Collections: Weekly Offering: £399
Monthly Offering: £364

Our account details are: Portrush Parish
Sort Code: 95-06-79 Account number: 00254207

ST. MALACHY’S COLERAINE

Last weekend’s Collections: Weekly Offering: £1202
Monthly Offering: £751

Our account details are: St Malachy’s Church
Sort Code: 90-48-00 Account number: 88609151

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!

PORTSTEWART

Parish Support Officer: 028 7083 2534

Email: portstewart@downandconnor.org

Parish Office Hours: Mon 9.00am -1.00pm

Tues 2.00pm-5.00pm, Wed & Fri: 9.00am – 5.00pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Dr. James Harley, Jody Campbell, Paul O’Neill, Sean Hughes, Mary Convery, Marion Getty RIP

ONE MONTH AGO: Stacey McLaughlin RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: James Campbell, Pat Hendrick, Roisin McCarron, Aaron Lundy, Patrick McNicholl, Tony O’Connor, John Mullan, Paddy McGarry, Susan McGarry, Joseph McGarry, Gertrude Trainor, James Trainor, Ann-Marie Nash, Phyllis Marshall, Janet Kennedy, Nan McCorriston, Marino McGowan RIP

The Month’s Mind Mass will be celebrated for Dr. James Harley next Saturday 19th at 4.30pm Vigil Mass and for Paul O’Neill on Sunday 20th at 10.00am Mass.

NEXT WEEKEND – 19 & 20 SEPT (PORTSTEWART)

VIGIL MASS: 4.30pm

Minister of the Word: Clíodhna Rae

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret McQuillan, Martina Murphy, Alison Rankin/Deirdre McCann

SUNDAY MASS: 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Paddy Mulvenna

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary McKenna*, Seamus O’Hara*, Margaret Conway*, Brian Lenehan

COLERAINE

Email: coleraine@downandconnor.org

Parish Office: Thurs: 9.00 – 5.00pm

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Vincent McGuigan, Roisin Ward, Eileen Morrison, Suzanne McEvoy, Marion Getty RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick McWilliams, Augustine Taggart, Veronica Taggart, Vonnice Clerkin, George Orr, Gemma McCullough RIP

PORTRUSH

Fr Patrick Delargy: 028 7082 3388

Email: portrush@downandconnor.org

PARISH OFFICE: Tuesday – 9.00am-1.00pm

NEXT SUNDAY – 20 SEPT (PORTRUSH) 12.00 Noon

Minister of the Word: Stephen O’Neill

Eucharistic Minister: Rose Minihan

REST IN PEACE

RECENT: Leanne Cosgrove, Jim Devine, Denis Dickson RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: James Campbell, Brian Minihan, Marino McGowan, Phyllis Marshall, Ann-Marie Nash RIP

FAMILY OF PARISHES SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

The next meeting of committee is Wed 16th Sept at 7pm in Marian Hall, Portstewart. All members are asked to attend.

ANGELS AND SAINTS PROGRAMME PORTRUSH

We’re all familiar with angels and saints in our Liturgy, private prayers and in Scripture. Fr. Paddy invites you to attend a short programme exploring the wider importance of ‘Angels and Saints’ in our faith, based around the book of the same title. (Cost £11.99)

Programme Details: Thursday 8th October – Thursday 12th November – 6 weeks from 7pm-8.30pm in St. Patrick’s Hall, Portrush. To register for the programme and to reserve a book, please contact Kieran Hill at kc.hill@btinternet.com
Tel: 07964287839

HEALTHY AND SMART CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Dr Christian will be making an appeal for his charity at Masses in Portrush and Ballymoney this weekend. Fund raising for the GOD’S GIFT OF SIGHT project, to provide free cataract surgeries for 100 blind people and 3,000 pairs of glasses for poor people in churches and communities in Nigeria.

Charity Name: Healthy And Smart Children Foundation

Bank Name: Charity Aid Foundation Bank

Account Number: 73016017 **Sort code:** 405240

www.healthysmartchildren.org



ST. PATRICK’S INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Commences Sunday 13th September at 7.00 pm in St. Patrick’s Hall, Portrush. New Members Welcome!

FAMILY OF PARISHES YOUTH GROUP RETURNS

The Youth Group Returns on Sat 19th Sept. after 4.30pm Mass from 5.30-7.30pm in the Marian Hall, Portstewart. New members welcome. Open to all secondary school aged children. Looking forward to seeing our young people returning and meeting new friends. Join us for Friendship, Faith, Fun and Pizza! 🍕🍕



ART CLASSES

Our Art classes start back in the St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea Parish Centre, Portstewart on Mon 21st Sept from 11.00am-1.00pm & and on Wed 23rd Sept from 7 30pm-9 30 pm. Anyone wanting to join the classes, please come along. You will be very welcome! 😊 Phone 07877136638.

PORTSTEWART CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Choir practice after 10.00am Mass on Sun 13th Sept.!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Portrush: Thurs 17th Sept at 7pm in Parochial House

Coleraine: Sun 20th Sept at 12.30pm in Parochial House

Portstewart: Thurs 24th Sept at 7pm in Marian Hall

SAM HENRY WEEKEND FUNDRAISER – SETS CÉILÍ

A traditional Irish Céilí in the heart of Portrush today, Sunday 13th September from 3pm-6pm in St. Patrick’s Hall, 112 Causeway Street, Portrush. Music by Duntally Céilí Band. Fear an Tí: Ronan Eastwood. Supper Provided. Admission is £10/€12. Proceeds in aid of Sam Henry Weekend & local charities. For more info contact Pat: 07511480074 / email: northcoastrad@gmail.com

LITTLE STARS’ BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Each Tuesday from 10am-11.30am in St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea Parish Centre, Portstewart. All are welcome!

FLAME CLUB: ST. MARY’S, STAR OF THE SEA PARISH CENTRE

Each Friday from 6-8pm for children 6 yrs. old & over. All are welcome! Contact Emer for more info: 07709043921.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Once again, our Family of Parishes will be marking the Church’s Season of Creation with a blessing of pets and animals. This year the blessing takes place in the grounds of Our Lady & St Patrick’s in Ballymoney on Sunday 27th September at 2pm. All welcome to attend.

PILGRIMAGES TO KNOCK SHRINE

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 27th September 2026

Coach leaves Dunloy Parish Centre: **7am**

St. Malachy’s Church Carpark pickup: **7.20am**

Returning by **9.30pm**

Information & booking: **07919354256**

FAMILY OF PARISHES PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 3rd October

Led by Fr Kevin

Pickups: Ballymoney, Portrush, Portstewart & Coleraine — approx. 7am

Return: approx. 10.30 at pickup locations

£35 per adult • £10 per child under 18

Book: **07724092063**

We are blessed to be able to offer two opportunities to our parish community to honour Our Blessed Mother Mary. Parishioners are warmly invited to join either pilgrimage, depending on what suits your schedule and spiritual needs. Both are beautiful opportunities to enjoy time away from the noise and busyness of our lives and immerse ourselves into a day of prayer and reflection.

