

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 Wednesday 25th January 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.

Deacon James invites you to a candlelit hour of adoration, quiet prayer and reflection with Taize chant. In St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road, Bangor Wednesday 25th January from 7:30pm to 8:30pm

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

**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.

**Children's Liturgy
Sunday at 10am.**
All P1 to P7 children welcome
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Sunday 22 January to Sunday 29 January.

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland As a school, community and parish, we will celebrate Catholic School week with a range of school-based activities and attend Mass on Tuesday 24th January to celebrate Grandparents Day. The 2023 theme for Catholic Schools Week is Walking Together in Faith and Love During this week, we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to supporting each other and living out Jesus' message of the Gospel.

Our Parish is joining in the celebrations by having the children from St Patrick's Primary with us at Mass on Tuesday 24th January to celebrate Grandparents Day. All Grandparents welcome!!!

Prayer for Grandparents

May our Lord, Jesus Christ be always close to you.

We thank you for all you have contributed to life and for the gifts you continue to give to your families and to our community. We pray that your closeness to God will bring you the health and the strength you need to continue our journey on the road of life.

May you continue to enjoy your life, your work, and your prayers.

May your memories always be happy and may you achieve your dreams for the future.

One day we will all be united in God's kingdom,
through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

Resources can be found at: <https://catholiceducation.ie/resources-for-catholic-schools-week-2023/>

REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED

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

Recently Deceased: Lisa Eastwood, Colette Mullan, Brian O'Malley

Months Mind: Molly Corrigan (Fermanagh)

Anniversaries: Paddy Giles, Veronica Brolly, Frankie Geddis, Bridie Gorman, Jon O'Hare (1st), Anne McKenna, Michael Timoney, John McManus, Brendan McManus, William Smyth, Frances Sales, George Thompson, John O'Donnell, Terry Murphy, John Murphy, Dermot O'Connor, V Rev Brian Mullan, V Rev James McCloskey, Rev Con Flanagan, Rev Henry Flynn, Rev Séamus O'Hara, V Rev Patrick Fullerton



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God Sunday 22nd January 2023



"Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever."



Living Church – Faith Development Conference

The Living Church Office is hosting a Faith Development Conference in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Shaw's Bridge, Belfast, on Saturday 28th January 2023. This course will equip you with the skills and resources to lead faith development programmes in your parish, with your prayer group or organisation. Five excellent Programmes are being showcased and there will be an opportunity to meet with the developers and presenters of the programmes in taster sessions that they will run. Our keynote speaker will be Mr David Wells. David is an international speaker and author and has worked with Dioceses internationally encouraging and inspiring people to be leaders and sharing the Joy of the Gospel in their local parish communities. Each delegate will receive lunch and will take home resources to support the delivery of five programmes that can be delivered in the Parish. For more information, or to book online, go to: www.livingchurchevents.com. Or to request an application form, contact Claire at the Living Church Office, 02890690920 or livingchurch@downandconnor.org



Why not take some time this February/March to join us for the Beloved Disciples Programme which explores and celebrates the gifts that

older people bring to our Church community. It reminds us that there is no such thing as retirement from the Kingdom of God and that we are called to discipleship at every age in our lives. The programme, designed for the over 60's runs for 4 weeks. Over a cup of tea/coffee there will be opportunities for talking and listening and sharing what our faith means to us as we continue our journey seeking to grow in the love of Christ and others.

