



ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLLYWOOD PARISH

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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 wishing 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 23rd Sept** and runs weekly from 6.30pm to 8pm in St Mary's Hall Chapel Lane Belfast. Sessions include prayer, teaching, discussion and time for questions. Spouses, fiancés, and friends are also welcome to attend alongside participants. Further details are on our website.



Lay Bereavement Ministry – Volunteers Needed

Parishioners are invited to consider becoming **Lay Bereavement Ministers, a new ministry replacing Bethany Bereavement**. Ministers offer compassionate

support to those who are grieving through visits, telephone contact, group support and parish remembrance events. We are looking for people with good listening and communication skills, a caring and non-judgemental approach, reliability, and an active parish faith. A minimum team of 4 people is required, with ministry carried out in pairs. Teams can also work across a Family of Parishes. **Training: 29 September–14 November** at the Diocesan Offices, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast. Attendance at all six sessions is required. **Application deadline: 12 noon, Friday 18 September**. Places are limited. Further information is on our website www.stcolmcilleshollywood.org

PARISH OFFICE – REDUCED HOURS: Please note that the Parish Office will be operating at reduced hours from **Monday 14th September until Wednesday 23rd September**. If you would like to arrange a Mass to be offered for a family member or loved one, please contact the Parish Office by: Email: holywood@downandconnor.org Telephone: 028 9042 2167 — please leave a voicemail if we are unable to answer. We will respond to your request as soon as possible.

MASS TIMES

Saturday vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday 10am & 12noon

Weekday Mass

Monday at 7.00pm

Tuesday Wednesday &

Thursday at 9.30am

Friday at 7.00pm

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**Tuesday - St Anthony's Novena during the Mass.**  
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**Friday–Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour during Mass.**  
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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 30 mins before each Mass**  
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Eucharistic Adoration

Every Saturday

12noon – 5.00pm

And before weekday Mass

For 30 Mins

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*Confession is by appointment only – Please contact the parish office for further details*  
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Church Opening Times For Private Prayer

Monday and Friday

Open all day for evening

Mass at 7pm

Tuesday, Wednesday &

Thursday open until 3pm

Saturdays 12noon to 5pm

and Sunday until 1pm.

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### REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED

***We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.***

**Recently Deceased** Peter McCoy, Margaret McConville, Frank McGrath, Brenda Brennan, Frank Boyd

**Months Mind:** May Rice (Dundalk)

**Anniversaries:** Maura Muldoon, Etta McGarry, James Dobbin, Carolyn Gibbons, Mary O'Doherty, Roseleen Largey, Byran Largey, David, Patrick and Elizabeth Dorrian, Cordelia Garvey, Desmond Herdman-Grant (40<sup>th</sup>) Freda Muckle, Ann Marie Rafferty (2<sup>nd</sup>), Frank Gray, V Rev Brendan F McGarry, Rev Tom Gartlan, V Rev Francis McKenna,



# 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026



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, God, for ever and ever.



St Vincent de Paul Helpline Number:  
07845 854671

To donate directly to our bank

account, the details are as follows:

**Account Name: Ulster Bank Springhill**

**Account Number: 10523499**

**Sort Code: 98-07-60**

If you would prefer to phone directly to donate money, please phone 028 90750161 and mention Holywood. Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. If you can, please remember to Gift Aid your donation

### DAY RETREAT TO LOUGH DERG

**Saturday 19th September**

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



### Defibrillator Training – Volunteers Needed

Our new defibrillator is located just inside the church entrance, beside the toilets. While it is simple to use without prior training, we are offering short training sessions in September to help parishioners feel confident using it in an emergency. We still need volunteers from all three weekend Masses to complete the training. No first aid experience is required. If you would like to take part, please contact the Parish Office with your usual Mass time and contact details thank you.



**RECHARGE**

**St Colmcille's Ballyhackamore at 7.30pm**

Join us on the first and third Tuesday every month to recharge your spiritual batteries through prayer, study and friendship. First Tuesday – Adoration with Guided Meditation and Confession. Third Tuesday Group Study Course.

**SCRIPTURE GROUP:** We are delighted to announce that our **Scripture Group will be starting back on Monday 14th September at 7.30pm in Gartan**, directly after Evening Mass. Everyone is warmly welcome to come along, whether you have joined us before or are new to the group. It's a lovely opportunity to come together, reflect on Scripture and share in faith and fellowship. If you would like to join us, please contact **Paul Logan on 07798 655654.**

Church Cleaning Morning – **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10am.** If you can spare an hour, we'd love your help — many hands make light work!  
Thank you!

### DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST ST MATTHEW'S PARISH, BELFAST VACANCY – PART-TIME HOUSEKEEPER

St Matthew's Parish, Bryson Street, Belfast, is seeking a part-time Housekeeper to provide a reliable cleaning service and assist with the preparation and serving of food and beverages for the Parish Priest. The successful applicant will help maintain a clean, welcoming parish house for the Parish Team, volunteers and visitors. Hours: 12 hours per week Contract: Permanent  
Rate of pay: £12.71 gross per hour  
Working pattern: To be agreed with the Parish Priest; some flexibility may be required.  
For full details, including the **Role Profile and Application Form**, visit the Diocesan website at [www.downandconnor.org](http://www.downandconnor.org) and select **Job Vacancies**, or visit Community NI. Application packs are also available from the Parish Office.  
**Closing date:** 12 noon, Monday 28th September 2026. Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

### Diocesan Vocations Summer Newsletter

Read our latest newsletter and join us in praying for vocations to priesthood, religious life and Christian service. [www.stcolmcillesholywood.com](http://www.stcolmcillesholywood.com)

### 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](mailto:mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org) or call **028 9080 8030**.

### Diocesan Vocations Summer Newsletter

We are delighted to share with you the Diocese of Down and Connor Vocations Summer Newsletter. The newsletter offers an insight into the many ways in which vocations are being nurtured and encouraged across our Diocese, as well as the work taking place to support those discerning God's call. We invite parishioners to take some time to read and reflect on the newsletter and to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and all forms of Christian service. Copies of the Newsletter are on our website [www.stcolmcilleshollywood.com](http://www.stcolmcilleshollywood.com)

**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/>

### Marriage Enrichment Weekend

**2nd to 4th October:** 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](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

### Beginning Experience – Bereavement Support

Beginning Experience is a peer ministry supporting those who are bereaved, separated or divorced. It is part of the Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor. The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce can be devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support over three Saturdays:

 **Saturday 26th September**

 **Saturday 24th October**

 **Saturday 21st November**

 St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast

**Booking is essential.**

For further information or to book a place, please contact Marie on 07896 119669 or email

[belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com).

*You do not have to walk through loss alone*

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Pauline [07519289185](tel:07519289185) or Marie [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

### Abide in His Love Women's Conference.

The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, **20–22 November 2026**. Join women from across Ireland for a faith-filled weekend with inspiring speakers including Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Fr Mark Wharton, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Oisín Martin, the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, Bishop Fintan Gavin, and more. A conference not to be missed!

Register now: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com/>

### Community Set Dancing Classes in Holywood

are starting again on **Monday 14th Sep (7.30pm - 9.00pm)**. Great exercise and good fun. Very different to Riverdance. No need to come with a partner - just comfortable shoes and a friendly disposition! This is an adult class but children over the age of 14 are welcome but need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Each class costs £5 (£3 for those under 25). Please call Kevin Mac Mahon on 07940 803839 to reserve a place or for further information



### **The Chosen – Season 2 at the Belfast Jesuit Centre:** Weekly screenings of *The Chosen*:

Season 2 continues 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: 18 Sept, 25 Sept, 2 Oct, 9 Oct, 16 Oct, 23rd October.

Contact: [bjc@jesuit.ie](mailto:bjc@jesuit.ie) | 07955 282371 | [belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk](http://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk)



### **St Vincent de Paul – Treasurer**

**Could you help us?** We are

looking for a reliable and community-minded person to take on the role of Treasurer for our St Vincent de Paul Group. If you have bookkeeping experience or have previously held a similar position, we would love to hear from you. Your experience would be greatly appreciated and would be a valuable help to our group. If you think you might be interested, or would simply like to find out more, please leave your contact details with Claire in the Parish Office.



### **Stay Connected with Our Parish!**

Join the PPC Facebook Page! Want to stay up to date with parish news, events, announcements, photos, and

other important information? Follow and like our PPC Facebook page to keep connected with our parish community throughout the week.

👉 Find us on Facebook: St Colmcilles Parish  
Join us online. Stay connected. Be part of our parish community!



### **A Year of Ignatian Prayer**

**2026-2027**

**Belfast Jesuit Centre**

There are a few places remaining on our immersive programme in Ignatian Spirituality, which returns on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September; offering ten in-person Saturdays (10am–4pm) in the BJC and seven online Integrative Practice Pause Points to support prayer, discernment and reflective living. Open to those new to Ignatian Spirituality and those seeking to deepen their practice.

Suggested donation: £200–£280. Bursaries available. For dates and registration, please visit:

<https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/a-year-of-ignatian-prayer-2026-2027/>

### **Requests for Masses for Deceased**

#### **Relatives and Friends**

#### **In remembrance of loved ones –**

To request a Mass for an Intention of a family member or friend. Please give your request either by calling the office 028 90422167

(Option 2) or by sending an email to

[holywood@downandconnor.org](mailto:holywood@downandconnor.org)

Although we cannot guarantee the date your request will be available,

Fr Stephen will be offering

a Mass for the Intention each day



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