ST COLUM’S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPENING OF YEAR MASS

The Opening of the School Year Mass for St. Colum’s Primary School will be held in St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea Church, Portstewart on **Friday 18th September at 10.30am**. Family, friends and parishioners are all invited to join us.

If you have any item for inclusion in the parish weekend bulletin, please email: portstewart@downandconnor.org by 11am on Thursday. Thank you.

PORTSTEWART: 07508 549572/ PORTRUSH: 07508 549574/ COLERAINE: 07738 837959

**Downpatrick Family of Parishes
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief**

**Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 13th September 2026**

Mass Schedule for the coming week:

Date	St Patrick's Saul	Stella Maris Strangford	St Joseph's Ballycruttle	St Malachy's Kilclief	St Tassach's Carlin
Sunday 13 th Sept	9.30am			11am	12noon
Monday 14 th Sept	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 15 th Sept	10am				
Weds 16 th Sept	10am				
Thursday 17 th Sept					
Friday 18 th Sept	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 19 th Sept	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 20 th Sept	9.30am		12noon	11am	

Masses are available to view online at www.saulandballeeparish.com and www.churchmedia.tv

Eucharistic Adoration in St Patrick's Church, Saul each Tuesday after 10am Mass concluding at 8pm. Holy Hour from 2.30pm-3.30pm

Our Lady of Knock Novena each Monday evening in Stella Maris, Strangford at 7.10pm.

The Sanctuary Lamp in St Patrick's Church, Saul has been lit for private intentions. If you would like it lit for your intentions please contact the Parish office. The cost is £5 per week.

Eucharistic Adoration

Down & Connor Diocese is renewing and developing its *Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee* in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in Parishes throughout the Diocese. You are welcome to attend an information meeting on Friday 2nd October in St Patrick's Centre, Downpatrick at 8pm. Registration from 7.30pm. Please see the poster in the Churches for further details.

The Medical Missionaries of Mary have been invited to visit us in Down and Connor this year and will be with us here at Saul and Ballee on the weekend of 26th and 27th September 2026. They will speak of their work, mainly in Africa and South America, and their mission to bring Christ's healing love to those most in need. Our parish and our diocese have supported MMM generously in the past, both in finance and in prayer, and MMM wishes to express gratitude for that support and to emphasise that we here at home are the body of mission, and those who are sent to far away places are the hands and the feet. When they speak to us and share their story they serve as a connection between us and those whom they serve.

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Months Mind Mass: John Lundy on Sunday 27th September at 9.30am

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 12th September – James Hynds Jnr, James Hynds Snr, Frankie & Maureen McKee

Sunday 13th September – Raymond Blaney (12noon)

Saturday 19th September -Dermot Vint

Sunday 20th September – Patrick Grant (12noon)

Saturday 26th September – John Gordon, Terence Quayle, Thomas (Tommy) Bibby

Sunday 27th September – Maurice King (9.30am)

Wednesday 30th September – Eileen McMullan

Parish of Kilclief

Months Mind Mass: Conleith Fitzsimons on Sunday 27th September at 11am

Anniversary Masses

Sunday 13th September – Kevin Cultra, Seamus McMorro, Mary Polley, Patrick King

Saturday 19th September – Anna & William Shields

Sunday 27th September – Michael Carlin

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection – 30 th August 2026	£1,822.20	£813.12
Weekly Collection -	£1,953.60	£1,023.50
Monthly Stipend	£1,930.80	£1,056.87

Hymns – St Malachy's, Kilclief

Entrance: 348v1 Praise to the Lord

Offertory: 183v1 I am the bread of life

Communion: 466v1, 2 You shall cross the barren desert

Recessional: 175v1 Go to the Mass is ended

Hymns - St Patrick's, Saul

Entrance: Longing for light – 439

Offertory: The Last Supper

Communion: Lay your hands – 413

Recessional: Go the Mass is ended - 303.

Legion of Mary Annual Trip to Knock will take place on Sunday 27th September. The cost is £30 per person, making the usual stops for breaks. Pick up points are at the following Churches:-

Newcastle – (back of the Church) 6.15am, Castlewellan – 6.30am, Downpatrick – 6.45am, Crossgar – 7am and Saintfield – 7.15am

To book your place you can place your money in an envelope along with your name and phone number and drop it into the Parish offices in Saul or Downpatrick (Patrician Youth Centre) or you can phone Geraldine on 07845 422723

IT COULD BE YOU!!!

I am deeply indebted to all the volunteers we have in our 2 Parishes. In fact, we could not function without each of you.

One of the biggest fears that prevent people from volunteering is that they could still be there in 15 years time!!

I don't want that for anyone which is why I am making this appeal.

We are always looking for new volunteers –

- For practical things such as cleaning our churches, helping with the flowers, collectors and counters.
- For the roles of Eucharistic Minister or readers, especially from the younger members of our congregations.
- For the various committees in the Parishes, I can assure you we try to keep the meetings brief and not too often.

If you would be interested, I'd love to hear from you – even to explain what the various roles entail. I am eager to revamp our Parish Pastoral Councils. To look at what can be done to make our Parishes and our celebrations more vibrant and meaningful.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Fr Aidan

Parish of Saul & Ballee – 300 Club – September Draw Winners

1st Prize – Peter Brennan

2nd Prize – Kathy Hayes

Congratulations and thank you for your support

Inverbrena September Draw Winners

1st Prize – Mary Kearney

2nd Prize – Nuala Hynds

3rd Prize – Mary Clarke

Congratulations and thank you for your support

MYMY is an accredited counselling service for adults based in Newcastle. If you or someone you know could benefit from counselling please give us call on 028 4372 7549, email hello@mymy.org.uk or self-refer via our website."

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Community Safety & Wellbeing Event organised by the Policing & Community Safety Partnership in Down Leisure Centre, Downpatrick on Wednesday 16th September 2026 from 10am to 12pm. This free event will bring together a wide range of local services to support health, safety, and wellbeing in our community. Attendees can benefit from free advice and health checks, Scams information session at 11:00am, information on local services and community safety. Free refreshments and an opportunity to connect with others

Thinking about becoming Catholic or want to deepen your understanding of the faith?

The Diocesan RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of faith, formation, and community for adults who wish to explore the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is open to those who are not baptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics who wish to reconnect with their faith.

The 2025–2026 programme begins on Wednesday 1st October and runs weekly from 6.30–8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. Sessions include prayer, teaching, discussion, and time for questions. Spouses, fiancés or friends are welcome to attend alongside participants. All are welcome, whether you are exploring faith for the first time or returning after some time away.

To register or find out more, please email rcia@downandconnor.org or scan the QR code.



Kilclief Ben Dearg GAC – If anyone is interested in going to the Kilclief Ben Dearg 125 Dinner Dance in Millbrook Hotel, Ballynahinch on Saturday 24th October 2026 please contact the Club Secretary, Karol Shields, on 07841661203 to book a ticket.

