



ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH



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The Advent Thanksgiving Service will take place this Sunday the 2nd Sunday in Advent at 5pm in the Church. The programme will include a selection of Christmas readings with the hymns chosen for Advent Time. We will give thanks for getting through Covid while celebrating the forthcoming birth of Our Saviour.

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.

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!!!

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**  
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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 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: Mary Quinn, Pauline McAuley, Michael Nancarrow, Julie McEvoy

Anniversaries: Patricia Dolaghan, James Dolaghan Sr, Nellie McConnell, Kathleen O'Connor, Carl O'Connor, Paddy & Margaret Gillen, Gerry McKeown, Monie Graham, Sammy Johnston, Rosina & Tommy Kelly, Eleanor Power, William Duffin, V Rev Patrick McAlea, V Rev Canon Joseph Cunningham, V Rev Christopher Nellis, V Rev Shaun McClafferty, V Rev Canon Hugh Starkey, V Rev Canon Joseph Conway, V Rev Francis McCorry, V Rev Hugh Roe O'Donnell



4th December 2022
2nd Sunday in Advent



"Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company."

Our Wednesday Coffee Morning for New Mums

Is held on **Wednesday Mornings** directly after Mass.

Call into "Iona" (the room off the church porch) from 10.00 am until 11.30am to meet and share a friendly cuppa. It offers an opportunity for all new mums to get together – All Welcome!!

For further information contact Eileen on 07443431235

Benburb Priory A Christmas Concert with Fr. Ray Kelly on Friday 09.12.22 at 7.00pm Benburb Priory will host Britain's Got Talent's Fr. Ray Kelly once again. This time, for an exciting Christmas concert. Fr. Ray will perform some beloved Christmas classics. Afterwards, he will join us in the Stables café for tea, coffee, and a meet and greet. Tickets: £15 Tickets are available online at www.benburbpriory.com or in-person.



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 Oonah Hanrahan are looking for donations of unused wool and plastic crochet hooks for the women in Hydebank Wood to use in their craft workshops. If anyone has any spare wool or plastic hooks, could you please drop them into the parish office.

"A Leap of Divine Joy and A Look of Love: Advent Revealed through Paintings"

with Sr Magdalen Lawler SND *hosted by Drumalis via Zoom from 2 pm – 3:30 pm (Tuesdays, 22 November and 6, 13 & 20 December)* Sr Magdalen Lawler invites us to join her via Zoom for four afternoons, during which she will lead us through a reflective time using scripture, paintings and poetry to explore the coming of the Saviour. Suggested Donation: £40 per person. For further details or to book a place, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28272196/28276455 or email drumalis@btconnect.com

Online Advent Retreat The Retreat Giver is Donagh O'Shea OP an Irish Dominican, currently director of the Dominican Retreat Centre in Tallaght. He has given retreats and taught courses on spirituality in many parts of the world. He has authored several books, including the forthcoming: 'A Hundred Roads to here: Introductions to Meditation'. He is also a potter, and for forty years has been using clay-work to open up new paths to meditation: see his 'Go down the Potter's House: A Journey into Meditation' (1988). See also his website www.goodnews.ie

**Advent Reflection at SMA Dromantine, Newry
Tues 13th Dec 4pm to Wed 14th 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

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"Holy Hour and Candlelight Procession for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception St Mary's, Chapel Lane, Belfast. Thursday 8th December 2022 commencing at 6.30pm. Light refreshments available following the procession. All are welcome

The Rotas for weekly and weekend readers the of Word are now available behind the Altar and on the website. Please contact the parish office if you would like a copy of the readings

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 11th December, 7pm, St Anne's Parish Centre, Finaghy BT10 ONE, Tickets £10+fees.
Tickets can be booked via this link: shorturl.at/bruWY

The Youth 2000 Christmas retreat will be taking place in Newbridge College, Newbridge between 9th-11th December. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, excellent speakers, inspiring talks & workshops, fantastic music, group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, reconciliation, prayer, drama, games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Donation only. Free buses leaving from all over Ireland. Register now on www.youth2000.ie"

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 Or contact Helen McMahon email: Loyola@tcd.ie or Phone : 01 896 4790

Special Belfast Pilgrimage to Fatima 9-14th 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

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

The Enneagram Understanding Yourself and Understanding Others is an excellent Psychological/Spiritual tool which helps us understand ourselves and others. It helps us make better decisions for



ourselves especially during stressful periods. The introductory course is aimed at people interested in self-development and also useful to those who have participated in previous Enneagram courses who fell the need to refresh and deepen their knowledge The course runs from Friday 4th Nov to Sunday 6th Nov at Drumalis, for further information please contact katrina@drumalis.co.uk or phone Suggested donation of £150 per person for the residential weekend.



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.



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

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

Pilgrimage to Fatima at Easter 2023 ex Dublin
Departing Wednesday (Holy Week) 5th April
5 nights Full Easter ceremony and tour of Lisbon.
Optional tour to seaside on Easter Saturday
Contact James Treacy 0035361921470



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 or Tel: +353 86 059 4538 for more information and where you can also donate to this registered charity.



Pathways – Adult Faith Development

Programme Two-year, part-time course, now enrolling for 2022-2023 intake Have you ever thought about

exploring your faith... or wished that you could broaden your understanding of your faith? Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to life? If the answer is "yes", then Pathways may be for you. The course runs one Saturday per month (10 am – 4:30 pm) from October to June, either in-house at Drumalis, Larne or online via Zoom. To register for Pathways, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email maura@drumalis.co.uk

Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living Do you feel restless, do you sense there is a deeper meaning to life, that God is out there but you feel disconnected. The Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living may be for you. This 20-session course via Zoom between September and March is based on the insights of Ignatian Spirituality. For further details, have a look at the Drumalis Facebook page or website or contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

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

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.columbbooks.com or by calling 00353.1.687.4096 price €16.99/£14.99



Blended Learning – Higher Diploma/Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy: Those interested in a 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 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

GREETINGS FROM DROMANTINE RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

NEW WORKSHOPS2022- BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

CHURCH ABUSE: A UNIQUE BETRAYAL: *A call to listen, a call to action, a call to change* - Friday, 4 November (5pm) - Sunday, 6 November (2pm)
Workshop Facilitator: Father Hugh Lagan SMA Fr Lagan is a priest with the Society of African Missions and a chartered clinical psychologist. He has led retreats, workshops and trainings internationally on psychological and spiritual well-being, positive change, trauma, mental health and resilience. Please contact Jacinta or Louisa to reserve your place: TEL: 028 (048 from ROI) 3082 1964 EMAIL: admin@dromantineconference.com



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 Groot 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 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 appreciate

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*