The programme for women, will begin on Friday 10th February at 11:00am at Living Church 120 Cliftonville Rd, Belfast, and will conclude on Friday 3rd March. Each session will be approximately one hour long and will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne from the Living Church Office. We look forward to welcoming you

We at Cappella Caeciliana are joining forces with internationally-renowned New Dublin Voices to present a concert of choral music in St. Malachy's Church, Alfred Street, at 7.30pm on Saturday 28th January. There is free admission for students and under 25s but in addition we wish to offer entry free of charge to members of parish choirs and other music ministry groups in Down and Connor. This is a great opportunity to hear a very fine selection of sacred music in a magnificent setting. The programme includes the extraordinary Mass for Double Choir by Frank Martin, which is one of the masterworks of the choral repertoire but is very rarely heard on this island. Further details of the concert are on our website www.caeciliana.org

Wednesday Morning in Iona Mum's Group has returned for the New Year. All welcome call in for a cuppa and a chat



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 (January 21st; February 18th and March 18th 2023) Booking essential. Residential weekend in Drumalis, Larne, 10/12th March. To find out more, contact Phil: [02890 207645](tel:02890207645) or Marie [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or email belfastbe@yahoo.com



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 Hollywood. Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. If you can, please remember to Gift Aid your donation

The annual 4 Corners Festival has announced its dates for 2023 and this year's theme which will be Dreams...Visions for Belfast. The festival will feature a range of art, music, discussion, sport and faith-based events from January 27 to February 5 in venues across the city. Now in its 11th year, the festival was conceived as a way to inspire people from across the city to transform it for the peace and wellbeing of all. It features innovative events designed to entice people out of their own 'corners' of the city and into new places where they will encounter new perspectives, new ideas and hopefully meet new friends. The full programme is now live, for more information go to www.4cornersfestival.com/the-festival

Foster Care Services and Support

'There are children in crisis today in our local communities – children of all ages and all abilities. Can you spare an hour a day, an overnight or a weekend or more to make a difference in a child's life. If you can, then contact the Regional Fostering Team at www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net or on 0800 0720 137.....remember, every child is just one caring adult away from success'.



Greetings from Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre
NEW WORKSHOPS 2023 - BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Please forward to anyone interested or include in your communications **NODDING OFF** *How to sleep deeper and better for longer* Saturday, 18 February (9.30am - 4.30pm) 2023 £40 / €45

DIFFICULT PEOPLE *How to bring out the best of people at their worst* Saturday, 11 March (9.30am - 4.30pm) 2023 £40 / €45

RETREAT: THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE *A journey from success to significance* Sunday, 30 April (5pm) - Friday, 05 May (9am) 2023 £460 / € 520

FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH *Discover your character strengths and reach your true potential* Friday, 12 May (5pm) - Sunday, 14 May (2pm) 2023 £225 / €255

STOP MISSING YOUR LIFE *Stress, burnout and discovering a calmer you* Friday, 01 September (5pm) - Sunday, 03 September (2pm) 2023 £225 / €255

LET EVENING COME *Finding comfort and healing after loss and bereavement* Friday, 13 October (5pm) - Sunday, 15 October (2pm) 2023 £225 / €255

Please contact Jacinta or Louisa to reserve your place:
TEL: 028 (048 from ROI) 3082 1964

EMAIL: admin@dromantineconference.com

CLICK BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE WORKSHOPS

TROCAIRE
Working for a Just World

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

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January 2023

which may be useful for your parishes. The theme this year is **Be-longing: Praying for Unity amidst justice**. For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. Through this resource, the CTBI writers' group has also focussed our attention on the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, which we mark in 2023. The work of restoring hope through justice undertaken in Stephen's memory continues to inspire and change lives for the better. Further resources can be found on the ICC website [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023 - Irish Council of Churches and Irish Inter Church Meeting](http://www.weekofprayerforchristianunity.org) (irishchurches.org)

"TWO CITIES" - Cappella Caeciliana and New Dublin Voices present a concert of choral music in St. Malachy's Church, Alfred Street, at 7.30pm on Saturday 28th January. Tickets (£15) and more information from www.caeciliana.org and Matchetts, Wellington Place. Free entry for students and under 25s.

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



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.

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>



The Priory Institute Study Theology, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home.

Register before February 8. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com



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.

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 028 90422167 (Option 2) 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.



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>

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.DailyOne of the sisters will be happy to Listen and Pray with you

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

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!!!

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



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.

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