

ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH

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Lenten Prayers and Reflections

The season of Lent is a forty day penitential period leading up to Holy Week and Easter when, we Christians mark the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We have a range of prepared resources for individuals and families to use during the Lenten period. Along with details of Lenten courses, workshops and talks taking place remotely throughout our Dioceses.

Please go to our website at www.stcolmcilleshollywood.org/webcam for the full selection



Walk with Me – Lent Booklets are now available to purchase in the Church. Please place your £1 donation into one of our Shrine Boxes. Copies of the **Children's Calendar for Lent** are available through Claire in the Office.
Thank you

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

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

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

Logos: Hope amidst isolation, VICARIATO DE ORIENTE

REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED

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

Recently Deceased: Melanie Quigley, Joan Thompson, Paul McKenna, Mary Graham, Michael Donaghue, Patsy Donaghy, Dan Olden, Jane (McConnell) Power

Months Mind: Betty McKee

Anniversaries: Tony Hills, May Graham, Maura Harty, Yvonne Cushman, Kathleen Duffy, John Reid, William Sagan, Eamon Gilmore, Liam Briggingshaw, Hannah and Patrick Magee, Paddy & Cassie Smyth, V Rev Donal Kelly, Most Rev Eugene Arthurs, V Rev Patrick McGarry, V Rev Daniel McBride, Rev Joseph O'Hagan, V Rev Joseph



1st Sunday in Lent 21st February 2021



“Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.”

St Patrick’s Belfast

‘The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted

the gift of a new life.’ – Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

This year St Patrick’s Parish invites you to **TAKE ON** a Lenten discipline and join them each Tuesday evening during Lent in prayer and reflection based on different themes each week. The goal of these spiritual disciplines is to strengthen our faith as a faith filled community and to develop a closer relationship with God. This year St Patrick’s Parish begins their Lenten reflections on **Tuesday 23rd February**. This year’s journey reflects from Easter of last year, when Covid was becoming more known, towards this Easter in which, please God, we will have more light and, hopefully, move towards the end of this pandemic. Each of the Talks are themed, based on the Gospel of the previous Sunday, in light of Covid. The Guest speaker will reflect on the theme from their own context in light of their vocation and faith, but also in light of the Hope of this Easter and our journey through Covid,

now that there is a vaccine to aid the control of this virus. There will also be an opportunity for some prayer and questions during the evening.

During this question time we, as a Christian community, can reflect on either the Talk or the Scripture of the previous week.

So, **THIS LENT, make that commitment** to spend an hour on a Tuesday evening to engage with our Christian faith in the Light of Easter and through the lens of the hope which

Easter brings as we continue our earthly journey fighting against

Covid. Link to Information on the Talks and Speakers To Register and Sign-up for the Lenten Talks, please send an email to: lententalks@downandconnor.org



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul

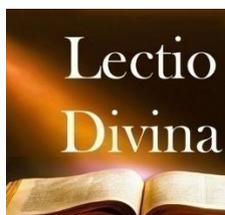
make a donation directly to our bank account, the details are as follows:

- **Ulster Bank, Holywood**
- **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**.

Please give generously and thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.

If you can, please remember to **Gift Aid** your donation.



Lectio Divina Sessions: If you would like to take part as a participant in the programme, the Living Church will be facilitating Lectio Divina sessions over the Lenten period. There are 3 sessions to choose from.

Beginning on Monday **15th February**

@7:00pm via Zoom and running for 5 weeks. Copies of the Booklets which go with the course are available through Claire in the office via email.

Beginning on Thursday **18th February @1:30pm** via zoom and running for 5 weeks.

Beginning on Thursday **18th February @7:00pm** via zoom and running for 5 weeks. If you would like a copy of the Lectio Divina programme or would like to register for one of the Living Church sessions, please contact Geraldine at livingchurch@downandconnor.org



Living Church
DOWN & CONNOR

“Walking with Jesus along the Via Dolorosa”

a webcam Lenten Reflection.

Father Martin, together with the Knights of St Columbanus,

will lead a series of 5 evenings of scripture readings, reflections and prayer **commencing on Ash Wednesday, 17 February 2020 at 7.00pm.**

Tune in to St Patrick’s webcam Newtownards and walk with us during Lent.

Resources to download for each week are available on the Newtownards and Comber Parish Website

<https://www.newtownardsandcomberparish.com/>

Everyone welcome

The new Diocese of Down and Connor Directory 2021 is now available to purchase from the Porch Area of the Church. Please leave your donation in one of our Shrine Boxes
Priced £4

Trocaire Boxes are available to collect from the porch area of the Church. Details of this year’s Lenten Appeal our on our website



Living Youth have developed a Lenten program to help you reach out to those aged 11 – 18 and their families.

Each week, Living Youth will be posting an activity for young people to engage in, which will

have a video outlining the activity, a task/guidance for those aged 11-14 to complete and a task/guidance for those aged 15-18 to complete. The themes for each week are:

- Week 1 - Fasting from Consumerism
- Week 2 - Mental Wellbeing with the 4 Corners Festival
- Week 3 - Social Awareness with Habitat for Humanity
- Week 4 - Digital Fasting for Mother's Day
- Week 5 - Praying with Your Parish
- Week 6 - Almsgiving to a Foodbank
- Week 7 - Praying for Our Church (Mass of Chrism)
- Week 8 - Pilgrimage to Your Parish (Easter Week)

The full program and resources for the program can be found at <https://www.livingyouth.co.uk/lent-2021-resources> and the weekly activities for participants will be posted at <https://www.livingyouth.co.uk/lent-2021> and on the Living Youth [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#).



