



St Patrick's Belfast

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PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday 13 September 2026

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil 6pm. Sunday Morning 9am & 11am.

Sunday Evening 6pm Candlelit Mass.

WEEKDAY MASS Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am.

CONFESSIONS Saturdays 5.30pm to 5.50pm.

REST IN PEACE

Barry Geoghan.

Inurnment: Eamon Kirk.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 6pm: Eamon Kirk Months Mind.

Sunday 9am: Elizabeth Harley 2nd Anniversary.

Sunday 6pm: Annie Waterworth Birthday

Remembrance, Christy Matthews Anniversary.

Thursday 10am: Mary Meighan 29th Anniversary,

Bridie Gallagher 2nd Anniversary.

FEAST/MEMORIAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 14 September - The Exaltation of the Holy

Cross. The discovery of the True Cross is dated to 320.

In 335 the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St Helena discovered was venerated there. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

Tuesday 15 September - Our Lady of Sorrows. Mary, standing by the Cross, suffered intensely with her Son and united herself as his Mother to his sacrifice, consenting with love to the offering of the victim who was born of her, whom she also offered to the eternal Father.

Thursday 17 September - St Hildegard, 1098-1179, founder of the monastery of Bingen around 1150, she knew the natural sciences, was a musician and composer, a writer and a mystic. She worked for the reform of religious life and the Church. She was canonised and declared a doctor of the Church in 2012.



St Vincent de Paul 028 90351561

NEW LODGE GROTTTO 50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Fr Francis O'Brien and Fr John O'Lavery would like to thank all those who organised and supported the Rosary and Mass at the Grotto as part of the 50th

Birthday Celebrations. The presence and support of Bishop Alan was also very much appreciated. **"We are deeply grateful to everyone for your dedication, devotion, and steadfast faith in Holy Mary. Your prayers and commitment are a beautiful expression of love for Our Blessed Mother. May Mary continue to guide our community and bring us closer to her Son, Jesus."**

ROSARY at the Lourdes Grotto in the New Lodge will continue every Monday at 7pm and Thursday at 7.30pm. All welcome.



TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Forgiveness

In the Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that if we want God to forgive us, we must forgive others. We all know how hard it can be to forgive. At the same time, we know how lovely it is to be forgiven. Today's Gospel raises the question of sin between brothers and sisters, that is, fellow-Christians. The Psalm talks about the greatness of God's forgiveness, (which contrasts with our miserly forgiveness). Anyone who is forgiven has an obligation to forgive. If we cannot bring ourselves to do this, it is an indication that we haven't experienced God's forgiveness. The position of the servant in Jesus' story was absolutely hopeless. He owed the king so much money that even if he worked forever, he would not be able to repay him. This is our situation before God. We can't win God's forgiveness. All we can do is plead for his mercy.

READINGS: First Reading (Ecclesus 27:30-28:7). In refusing to forgive those who have sinned against us, we exclude ourselves from receiving God's forgiveness for our own sins. Second Reading (Rom 14:7-9). The entire existence of a Christian is for Christ and for others. Gospel (Mt 18-21-35). We must be willing to extend to others the generous forgiveness God has extended to us.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Down and Conon Diocese is renewing and developing its **Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee** in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. We are looking for members of the Parish who would be willing to attend an Information Meeting at one of these venues:

Thursday 1 Oct: The Parish Centre, Ballymena 8pm

Friday 2 Oct: St Patrick's Centre, Downpatrick 8pm

See Poster in the Church for more details. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

JESUIT CENTRE EVENTS

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/>

DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN RETREAT

As Fr Francis will be attending the retreat there will be no weekday Mass this **Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 September**.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Present an **Evening of Music in Holy Family Church** in aid of **Newington Day Centre**. Featuring Neil Martin, Cavehill Community Choir and Friends, **Sunday 4 October 7pm**. Tickets £10 available from Holy Family Parish Office.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

WALK LIGHTLY

Each leaf, each petal, each grain, each person, sings your praises, Creator God.
Each creature on the earth,
all the mountains and great seas,
show your glory, Spirit of love.
And yet the hand of greed has patented
and plundered your splendour,
has taken and not shared your gift,
has lived as owner of the earth, not guest.
And so, the ice is cracked, the rivers dry,
the valleys flooded and the snow caps melt.
God our Father, show us
how to step gently,
how to live simply,
how to walk lightly
with respect and love
for all that you have made. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"With each sunset, reflect; with each sunrise, renew."

PARISH COLLECTIONS

The **Offertory Collection for Sunday 6 September** came to **£1966.00. Dona £156.25.**

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The **Monthly Stipend** for the support of the priests came to **£1060.00. Dona £30.00.**

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If you wish to donate directly via Bank Transfer the parish bank details are:

Account Name: St Patricks Parish

Account Number: 70327727

Sort Code: 95-06-79 (please add an identifying name to your transaction) or you can contact the Parish Office for a Standing Order Form.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.