



ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, HOLYWOOD PARISH



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Heavenly Father, as we celebrate Christmas this year help us to take time to break out of our routine in order to stop and listen.

As the shepherds came to the manger to adore the Christ child let us come to the crib in a spirit of adoration and prayer and let us listen to our brothers and sisters.

Let us be attentive to their hopes, their fears, their dreams for peace on earth and among us all.

Amen

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 27th Mass – 12 Noon

Wednesday 28th Mass – 12 Noon

Thursday 29th Morning Mass – 9.30am

Friday 30th Evening Mass – 7pm

Saturday – New Year's Eve

Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Sunday New Year's Day 1ST JANUARY 2023

Mass 10am and 12 Noon

MASS TIMES

Saturday vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday 10am & 12noon

Weekday Mass

Monday at 7.00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 9.30am

Friday at 7.00pm

Tuesday - St Anthony's Novena during the Mass.

Friday–Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour during Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 30 mins before each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Saturday

12noon – 5.00pm

And before weekday Mass

For 30 Mins

Confession is by appointment only – Please contact the parish office for further details

Church Opening Times

For Private Prayer

Monday to Friday

10am to 2pm.

Saturdays 12noon to 5pm and Sunday until 1pm.

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 23rd December to Tuesday 3rd January.

If you need to contact the office in an emergency, please phone to leave a message or email holywood@downandconnor.org

Wishing all our parishioners a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED

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

Recently Deceased: Colette Lismore, Fr James Boyle MHM, Plunkett Devlin, Pat McGinty, Molly Corrigan, Frances Carville, Ted Buckley

Months Mind: Mary Quinn and Pauline Mcauley.

Anniversaries: Mary & David McCausland, Peter Nicholl, John Francis Daley, Catherine & Thomas Hanratty, Catherine & Thomas McDonnell, Ethel Campbell, Alice Mills, James Close (20th), Ciara Catney, Roisin McMahan, Kitty & Frank Geddis, Bridie Gorman, Susan Carty, Ned Carty, Seamus & Geraldine Griffin, Margaret Magee, James & Mary Quinn, Lily Black, Linda McLeod, William & Margaret Wilson, V Rev Canon John Murphy, V Rev Canon Eamon McEnaney, V Rev Liam Mullan, V Rev Hubert Rooney, V Rev Canon Patrick Conway, His Eminence Cahal B Cardinal Daly,

Christmas



"O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever."



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

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 ADMIRABLE

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



TROCAIRE 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

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



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 or

Tele: 02890690920



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.

LAST LIGHT -HOLYWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

on SATURDAY 31st DECEMBER @ 4.00PM.

This short Service (45 mins approx.) will provide us, as church family in Holywood, an opportunity to give thanks to the Lord for 2022, and commit the incoming year into His sovereign care.

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

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!!!

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



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 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

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 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 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 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 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.

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