The virtual Divine Mercy Conference (2021) will take place on **19, 20, and 21 February.**

It will be broadcast through our website www.divinemercyconference.com free of charge. It will also be available on www.RadioMaria.ie and you may listen in via your TV on Saorview 210 (audio only) and dial up listening service 01-4373277. The theme of this our 30th Conference is: **For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory (Mt. 6:13).**

The speakers over the weekend are: Sr. Brieghe McKenna, Healing Ministry, Conference Speaker and author. Fr. Hayden Williams, OFM Cap, Healing Ministry and preacher. Fr. Colomba Jordan C.F.R, Healing Ministry and Retreat Director. Fr. Brendan Walsh, SCA, Retreat Director, Healing Ministry and Conference speaker. Rev. Dr. Eunan McDonnell, SDB, Provincial of the Salesians in Ireland and Spiritual Director to the Conference Committee. Fr. Eamonn McCarthy, Director of Radio Maria.



TRÓCAIRE CAMPAIGN

Every year Trócaire asks for your help

during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Families like Awut and Ajak'sin South Sudan

need your support now more than ever. Trócaire are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Resources, prayers and videos are available on www.trocaire.org and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways: 1. Online at <https://www.trocaire.org/donations/now/> By phone: 0800 912 1200 (Northern Ireland) The contents of each and every Trócaire donation, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.



IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO AN EXPERIENCED COUPLES & RELATIONSHIPS COUNSELLOR DURING THIS TIME OF UNPRECEDENTED STRESS AND PRESSURE ON FAMILY LIFE...

Contact: **01 531 3331 028 9568 0151 01 905 9555**

9.00 am - 8.00 pm, Monday to Friday

All calls charged at local rate.



New Covid 19 Restrictions

“As many people as possible stay at home for the sake of Health, Life and the Common Good”

Following an increase in coronavirus (COVID-19) cases, additional restrictions have been introduced for people in Northern Ireland. These new restrictions are in place to help reduce the spread of coronavirus and to help manage the pressures on our health and social care system. During this time, the single most important action we can all take is to **stay at home.**

The current regulations are in place until **5 March 2021.** They will be reviewed on 18 February 2021. The celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies should take place without the physical presence of the faithful - with the exception of marriages, funerals, baptisms (marriages and funerals are limited to 25 people, baptisms limited to 9 people)

Fr Stephen will celebrate Mass privately from the Altar which will be streamed online at www.stcomcilleshollywood.org.

The Church will be open for Private Prayer Mon to Fri 12noon to 2pm. unfortunately, they will be no **Eucharistic Adoration.** The Parish Office is now **CLOSED** and Claire will be working remotely. Please contact the office either by phone on 028 90422167 or email at hollywood@downandconnor.org



Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary parish-based service which aims to help and support bereaved adults. We offer listening and support

to those who have been bereaved: Telephone confidentially on **07580820872**

Catholic Engaged Encounter preparing for Marriage

A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for **27-28 March 2021**.

This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship.

Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie.org

Standing Order Details –

Account Name: St Colmcilles Church
Account Number: 34952843 and
Sort Code; 90.21.27

Please use either your envelope number or a standing order reference. This will identify you to the parish.
Thank you

Ministers of the Word Rotas are now available on our website

The National Centre for Liturgy will host a **Conversation on Zoom** for Diocesan Representatives of Liturgy, Pastoral Workers, the Council for Liturgy and its Advisory Committees on **Thursday, 11 March 2021 from**

7.30pm – 8.45pm. The conversation is titled **:Liturgy in a Time of Pandemic – Taking Stock – What have we learned and what will we bring with us**. The brochure is attached in PDF form and contains the link for the **Registration** of each participant. When the participant registers, he or she will then, in due course, receive by email, the link to be admitted to the Zoom conversation.



We will beat leprosy together

In the 97 years since Lepra was founded, we have helped millions of people affected by Neglected Tropical Diseases such as leprosy. There is now a cure for leprosy, however, there is more work to be done as prejudice, discrimination and lack of healthcare and resources mean not everyone can receive this in time to prevent disabilities. Our mission is to beat leprosy – so that all cases are easily diagnosed and treated and leave no disability or discrimination. We are working towards a day when leprosy no longer destroys lives; **with your support we can achieve this sooner**. Please help us **beat leprosy** – even the smallest contribution can help treat and rehabilitate people trapped by this disease

https://donate.lepra.org.uk?LepraDonate?activity_id=17355

Tuesday St Anthony's Novena during Mass on Tuesday evening at 7pm
Friday Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Succourduring Mass at 7pm

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 during office hours Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm on 02890422167 or by sending an email to hollywood@downandconnor.org Although we cannot guarantee the date you request will be available, Fr Stephen will be offering a Mass for the intention each day.



Thanks to your support so far, we've been able to reach 3,000 children and vulnerable adults in Tigray, Ethiopia, with life-saving food parcels. But we urgently need your help to reach many more people in the coming weeks. Due to fighting in the region, families are still at risk of imminent starvation. With your support, our partner, the Daughters of Charity, are delivering relief and emergency aid to internally displaced people. They told us: "People are so traumatised. It is a time that we need your support and prayers. When we were distributing food, for the first time I was able to see a little bit of joy on their faces. I was able to see some hope. And people were so grateful." www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove