

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



Dear Parishioners, for those of you who feel able to contribute to the parish, in the current circumstances we would like to highlight our 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.

Once again I thank you all for your prayerful support.

Please let us continue to look after each other.

Fr Stephen

Thank you

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.



DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND

Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood? If so,

take this opportunity to gather online with other men who are discerning their

vocation. This virtual retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's calling in your life. The retreat will take place from the evening of

Friday 19th – Saturday 20th March 2021. If you wish to register your interest in joining this retreat or would like further information contact:

Fr. Kevin McGuckien - Tel: 02890614567 or

email: vocations@downandconnor.org

Fr Jonny's Prayers for Marriage and Family
March 2021 are now available
on our website

REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED

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

Recently Deceased: Margaret Wyatt, Vincenzina Cosimati, Ada Hamill, Ann May McCabe, VJ Philipose,

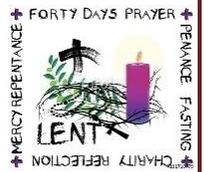
Anniversaries: Barney Eastwood (1st), Bena Hanratty, Teresa Moynes William. Mary and Raymond Duffin, Brendan & Patricia O'Reilly, Rev Fergus Jordan, V Rev Michael Kelly, V Rev Edmund Phillips, V Rev Sean O'Neill



3rd Sunday in Lent

7th March 2021

“ O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness.”



St Vincent de Paul

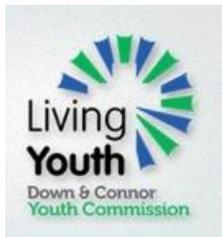
To make a donation directly to our bank account, the details are as follows:

- **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.



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](#).

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

Ministers of the Word Rotas are now available on our website



Pope Francis’ historic trip to Iraq. Pope Francis departed on Friday morning on Apostolic Journey to Iraq. This will be the first time a Pope visits Iraq. On arrival in Iraq, Pope Francis will meet privately with Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi. Then, following an official welcome

ceremony at the Presidential Palace, Pope Francis will visit President Barham Salih. The Holy Father's first public event will be with authorities, civil society and the diplomatic corps in the Presidential Palace. He will move on to meet Grand Ayatollah Sayyid Ali al-Husayni al-Sistani, described as one of the leading spiritual leaders of Iraq’s Shia Muslims. He will then travel on to Erbil, Mosul and Qaraqosh finishing his historic trip in Baghdad.



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CHANGE OF DAY

“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 **continuing on Thursday 11th March 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



‘FROM COVID TO LIGHT’

“The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new

life.” – Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

St Patrick’s Belfast Lenten Talks continue this **Tuesday 9th March at 7pm via Zoom.**

Let us gather as a Christian community 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. To Register and Sign-up for the Lenten Talks, please send an email to: lententalks@downandconnor.org

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.

*And the Lord said: I will give you a new heart,
and place a new spirit within you,
taking from your bodies your stony hearts,
and giving you hearts of love.
I will put my spirit within you,
and make you live by my ways,
careful to observe my decrees.
(Ezekiel 36: 26-27)*

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

TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World

TROCAIRE 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.

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



Catholic Bishops Conference:

To support dioceses and parishes, the Catholic Bishops Conference has prepared guidelines for those using digital media in a Church context, especially in light of the movement to online due to the pandemic and restrictions on public worship. These guidelines are available as part of a 'The Digital Hub', a new resource which is now live on the home page of www.catholicbishops.ie offering guidelines to those involved in Church digital media. The 'Get Connected' column in *Intercom* magazine has also been rebranded as 'The Digital Hub' to form a synergy with information provided on the site and in the magazine. For further details on the new resources please click on www.catholicbishops.ie

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 holywood@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**

**COVID-19
COUPLES & RELATIONSHIPS
SUPPORT LINE**



**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.

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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



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



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

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 your request will be available, Fr Stephen will be offering a Mass for the intention each day.

Faith and Art at Easter Online Course Join us for our second set of lectures in our Faith and Art series. We will look at some of the world's greatest masterpieces depicting the Easter events - Last Supper, the Crucifixion and the triumphant Resurrection. Both brutal and tender, these are some of the most moving images in western art. The talks will be led by art historian, Sarah Burles, alumna of Cambridge University and University College London. The course will be run on Zoom and take place over 4 weeks. All the talks will be fully illustrated and lists of works provided. The talks will also be recorded, allowing you to do the course in your own time or catch up if you miss a live talk.
Course Dates - Wednesday 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March
Course Time - 1700-1800
Course Cost - £60
To book - email info@pilgrimagepeople.org