SAFEGUARDING - If you have a concern, suspicion, or wish to make an allegation of child abuse, or abuse in relation to an adult at risk, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office: Philip O'Hara, Designated Liaison Person, 120, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA. Mobile: 07534 992124 or Telephone: 028 90 492798. Email: philip.ohara@soddc.org or visit <https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com>

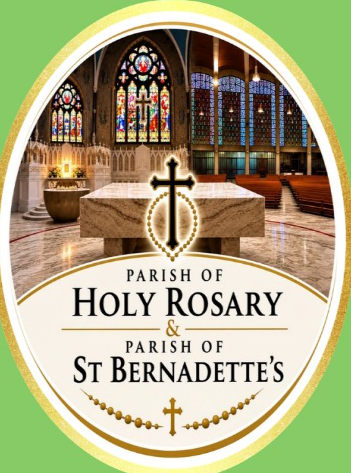
Very Rev Fr Aidan Brankin, Parish Priest 02844 612525 (Saul) or 02844 260101 (Strangford)

Saul Office: 02844 612525, Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9.30am to 12noon 10 St Patrick's Rd, Downpatrick, BT30 7JG

Kilclief Office: 02844260101 Office Hours: Monday 1pm to 3pm 8 Shore Rd, Strangford, BT30 7NL

Website: www.saulandballeeparish.com

Email: saul@downandconnor.org strangfordandkilclief@downandconnor.org



MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH
Vigil 6.00pm & 11am

HOLY ROSARY PARISH
9am, 10.30am & 12.30pm

WEEKDAYS
St Bernadette's Parish:
Mon, Tues & Wed 9.30am
Holy Rosary Parish:
Thurs, Fri & Sat 10.00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Good Shepherd church Saturday **10.30am**
St. Bernadette's church Saturday **5.15pm**

BAPTISMS
(Prior booking via Parish Office)
Due to the number of families requesting Baptisms we have added extra Baptism dates to our parish calendar!

Good Shepherd Church:
At 2p.m on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

St Bernadette's Church:
At 2p.m on the 1st Saturday of the month.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Fr. Brendan Hickland, PP (028) 90642446 (Option 1)
b.hickland@downandconnor.org

Fr. Babu Panattuparambil Vareed Assistant Priest
(028) 9079 3023.
stbernadettes@downandconnor.org

Rev. Patrick Keown (Deacon) p.keown@downandconnor.org

Kylee (Parish Support Officer) Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 9.15a.m - 1p.m. Closed Fridays

Holy Rosary Parish Office (028) 90642446 Option 2
holyrosary@downandconnor.org

Philomena (Finance Officer) p.dawson@downandconnor.org

More Information and resources:
holyrosaryparishbelfast.net and www.st.bernadettesparish.org

FÁILTE - WELCOME GROUP

There will be a get together of the group and new members in the coffee lounge (St Bernadette's parish centre) on the **13th September after 11am mass**. We are blessed to have 16 members and would be delighted if more parishioners came along to join us. You will find it to be a very worthwhile and enriching ministry to be part of. Beannacht Dia libh.

HLI Ireland

Fr Lawrence Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland. Join us for the Ulster event at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry, on Tuesday 29th September at 6:45pm, with a First Class Relic of St Thérèse. Free admission.



TWENTY-FORTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY

13th September

Readings: A (I) ♦ Psalter: Week 4



? LIFE AFTER ALPHA ?
INVITATION TO CONTINUE THE JOURNEY
ChristLife 'FOLLOWING CHRIST' Course

When Jesus called his first Disciples he said, "Come Follow Me." He still makes that call to us today. The 'ChristLife' series is an opportunity for you to respond to that call and continue that journey you embarked upon with Alpha. **FOLLOWING CHRIST** is a 7-week course with a one day Retreat to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus. The course will commence on **TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026 at 7:00pm** in **HOLY ROSARY PARISH CENTRE, 503 Ormeau Road, BT7 3GR.**

Each evening will follow a format similar to the Alpha Course and include a video presentation and small group discussions each evening.

We will also have time for tea and coffee and a little something to eat! The evening should last no more than a couple of hours.

To register for **'FOLLOWING CHRIST'** course, please send your full name, your e-mail address and preferably your mobile telephone number to stbrigids@downandconnor.org

A short information video can be found here:
christlife.org/about/christlife-process/following-christ/

St Bernadette's Third World Group - Lima Mission

The Third World Group is collecting annual sponsorship payments after all the Masses at St Bernadette's on **12th & 13th September.**

If you would like to sponsor a child within the Centres please speak to us after Mass. We will be happy to give further details.

Many thanks from Father Tony and the staff from The Children's Centres to all Sponsors for your ongoing generous support.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Down and Connor Diocese is renewing and developing its **Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee** in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese.

You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting at **ONE** of these venues:
Thu 1st Oct The Parish Centre, Ballymena 2,Broughshane Rd **BT43 7DX 8PM**
Fri 2nd Oct St Patrick's Centre, Downpatrick Market St **BT30 6LZ 8PM**
Registration from 7.30pm. See poster in church for details.



B.I.N.G.O is back, we're hoping for a FULL HOUSE!

18th October & 15th November
COME AND SING WITH US!

St. Bernadette's Parish Choir is looking for new members! We return to our musical duties on Sunday 6th September, singing each week at the **11.00am Sunday Mass**, with a rehearsal beforehand. There are no auditions, and you don't need to be an experienced singer - just someone who enjoys singing and would like to be part of our choir. We warmly welcome singers of all ages, so if you've ever thought about joining us, now is the perfect time to give it a try!

For more information, speak to Marty Lavery, our organist and choir director, or to any member of the choir.

Down and Connor Cantor Training

Adults (18+) involved in Parish Music are invited to take part in Cantor Training at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Dunloy. Training takes place on **Saturday 3 October, 17 October and 7 November, from 10.00am to 3.00pm (registration from 9.30am).**

Attendance at all three days is required for commissioning as a parish cantor. To request an application form, contact your parish office.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

Holy Rosary: £1541.00
St. Bernadette's: £1041.50

MONTHLY OFFERING:

Holy Rosary: £1371.00
St. Bernadette's: £1122.89

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support

The Building Fund Collection will be taken up this weekend, after Communion. The Autumn Voluntary Collection will be taken up next week. Collection offering can be made by standing order or the Dona machines in the church porch.

Please note that the 9:30am Mass at St. Bernadette's Parish will not take place on the 14th, 15th, or 16th September due to the Priests Conference/Retreat. Thank you for your understanding.

St Bernadette's Parish Centre
for all bookings and enquiries please email:
stbernadettes@downandconnor.org

Holy Rosary Senior Citizens
Senior Citizens monthly meet-up returns after summer break.
New members very welcome.

St Bernadette's Retirement Group
St Vincent de Paul have invited us to join them for their trip to Mount Stewart on **Thursday 17th September.**
If you're interested please phone Frances 07800562398 or leave your name in the sacristy. Welcome back after our beautiful summer. We hope to see you at our next coffee morning on **Wednesday 23rd September after Mass.**
New members are welcome. £5 registration.
Our Thursday weekly walk: we meet at 10:15 in the church carpark. All members are welcome to join in at any time.



REST IN PEACE

Recently Deceased:

Georgia Ann Nugent
Joesph Rollins
Michael McKinney
Philip Smith
Edward (Teddy) Dickson
Thomas (Tommy) Napier
Patrick (Pat) McCarney
Frank Maguire

Anniversaries:

Bridget Crouch (6pm)
James Begley (9am)
Eileen Slattery (10.30am)
Seamus Mc Morrow (11am)
Brian Magee (12.30pm)
Ingrid & Family, Vera O'Gorman,
Alphonsus Mc Clean, Patrick & Mary McCormick,
Heather Gallagher, Patrick O'Neill, Kathleen Black.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday: 9.30 am 12.00 noon	<u>Weekday Mass Times</u> Monday: 7.00 pm Tuesday: 9.30 am Wednesday: 9.30 am Thursday: 9.30 am Friday: 7.00 pm Saturday: 12 noon
Confession Monday: 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm Friday: 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm Saturday: 12.30 pm – 1.00 pm & 5.30 pm – 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration Monday: 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm	Baptisms 1 st & 3 rd Sunday of the Month at 1.30pm Please contact the Parish Office to book <i>(One month's notice required)</i> Marriages At least 6 months' notice required prior to date of Marriage. Please contact Fr Sheehan

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(Total includes Basket Collections, Standing Orders and Dona Donations)

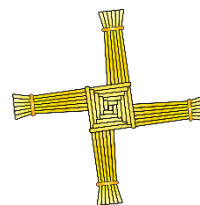
Weekly Collection 6th Sept: £7727.90

Monthly Collection 6th Sept: £4975.46

Mass Intentions for week ahead

Mon 14th Sept 7pm: *Special Intention*
 Tues 15th Sept 9.30am: *Bernard Downey (A)*
 Wed 16th Sept 9.30am: *Patricia Gilligan (A)*
 Fri 18th Sept 7pm: *Special Intention*
 Sat 19th Sept 12 Noon: *Malachy Owens (A)*
 Sat 19th Sept 6pm: *Samuel McShane (A)*

St Brigid's Parent and Toddler Group will start back on Thursday 17th September from 10.00am until 11.45am in St Brides Parish Hall.



Saint Brigid's Parish

24th Sunday in O T
 13th September 2026, Year A

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Sheehan **Tel:** 028 9066 5409

Parish Office: 028 9066 5409; (9 am - 1 pm Weekdays)

Address: 40 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6FP

Email: stbrigids@downandconnor.org **Website:** stbrigidsparishbelfast.org

Livestream/Webcam: youtube.com/@stbrigidsparishbelfast



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus Sir 27:30-28:7
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4.9-12
The Lord is compassion of love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Second Reading: Reading from the St Paul to the Romans Rm 14:7-9
Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

Gospel: According to Matthew Mt 18:21:35
I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Anniversary List

Please pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Joseph Murtagh, Raymund Shearer, Patricia Gilligan, Malachy Owens, Desmond Shearer, Kathleen and Tom Kelly, Maureen Salters, Geraldine Donnelly, Kevin Mulholland, Mary Maguire, Brigid and John McKenna, Barney and Cis McCartan, Charlie Grant;

May they rest in peace

QUEEN'S CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY – WE'RE BACK!

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's reopens for the new academic year on **Monday 14 September**, with weekday Masses and our semester programme resuming. Our first Sunday Mass is 20 September at the new, earlier time of 7.00pm. Please note the new time!

ST BRIGID'S MORNING PRAYER

We are recommencing morning prayer at **7.30am on 14th September 2026 in the Side Chapel** and each subsequent Monday until the beginning of Advent during which we will meet each weekday morning until just before Christmas.

All parishioners and friends are warmly welcomed

The format follows the Morning Office includes a reading and reflection on the gospel and introduces the rhythm of the daily office and especially the psalms to our daily lives. Why not come along and experience for yourselves?

Women's Prayer Group

*Are you looking to find a closer relationship with God?
If so, St Brigid's Women's Prayer Group may be for you.*

We are a group of women of all ages who come together once a month. It's a very gentle hour in which we study a passage of scripture and pray. It's a community that continues to grow, developing relationship with not only God, but with one another too.

We meet the third Wednesday of each month, for about an hour, in the Parish Office at 7.30pm. We start with a cup of tea and a chat. There is always wisdom, support and good humour to be found amongst us. If you decide to join us you will receive the warmest of welcomes.

The next meetings are 16th September, 21st October, 18th November and 16th December.

Further info from Mary 07718263019

The Men's Morning Prayer group

Recommences on Friday 18th September at 7.30am in 40 Derryvolgie Avenue. This is an opportunity to reflect on the gospel for the following Sunday recite the morning office and build fraternity, as we seek to follow Christ in our daily lives.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

We're back after our summer break!!

You are warmly invited by your local Lay Dominicans to join us as we pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy in St Brigid's church every FRIDAY at 3pm.

It's a beautiful way to start the weekend, so please join us.



? LIFE AFTER ALPHA ?

INVITATION TO CONTINUE THE JOURNEY ChristLife 'FOLLOWING CHRIST' course



FOLLOWING CHRIST is a 7-week course with a one day Retreat to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus. The course will commence on **TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026 at 7:00pm in HOLY ROSARY PARISH CENTRE, 503 Ormeau Road, BT7 3GR.**

To register for 'FOLLOWING CHRIST' course, please send your full name, your e-mail address and mobile telephone number to stbrigids@downandconnor.org

St Brigid's One World Group

Annual Collection and Standing Order Appeal 2026

Please help people suffering from extreme poverty in developing countries whose needs are growing every year because of:

- the spiralling costs of food and other basic commodities
- devastating floods and droughts caused by climate change
- the impacts of war
- growing inequalities between rich and poor
- the significant reduction of aid from Governments.



Please contribute to our Annual Collection this weekend and/or consider making a regular donation by setting up a Standing Order online with your bank or by completing a Standing Order form.

If you are a UK taxpayer and Gift Aid your donations, we can claim a further 25% of the amount from HMRC.

Gift Aid envelopes and Standing Order forms are available at the back of the Church.

Donations may be made electronically or Standing Orders set up online

Account No 68825172 Sort Code 90-22-07

Envelopes can also be returned in the collection basket at any Mass over the coming weeks.

For information, email stbrigids1wg@gmail.com or phone Kevin on 07525634440

Confirmation Preparation Classes 2026/2027

Enrolment for St Brigid's Parish Confirmation Preparation Classes 2026/27 is now open to Year 7 pupils, who are not attending St Brigid's Primary School, and Year 8 pupils. Each class lasts one hour, 5.45pm-6.45pm, on Tuesdays in St. Brigid's Parish Hall. **The limited places available** will be awarded on the first come first served basis. Please contact the Parish Office stbrigids@downandconnor.org or 90665409 for further enrolment details.



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Season of Creation 2026 (1 September – 4 October). Join us ...

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration which invites us to respond in hope and commit to positive action meeting the challenge and responsibility to care for creation - our common home. As we journey through the Season of Creation from 1 September through to the feast-day of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October, let us each take one action to care for our planet, our common home.

What action will we take in this season to show care for our planet, our common home?

Action an Eco - tip

- Endeavour to buy locally sourced food on one shopping visit
- Make one journey on foot or use public transport
- Select one day and turn off all non- essential lights

Start the conversation with family and friends – what can we do to care for our common home? Involve young people in our conversations – their voice matters - they will inherit the planet that we create.

Read and consider what others are saying

Keep informed and join wider discussions by visiting info@jointhedotstogether.org
Read My Appeal (paragraphs 13 - 16) Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home - visit www.vatican.va

Contribute your ideas and talents

Join our parish 'Care for Common Home' group to share ideas on eco-tips and suggestions for future talks/events — contact through the Parish Office.

Let's rise to the challenge

Pope Frances had every confidence that we can make change happen.
'All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents' (LS14).

St Brigid's Care for Our Common Home Group

We are continuing our discussions around moving to solar panels - an action to reduce parish building carbon emissions.

St Brigid's Care for Our Common Home Group

Stretch. Breathe. Connect.

The Parish Community Association welcomes you back to our much-loved **Yoga sessions**—designed to refresh your body and lift your spirit.

- Starting:** Monday 14th September 2026
- Time:** 12:30 pm (*doors open at 12:15 pm – come early and settle in!*)
- Venue:** St Brigid's Parish Centre – Main Hall
- Open to:** All ages, all abilities – absolutely everyone is welcome!

Why you'll love it:

- **Expert guidance** – Learn poses safely and at your own pace
- **Just £5** – Quality wellness that won't break the bank
- **Friendly vibes** – A lovely way to meet new people in our community

Please bring your own yoga mat – you'll need it for the full session.

Come as you are. Leave feeling brighter.

Give it a go – your mind (and body) will thank you. We can't wait to see you there!

Set Dancing

The Parish Community Association welcomes you back to our weekly Set Dancing classes with Ronan Eastwood

Have fun, keep fit and get ready for the Fleadh next year!

- Starting:** Wednesday 16th September 2026
- Time:** 11:15am- 12:45pm (*doors open at 11:00am*)
- Venue:** St Brigid's Parish Centre – Downstairs Hall
- Open to:** All ages, all abilities – absolutely everyone is welcome!
- Only £5 per session**

Classes will run every week with a break on 28th October and a pre Christmas party on 16th December in the afternoon from 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Gaeilge agus Cultúr weekly in St Bride's Parish Hall

Tuesday 8th September, 2pm to 3pm. Irish for those with a little.

Thursday 10th September, 10am to 11am Irish for beginners.

Thursday 17th September, 1.30 to 3.30 amateur dramatics, no experience necessary.

Thursday 24th September 6.30 to 8.30 Gaeilge Choir, no fluency required.

Contact Máire for more information 07748482025/ amharcababu@hotmail.com

Church of St. MacNissi

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
15TH & 16TH AUGUST 2026

WEEKDAY MASSES - Tuesday-7.00pm,
 Wednesday – Friday 9.30am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6pm Sunday 10am

CONFESSIONS: On request after all Masses

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon-10am-11am Tues - 5:30pm-7pm

LEGION OF MARY Tuesday evening in the
 Parish Centre after Mass. Fatima statue
 visitation. To have the statue in your home or
 to have your intentions prayed for;
 ☎07798865887

PARISH CENTRE

Prayer Meeting - Wednesday 7:45pm

THE ROSARY GROUP each Thurs at 6pm in
 the Church and 'live' online mcn media.

DIVINE MERCY Friday 3pm

MONTHS MIND:

Ali McDowell – Sat 15th Aug 6pm.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eddie McStravick (1st Anniversary) Sat 15th Aug 6pm
 Teresa Donnelly, Elizabeth McGuigan,
 Shirley Murray, Peggy Donnelly, Charlie Devlin,
 Madge Creighton, John Sawyer, Tom McCormack,
 Thomas Gavin, Thomas Cardwell, Sarah Martin
 Patrick McKenna, Charlie O'Boyle, Brian Kerr,
 Mary Jane Loughran, Annie Hamilton,
 Rosaleen Kelly, Alice Hurrell, Mary Kate Fallon.

INTENTIONS WK BEGINNING 17-August

MONTHS MIND

Joseph McNally – Tue 18th Aug 7pm

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Jim McKenna (1st Anniversary) Sat 22nd Aug 6pm

Our priest is obligated to offer **Sunday Mass**
 on behalf of **ALL** the people (*pro populo*) in the
 parish. The deceased are remembered in our
Prayers of the Faithful.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 17th Aug – Our Lady of Knock

Wed 19th Aug – St John Eudes

Thur 20th Aug – St Bernard

Sat 22nd Aug - Mary, Queen of Heaven

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION £1,279.00

Thank you for your support of our parish.
 To set up a standing order for Direct Debit
 please call or email the parish office to arrange.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

22/8/26	Geraldine Ibbotson	Sibéal Dumbleton
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

22/8/2026	Vincent O'Connell	Gerard McBride
	Brian Fitzsimon	John Heffron
	David Skelly	Gerard Dougan

Congratulations to

Tasha Craig & John Martin

who had their relationship consecrated in the
 Sacrament of Matrimony on Friday 14th August

CLEANING TEAM 3 on Monday 17th August

SVP Help Line is 0750 854 9606

OFFICE OPEN Monday–Friday 9- 1.pm

CONTACT; MOBILE 07734 570890

Or EMAIL randalstown@downandconnor.org

EMERGENCY CONTACT ONLY 07834 383314

PARISH WEBSITE To watch Mass online
 Select WEBCAM from the parish website menu
 or go to mcn.live/cameras/st-macnissis.
 Funerals/weds recorded at the specific request
 of the family

PARISH DRAW FOR AUGUST will be held on
 Wednesday 19th August at 4.30pm in the
 Parochial House.

YOUTH MINISTRY - SPIRIT AND TRUTH !!

every Wednesday in St
 MacNissi's Church
 7pm- 8pm (**Yr 8 – 6th Form Welcome**)



**EVER YOUNG" YOUTH GROUP FOR P7
 LEAVERS** - who will be entering Yr 8 in Sept! @
**St Oliver Plunkett's Church Toome every
 Sunday 4pm - 6pm"**

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA Belfast International
 7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel **14th/21st** August
£845pps. Contact **Joe 07776425631**

KNOCK TRIP 8th & 9th Sep 16 seater bus
 leaving St. MacNissi's Church at 8.am. Luncheon
 en-route, evening meal and b & b at
 Knock House Hotel £185pps. (night stay)
Contact 07519915325

"MEDJUGORJE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2027:

Our Youth Minister Dean Millar will be taking a group of young people aged 14 - 18 from Antrim, Randalstown & Duneane Parishes to Medjugorje next summer. If you would be interested in this, please share an expression of interest with Dean at d.millar@downandconnor.org or via Whatsapp at 07593 925676

August & September 2026 @ Lough Derg
A pilgrimage has a vital part to play in our life of faith, for it removes us from our daily routines, and gives us time and space to encounter God more deeply. Pope Leo XIV

One Day Retreats – Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection - places available on August 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 31st September 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 19th and 20th Admission €50. Group discounts available. Advance Booking Essential .

