



# ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH



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## PPC NEWS

Former BBC correspondent Martina Purdy and former barrister Elaine Kelly are coming to share their faith journey on 14th December at 7.30pm in the church. Their journey has been an amazing adventure, with Jesus in the heart of the church. Each will share on the call to mission that is for all the baptised, and the path of hope that leads to the glorious freedom of the children of God.

## St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> & Sun 11<sup>th</sup> December**



Food or Heat? Many families will face impossible choices this Christmas. We offer a hand of friendship and support to all within our community and in particular to those

without employment, low income, older people, those facing mental health issues, people living alone, refugee families, those dealing with addictions, and those affected by the result of the cost-of-living crisis. Without your generosity we could not help those in need. Our Christmas Appeal extends help to more than 100 families and individuals. We Really Need Your help, please donation what you can – Thank You

## PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Wednesday 21st December at 7.30pm

**Saturday 24TH DECEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS – 9.00PM**

**Sunday 25TH DECEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS DAY – 10AM AND 12NOON**

**Monday 26TH DECEMBER**

**ST STEPHEN'S DAY 12NOON**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Mass – 12 Noon

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Mass – 12 Noon

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Morning Mass – 9.30am

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Evening Mass – 7pm

Saturday – New Year's Eve

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

**Sunday New Year's Day 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2023 Mass 10am and 12 Noon**

## MASS TIMES

Saturday vigil Mass  
6.30pm Sunday 10am &  
12noon

Weekday Mass  
Monday at 7.00pm  
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**

## Eucharistic Adoration

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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

## Church Opening Times For Private Prayer

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Monday to Friday  
10am to 2pm.  
Saturdays 12noon to 5pm  
and Sunday until 1pm.  
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**Children's Liturgy  
Sunday at 10am.  
All P1 to P7 children  
welcome**

## REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED

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

**Recently Deceased:** Laurence Gavin Maria Maloney, Pauline Girbin, John McConnell (Lisburn), Paul Galvan

**Months Mind:** Msgr Joseph Glover

**Anniversaries:** Rose McWilliams (20<sup>th</sup>), Patrick Thompson, Margaret Quinn, Patrick Lynch, Daniel Johnston, Danny Johnston, James McCormick, Patsy Doran, Michael Horan, James Muckle, V Rev Oliver McStravick, V Rev Gerard Brady, Rt Rev Msgr William B Tumelty, Rev George McLaverty, V Rev David Morgan



11<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent



"O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing."



**St Vincent de Paul Helpline Number:**  
07845 854671

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

**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

Fr Stephen and Sr Onnah would like to pass on their thanks for all the wool and plastic crochet hooks the parishioners here in Holywood donated to the women in Hydebank Wood for their crafts.

**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols –  
Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy**

The students of Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy warmly invite you to join them for their annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with music and song provided by the Chaplaincy Choir, Canticle. The service takes place in the Catholic Chaplaincy QUB, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast on Sunday 11 December at 5pm. Retiring collection in aid of the Order of Malta's Appeal for the Holy Family Maternity Hospital in Bethlehem. Festive refreshments to follow.

**Northern Pastoral Network  
Prayer at the Crib and 12 Days of Christmas  
Resources**

This Christmas we hope that people will be able to connect with our Parish, for some that will be gathering for a celebration of Mass over the Christmas Season and for others it may simply be a time of quiet prayer, lighting a candle or visiting the crib. Visiting the Crib is a prayerful activity that we can encourage and the Northern Pastoral Network have produced some resources to support Parishes. The resources connect to Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *ADMIRABILE SIGNUM* reflecting on the meaning and importance of the nativity scene.

The Living Church has provided 12 Days of Christmas resources for parishioners to use over the Christmas period.

These resources are available on our website. Please go to [www.stcolmcillesholwood.org](http://www.stcolmcillesholwood.org)

**A great opportunity to begin the New Year!  
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible.**

The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but many people find it hard to even begin. Why not begin with the Living Church office to learn how to read the bible, understand it and so experience its life changing power. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible includes 8 sessions (6 weekly online sessions and concluding with a retreat day in Belfast which will incorporate the final 2 sessions.) The programme will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen. Course participants will receive a resource pack and gather together online each week for a time of teaching, discussion and prayerful reflection. Beginning **Monday 9th January @7pm for 6 weeks online via zoom.** The Retreat Day will take place on **Saturday 18th February.** The cost of the program is £30. For further information or to book your place please contact [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org) or Tele: 02890690920

The New Mum's Wednesday Coffee Morning has taken a break for the Christmas Holiday and will resume on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan after Mass. Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas

Stage & Screen... and a touch of Christmas!  
Join St. Agnes' Choral Society for an evening of songs from musicals and film, with Christmas music to get us all in the spirit! Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm, St Anne's Parish Centre, Finaghy BT10 ONE, Tickets £10+fees. Tickets can be booked via this link: [shorturl.at/bruWY](http://shorturl.at/bruWY)

**Advent Reflection at SMA Dromantine, Newry  
Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm to Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 5pm**

An Advent reflection in preparation for Christmas given by SMA Community, Dromantine and a celebration of the Sacraments (Eucharist, Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick). Cost £120/€145 Tel: 02830821224 email: [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

## A Call for Volunteers in St Colmcilles Holywood

We're calling for new volunteers in our Parish. By becoming a volunteer, you join with likeminded people to assist in the life of our parish. If you feel you could volunteer in any of the aspects detailed below, please give your contact details to Claire in the Parish Office.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Saturdays from 12noon until 5pm. If you could commit to spending some time in Adoration, then please indicate your time preference in the registration book on the table at the back of the church. We would like to particularly encourage people to come along between 2pm and 4pm.