Catholic Mothers Ireland – Family Day

Catholic Mothers Ireland will hold its Annual National Mass on **Sunday, 6 September** at **Termonbacca Retreat Centre, Derry City**. The day will begin with **Mass at 2.00pm**, For more information and booking details, please email info@catholicmothers.ie.

St Joseph Men's Camino Every Camino changes us in ways we don't expect, every man needs one. Join men from across Ireland on **Saturday 12th September** for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker **Fr. Mark Quinn**. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student € 55). Registration, accommodation and details: www.dominicans.ie/events. Enquiries: op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

The **Knights of St Columbanus, CK12 Downpatrick**, invite you to a special screening of *Matt Talbot – Urban Mystic* at **Newcastle Community Cinema, St Mary's Hall, Main Street, Newcastle**, on **Friday 4th September at 7.00pm**. Admission is free.

MONDAY WEEKLY SALSA CLASSES

7-8pm in Tir na nÓg old clubhouse. All welcome, no partner required Contact 07713388035

THURSDAY 10.30am Our **WALKING CLUB** meets at the Parish Centre. Welcome Tea and Coffee on return.

TÍR NA NÓG LOTTO Tues 11/08/2026

JACKPOT WINNER:

WINNING NUMBERS: 6,13,18,26

£25 WINNERS: Rory McVeigh, Marg D Bunting, Michael McNally, Dermot Corr.

Jackpot
£5,000

Next week
Tues 18/08/2026

Kickham's GAC Wed 12/08/2026

WINNING NUMBERS: 4,8,19,24

£30 WINNERS:

Yvonne Loughran & Frances Bateson

Next week's draw is on Wednesday 19/08/2026 at 8.30pm. Tickets must be bought by 7.30pm.

Jackpot £6,400 Tickets are available online at <https://member.clubspot.app/club/creggan-kickhams-gac/fundraisers> from outlets in town or your usual ticket sellers.

COMMUNITY ADVICE Antrim and N'Abbey (Formerly Citizens Advice)

Monday from 1.30pm to 4.30pm, in Arches. No appointment needed as this is a *drop-in* service

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND (2-4 OCT 2026)

Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential Weekend from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October 2026 at the "Focolare Centre" "Curryhills", Prosperous, Co. Kildare.

Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage.

- www.marriageencounter.ie

Parish of St MARY'S on the HILL 16th Aug 2026

Churches: St Mary's on the Hill & St Bernard's

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr Pat Sheehan & Fr Aidan Kerr

PARISH OFFICE 028 90832979

Lorraine Carlin & Patricia Gillespie

Opens Mon – Friday 9am – 1pm

165 Antrim Road. BT36 7QR

e-mail: stmarysoth@downandconnor.org

website: www.stmarysonthehill.online

RECENTLY DECEASED

Liz Dearlove, Harmin Pk

Alicia Devine, Tobar Glen Crescent

Catherine Mooney, Moyola Manor

MONTH'S MIND

Raymond Hassan, Michael McCorry

ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick Hughes, Martin Brogan, Billy Moran,
William McCotter, Angela McClelland, Jim Curran,
Veronica Mulholland, Sarah Convery, William Burns,
Baby Michael McKee, May O'Toole, Charlotte
Fletcher, Patrick O'Neill, Kathleen McAuley,
Rita Smyth, Mary Horan, Mathai Mani.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 15th	6.00pm	Billy Moran M/M Michael McCorry
Sun 16th	9.00am	Angela McClelland & Jim Curran
	11.00am	Martin Brogan M/Mind Raymond Hassan
Mon 17th	9.45am	William Burns
Tues 18 th	9.45am	Mary Horan
Wed 19 th	9.45am	Patrick Hughes
Thur 20 th	9.45am	Veronica Mulholland
Fri 21 st	9.45am	Baby Michael McKee
Sat 22 nd	9.45am	William McCotter

We welcome

Alivia O'Neill

recently baptised in the parish.



NO Divine Mercy in JULY & AUGUST
Back to normal for September.
Baptisms on a Sunday will be at
12.30pm.

ST BERNARD'S SITE RE-OPENS

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION Mass on the 15TH
August at **12.00 noon** in **St. Bernard's Church**

Sunday masses will resume in St Bernard's Church
Saturday 15th August vigil 6pm, Sunday 16th August
9am & 11am and baptisms at 12.30pm. No 12.30pm
mass as we are still in the Summer Schedule.

**However, there will be only limited parking in the
top carpark at St Bernard's.** While the tarmac will be
finished the lining of the top carpark will not take
place until Tuesday 19th August. Some of the top
carpark will not be available for parking; **the area
nearest the steps leading to the Church will NOT BE
OPEN and the GREEN GATES WILL REMAIN CLOSED.**
The rest of the top carpark is usable but will not be
lined.

To help with parking we have permission to use the
school carpark, on the right of the laneway leading to
the church, until the lining in the top carpark is
completed.

**Weekday masses will remain in St Marys on the Hill
Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th August and resume in
St Bernard's on Wednesday 19th August 9.45am.**

SUMMER SCHEDULE JULY & AUGUST

St Bernard's Vigil	6.00pm
St Bernard's	9.00am
St Mary's on the Hill	10.00am
St Bernard's	11.00am
St Bernard's	12.30pm



Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 13 September 2026

24th, Sunday in Ordinary Time



PRIESTS: Fr Eugene O'Neill PP, Fr. Jim Conway CC

Contacts:

Parish Office: 07337 485743 (TEMPORARY PARISH OFFICE NUMBER)

For emergencies please ring (for example- an urgent sick call or a sudden death): 07841101678

Temporary Address until further notice: Patrician Youth Centre, John Street, BT30 6HS

New Office hours 10.00am – 2.00pm Monday & Thursday
New office hours 10.00am – 1.00pm Tuesday & Wednesday

Parish Support Officer: Tel: 07337 485743

You can contact us by telephone or email. Since Downpatrick is a very busy Parish Office; we can't always answer the phone immediately. Please leave a message with your telephone number and we will call you back.

Parish email: downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Website: www.stpatricksdowndpatrick.com



Priests on Retreat: beginning on the evening of Sunday 13 September, the priests of the diocese will be gathering together with Bishop Alan in Drumantine for three days of prayer. The Bishop has given permission for all Masses to be cancelled on those days. However, due to the kindness of Canon Murray, all our Masses in Downpatrick will **continue as normal**. Deacon Jackie Breen has graciously undertaken to look after funerals. We are grateful to them both. Please pray for your priests as we will be praying for you. Fr Eugene

Mass Schedule:

Downpatrick Parish Mass Schedule:

Weekend Masses

Vigils

St. Patrick's 5pm

St Brigid's 6.30pm

Sunday

St Patrick's 10.30am

St. Malachy's – 1st Sunday of the Month – 9am –

Daily Masses

Monday 7.30pm **St. Patrick's**

Tues – Friday 10am **St. Patrick's**

St. Colmcille's

Wednesday 7:30pm

Sacrament of Baptism: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday of each month

Confession available in St Patrick's, Saturdays 4.15pm – 4.45pm

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

06 September 2026

Offertory £2494 **Monthly: £2025**

To donate directly via Bank Transfer the parish bank details are: **Account Name: Parish of Downpatrick, Account Number: 80146471, Sort Code: 95-06-79** (please add an identifying name to your transaction) please contact your bank to arrange.

Dona Card Machine is available for convenience at Our Lady's Shrine.

Thank You for your ongoing support.

NAME CHANGE

You will have noticed that the new title "PARISH SUPPORT OFFICER" is being used in the bulletin information section and in the job advertisements in this weeks parish bulletin. This is simply the new term for parish secretary being used across the diocese.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday 12 September, St. Patrick's, 5pm:

Month's Mind: Anthony Sturgess,

1st Anniv: Maudie Marks, John McCormick, Christopher Scallan,

Anniv: Mark McKee, Jackie Walsh, Josephine Torney, Michael Scallan,

Saturday 12 September, St. Brigid's, 6:30pm:

Month's Mind: Michael Millar,

Sunday 13 September, St. Patrick's, 10:30am:

Month's Mind: Dermot MacNabb,

Anniv: Rosaleen MacNabb,

Monday 14 September, St. Patrick's, 7:30pm:

Month's Mind: Padraig Jeffers,

Anniv: Margaret Tracey, Fiona Turley, Josephine Torney.

Saturday 19 September, St. Patrick's, 5pm:

Month's Mind: Briege Quail,

Monday 21 September, St. Patrick's, 7:30pm:

1st Anniv: Alfie Williamson, **Anniv:** Patricia McCashin,

If you would like a Mass booking, please drop into the sacristy and make the booking directly with the priest.

Your Prayers are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Elizabeth Magorrian, David McClean, Jackie Kelly (London),

Anniv: John Mullan, Tommy & Elizabeth (Lily) Hogan, Patrick & Margaret Hanna, Elizabeth Stitt, Freddie Stitt, Thomas Kelly, Vera Marron, Pat McDonald, Irene Cochrane, Bertha Cleland, Mary Quinn,

Lectio Divina has resumed from Tuesday 8th September at 11 o'clock. We will be using the small room in the church that is used on Sundays for children's liturgy. Lectio Divina is the practice of reading scripture, meditation and prayer. New members are very welcome.

Legion of Mary Annual Trip to Knock will take place on Sunday 27th September. The cost is £30 per person, making the usual stops for breaks. Pick up points are at the following Churches:- Newcastle – (back of the Church) 6.15am, Castlewellan – 6.30am, Downpatrick – 6.45am, Crossgar – 7am and Saintfield – 7.15am. To book your place you can place your money in an envelope along with your name and phone number and drop it into the Parish offices in Saul or Downpatrick (Patrician Youth Centre) or you can phone Geraldine on 07845 422723

RCIA 2026 / 2027: Thinking about becoming Catholic or want to deepen your understanding of the faith? The Diocesan RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of faith, formation, and community for adults who wish to explore the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is open to anyone unbaptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics wishing to reconnect with their faith. The 2026–2027 programme begins on Wednesday 23 September and runs weekly from 6.30 to 8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. Sessions include prayer, teaching, discussion, and time for questions. Spouses, fiancés or friends are also very welcome to attend alongside participants. All are welcome, whether you are exploring faith for the first time or returning after some time away. To find out more, scan the QR code or visit our information page, or email rcia@downandconnor.org to register.



TOBAR MHUIRE RETREAT
A Sacred Space in the Heart of Co. Down

JAMES KEELAGHAN
IN CONCERT

James Keelaghan has been called "Canada's finest songwriter." He has traversed the world singing his songs that are soulfully stepped in history. Keelaghan lives for history and entices the listener with his detailed entertaining monologues and songs about real-life people whose lives represent the universal human condition.

Sunday 27th September 2026
Doors open 7pm for 7.30 pm Concert
Donation £20

FUND RAISING CONCERT SUPPORTING TOBAR MHUIRE

DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR Parish of Dunloy and Cloughmills

Are seeking to recruit a part-time Caretaker. The role will be based at Bridge Road Dunloy. Availability to work flexible hours is required including evenings and weekends. Rate of Pay £12.71

Full details on www.downandconnor.org or Community NI website as well as Church posters. **Closing date 12 noon Monday 28th September**

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer

ST OLCAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, ARMOY Temporary Building Supervisor

Required - require a temporary cleaner for 18.5 hours per week with immediate start, initially for 1 month but may be extended, experience preferred. Please send your CV to mkenedy502@c2kni.net if you would be interested in this post.

TRÓCAIRE Could You Help Share the True Spirit of Christmas? Each year, volunteers in parishes across the north of Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell Trócaire's Gifts of Change — meaningful gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world. We provide everything you need including training and support. All we ask is a little time and a big heart. Last Christmas, 50 parishes took part — and we'd love to grow that number even more this year! If you would like to find out more about how you can help, please email Mark at mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

QUEEN'S CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY – WE'RE BACK!

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's reopens for the new academic year on Monday 14 September, with weekday Masses and our semester programme resuming. Our first Sunday Mass is 20 September at the new, earlier time of 7.00pm. Please note the new time!

New or returning student? Find out about what's on, ways to connect and get involved, and student accommodation at Ryan Hall at qubcatholic.org and on our socials. Staff and alumni are always welcome too. Visit our newly renewed Chaplaincy at 28 Elmwood Avenue for Mass, Confessions or candle lighting — and call into Mosaic for some of the best coffee, hot lunches and home-baked treats in South Belfast!

VINTED & MORE NIGHT Come along & grab a bargain!! Friday 23rd Oct 2026 From 5pm-8pm Cloughmills Community Hall A night filled with selling & buying preloved clothing & local vendors selling their goods!! Free admission / Everyone welcome!! See Vinted & More on Facebook!!

SVP.Helpline 07349983363

Bulletin notices by 12 noon Thursdays



Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 September 2026

Very Rev. Canon Colm McBride PP :

Parochial House 44 Lough Road Loughguile BT44 9JN

Tel: 028 276 41206

Email: loughguile@downandconnor.org

Facebook: St Patrick's and St MacNissi's

Parish Office Hours Mon Wed Thurs 10 a.m.- 2.30 p.m.

Tues 10-4.30. p.m.

***PARISH MASS NOTICE -THIS INCOMING WEEK THERE WILL BE NO
PARISH MASS ON MONDAY , TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY***

We are called to forgive; and that can be really difficult.

You have been defrauded by the banks of your life's savings - can you forgive?

You were abused as a child - can you forgive?

You were done out of a job because another lied to get it - can you forgive?

The answer is maybe 'no'.

What then does God want?

He asks us to open our hearts to the other so that we may forgive. Forgiveness is the deepest of God's desires on our behalf, and he hopes that we can forgive each other.

Our hurts and burdens are heavy to carry through life. To forgive can release some of that weight. The person who hurt us may be dead, or may not even know (or care) that we are hurting. When we desire to forgive but don't know how, one way of looking for this strength is to pray for it. We often pray, 'Lord, make my heart like yours'. When we pray that we are praying to be forgiving people!

Another way is to pray for the person. When we realise that as God loves me, he also loves everyone, we may find a spark or light of forgiveness in our souls. Out of this we may find the will to meet the other and talk to him or her, and find the grace of forgiveness between us. Forgiveness sometimes comes slowly. When God sees us wanting to be on the road to forgiveness, he gives us the graces we need to unburden ourselves and be able to love like him.

Sit in silence for a while, and send a blessing or prayer to someone you need to forgive.

Lord, I ask - make my heart like yours. (CatholicIreland.net)

PARKING AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Last week a young child on a bicycle was almost knocked down as she attempted to cross the Coolkeeran Road outside the Church.

She had correctly chosen the spot where the Kerb is lowered to accommodate pedestrians moving to and from the Church Car park.

However, vehicles had been parked on the road outside the Church gate and she wasn't immediately seen by the driver of the oncoming vehicle.

Fortunately she wasn't physically hurt.

As parishioners will be aware, the Coolkeeran Road is an arterial road within the parish, the Coolkeeran / Lough Road junction is one of the busiest within our parish.

It is imperative that parishioners take action now ,change practice and park at all times in the Church car park and not on the road outside the Church gate.

HLI IRELAND: Fr Lawrence Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland. Join us for the Ulster event at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry, on Tuesday 29th September at 6:45pm, with a First Class Relic of St Thérèse. Free admission.

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT - STANDING IN THE BREACH A Catholic Men's Retreat will take place at Portglenone Monastery on Saturday 19 September 2026, from 9am to 1pm. The theme of the retreat is "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). The morning will include prayer, teaching, fellowship and men's testimonies, with Fr Eddie McGee as keynote speaker. All men are very welcome. For further information, contact Thomas Carey on 07967 620435 or email sean@catholicminute.co.uk.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (26th September 24th October and 21st November) Booking essential. To find out more contact Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

THE LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday 27 September 2026. A coach will leave Dunloy Parish Centre at 7am, returning by 9.30pm. Information/booking: 07471 537 051

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY MEMORY WALK is back for 2026! Take part in Memory Walk this autumn and walk to fund faster diagnosis and vital support.. Belfast Ormeau Pk on Sat **26 Sept** Sign up todaymemorywalk.org.uk 0300 330 5452

Saturday 12 th Sept	7.30 p.m.	St Patrick's	Ministers of the Word Shane McMahon	Ministers of the Eucharist A. McNaughton & M. McMullan <i>Anniversary Mass Rosemarie Laverty</i>
Sunday 13 th Sept	9.30 a.m.	St MacNissi's	Pat McAuley	Joseph McCarry & M. Young <i>Anniversary Mass Ann McFadden</i>
	11.30 a.m.	St Patrick's	Orlagh McArthur	C. Casey & G. McMillan
Monday 14 th Sept	7.30 p.m.	St MacNissi's	NO PARISH MASS TODAY	
Tuesday 15 th Sept	9.30 a.m.	St MacNissi's	NO PARISH MASS TODAY	
Wed 16 th Sept	7.30 p.m.	St Patrick's	NO PARISH MASS TODAY	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Patrick's	Mass followed by Adoration 10.00 a.m. -12 noon.	
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Patrick's	Mass	
Saturday 19 th Sept	7.30 p.m.	St Patrick's	Ministers of the Word Damian McCloskey	Ministers of the Eucharist M. McCloskey & T. Devlin <i>Anniversary Mass John Reid</i>
Sunday 20 th Sept	9.30 a.m.	St MacNissi's	Majella Murray	V.McDonnell & M.McKinley
	11.30 a.m.	St Patrick's	Paula Casey	T.McIntyre & B. Connolly

ANNIVERSARIES Bridie Carey Annie Douthart Anna Greene
Patrick and Ellen Hetherington Rosemarie Laverty Harry McAuley
Eilish McClements John McCloskey Ann McFadden Tilly McGill
Tom O'Neill Annemarie Rafferty John Reid Joe Robinson John Waide

BAPTISMS The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of the month **only** after the 11.30 a.m. Mass. To book please contact the Parish Office. A copy of the child's long birth certificate is required within a week of booking. On the day please bring a Baptism Candle and a white Shawl.

ANNIVERSARY/MONTH MIND MASS Please now book through the office, these can be booked for any scheduled Mass **excluding Sunday 11.30 a.m.**

WEDDING BOOKING Please ring the office for initial bookings.

WEEKLY COLLECTION £1415.00 Thank you for your support.
Autumn Offering will be taken up **next** weekend.

DAY TRIP TO KNOCK: Saturday 3rd October. Bus leaving St Patrick's Church Loughguile at 6am. Contact Patricia Campbell on 02827641120 or 07871626940. Price approx. £30 depending on numbers.



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13 September 2026, Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A .

Sunday Gospel *The story of the unforgiving servant is a lesson in what faithful forgiveness means. At the heart of forgiveness there is a grace. Grace is something that cannot be contained or controlled. Grace shows us that where there is real mercy and forgiveness, there is sharing and generosity. Put simply it means that if you fully receive the mercy of God, it will compel you to share it, to be kind and merciful to your neighbour. It is a difficult notion to understand in a world, or economy, where we are encouraged to be selfish and greedy and make sure that, 'nobody will make a fool out of me'. Time to get real about faith: if you seek and accept God's forgiveness its fruit is the forgiveness you will share with others. (Fr S Crumpton).*

Sunday Masses Church of the Holy Spirit (Sat.) Vigil **5pm**, St Matthias' **10am**, St Teresa's **12noon**.

Weekday Masses St Teresa's, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday **10am**.

St Matthias Monday **7pm**, Wednesday **9am**, Friday **7am** & Saturday **10am**.

Confessions Saturday **4 30pm** in Church of the Holy Spirit, after any Mass and on request.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday in St Matthias' Church from 11am to 4pm.

Black Mountain Family of Parishes, **Season of Creation Celebration** in St Teresa's Church Thursday, 1 October 2026 at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

To book an Anniversary Mass, Baptism or Wedding Ceremony please email the Parish Office.

Recently Deceased: Pauline McKenna, Bernie Robinson.

Months Mind: Ann Montgomery.

Anniversaries: Gerard McCann, Gerard Glennon, Harry Holland, Jack McIlroy, John McIlroy, Jimmy and Nan Moore.

Weekly Collection: £1 226. **Monthly Collection:** £1 989. *Thank you for your continued support.*

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