**Cleaners for the Church:** We're looking for more volunteers to help clean our beautiful Church once a month. If you could spare the time, please give your name to Veronica or Claire.

**The Vigil Choir** would like to welcome new members. They rehearse every Tuesday evening from 7.30 pm to 8.30pm. - New members welcome especially men!!!



TRÓCAIRE thanks you for your help. You can donate in the following ways:

1. Online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org).
2. By phone: 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD

### **The Loyola Institute School of Religion,**

*Theology, and Peace Studies* TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

The Loyola Institute provides an opportunity to study theology within a thriving and prestigious academic setting. The institute offers a challenging context in which some of the fundamental questions of life and faith can be creatively addressed. Taught postgraduate degrees in Christian Theology in the Catholic tradition, at Masters, Diploma and Certificate level are available. Evening lectures (usually on Monday and Thursdays) allow for other commitments, and the Master's degree can be completed on a full time (one year) or part time (two year) basis. Assessment is by written assignment, not by examination. Modules offered for 2022/23 include Readings in Classical Theological Texts; Jesus of Nazareth: Son, Christ, Word; The First Words: Theology/ies of the Bible; Ministry & Church in a Challenging Era; Political Theology; Violence and Grace in the Human Narrative. A range of Scholarships are available. For further information please see our website: [www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute](http://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute) Or contact Helen McMahon email: [Loyola@tcd.ie](mailto:Loyola@tcd.ie) or Phone : 01 896 4790

**Special Belfast Pilgrimage to Fatima** 9-14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 Ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony Patron Saint of Portugal visit Saint Anthony's birthplace and baptismal font in Lisbon contact James Treacy 0035361921470 **FEW PLACES LEFT!!!**

The **Donation** Button

Is available on our parish website.

<https://stcolmcilleshollywood.org>

This facility has been installed throughout the Dioceses to enable parishioners to donate remotely to their parish funds



We have some incredible news! From today until 31 January 2023, every donation made to our Double The Love appeal will be matched, up to £1.5 million.

Thanks to a group of generous supporters, your kindness will go even further at this critical time. In a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost-of-living crisis, bringing new hope to desperately hungry children with our life-changing school meals has never been more important. Your generosity is giving children hope for a brighter future. Together, through Double The Love, we can transform the lives of many more desperately hungry children waiting for Mary's Meals.



**SAFE HOME IRELAND**  
EMIGRANT SUPPORT SERVICE

### **Safe Home Ireland**

If you know someone living abroad who may

want to return, or move to Ireland but who does not know how, or where to start. Please tell them about SAFE HOME IRELAND - the Emigrant Support Service - just go to [safehomeireland.com](http://safehomeireland.com) or Tel: +353 86 059 4538 for more information and where you can also donate to this registered charity.

**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 (October 29 and November 26.) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669 or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

**THE BOSWELLIA PROJECT** are launching a donation campaign to the people of Tigray, to help them face the harsh consequences of the war that has been raging since 2021 in this peaceful region of northern Ethiopia. Your donation will be used for the purchase of medicines, infant milk and basic necessities for the direct benefit of various hospitals in the Tigray region. You can donate at: <https://donate.stripe.com/28o3f39w6cbpf3q1aN>

**An Irish Pilgrimage Guide to the Holy Land** is a new book by Michael Kelly, Editor of The Irish Catholic newspaper which explores the places associated with the life of Christ. Michael, who has led many pilgrimages to the Holy Land, says he hopes the book can also act as an 'armchair retreat' for people who cannot travel to the Holy Land bringing the Gospel to life for them. It is available now from all good bookshops, [www.columbabooks.com](http://www.columbabooks.com) or by calling 00353.1.687.4096 price €16.99/£14.99



**Blended Learning – Higher Diploma/Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy:** Those interested in an accredited foundation programme in Pastoral Liturgy. Training to be involved with Liturgy at a diocesan and parish level. Better understanding the liturgical life of the Church, which is the highest expression of Theology in the Catholic tradition. Visit [maynoothcollege.ie](http://maynoothcollege.ie) to find out more.

A Prayer by Telephone-The Sisters of Mercy "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk. Welcome any person who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. All requests are confidential.

Tel:00353429331602 9am – 9pm. Daily One of the sisters will be happy to Listen and Pray with you



**Down and Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage:**

We know that there are many people who would love to be travelling with us this year but for various reasons are unable to do so. We invite you to send your prayer requests and special intentions. We will bring these to the Grotto in Lourdes during our pilgrimage. Please follow the link <https://forms.office.com/r/TcEqtrYFqJ>

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

**Rosary Intentions**

Fr Stephen has asked that the Rosary be prayed and dedicated to the following.

*Please consider this form of prayer in preparation before Mass and in your homes with your families.*

**Monday** – For Mothers carrying babies in the womb

**Tuesday** – For Children and Young People

**Wednesday** – For Vocations to the Priesthood

**Thursday** – For the Sick and Injured

**Friday** – For all deceased in our Parish and Families

**Hollywood Manna Table:** The cost of living is rising almost week on week. Families are finding it more and more difficult to make ends meet. Our Manna Table, which is available every Tuesday from 10am to 1pm outside High St Presbyterian Church is supporting many local families in Hollywood. Gray's Funeral

Directors are appealing for donations of food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, anything that may help families in need within our community. Any items may be left with Barbara, any day during office hours and all help, no matter how small is vastly appreciated

Dear parishioners, if you would like to start to contribute via Standing Order or make a one-off Donation to the Parish our details are:

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

Please use either your Envelope Number, Name or a Reference. This will identify you to the parish. If you are a UK Tax payer, please don't forget to Gift Aid your donations. Once again, I thank you all for your prayerful support. Please let us continue to look after each other .Fr Stephen