

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TEAM 3

THIS WEEKS DIARY

Thursday 21st February: **St Peter Damian**, Bishop & Doctor

Friday 22nd February: **The Chair of St Peter**, Apostle

Saturday 23rd February: **St Polycarp**, Bishop & Martyr

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Our prayers are requested for the following whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Margaret Denvir (First Anniversary), Tony Mason, Stephen Mason, Martha Mullan, Hugo Trainor, Olive & William McNamara, Sandy Johnston, Eilish Mageean, James & Kathleen Kelly, Rosaleen Smyth, Cowie Keating, Rosa McGrath, James Gilmore, Sarah Patricia Dorrian, Cecil Brown, Margaret Savage, Jennie Edgar, James Donaldson, James & Sarah Moreland, Hugh Taylor, Maggie Murphy, Margaret McKinney, Billy Fitzsimmons, Catherine & Richard Lennon.

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The Bereaved of the Community will be remembered in a special way at Mass on Wednesday 20th February in St Cooley's Oratory at 7.30pm.

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The Parish at Prayer:The Holy Rosary will be offered on Thursday 21st February at 7pm in St Cooney's Oratory.

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PARISH DRAW: Week 20

£300.00:Marian Toner, Deerpark Road

£200.00:Gertie Tomelty, The Ropewalk

£100.00:M & C Byers, C/o Ballyfounder Road

£50.00:Kate Marie Mason, Tieveshilly

£30.00:Moira Gilmore, High Street

£20.00:David McKnight, Windmill Meadow

£10.00:Paddy Hinds, Ballyphilip Road

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The Parish Office will be closed Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd February.

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THE ANNUAL LETTING OF PARISH LAND

Will take place on Saturday 23rd February at 2pm

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CANDLE OF ATONEMENT

PRAYER

Lord, forgive us our many sins.

We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.

We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.

May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church.

Amen.

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Parish Collection Envelopes

Our new boxes will be distributed shortly. If you are not registered for a box please contact the Parish Office, 15 Church Street, Tel: 028 427 28373 and we can arrange for you to receive one.

We are again appealing to tax payers to consider gift aiding your donations. We can claim an additional 20% from Inland Revenue, and it does not cost you anything extra. If you signed a gift aid form in the past you don't need to do so again.

Anyone who changed address in the past year, please let the parish office know so we can up-date our records.

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Portaferry Youth Club are in desperate need of leaders. Without more help we may have to close. We need leaders for a Monday 6.30 till 8.45 and Tuesday 7 till 9. If you can help with either or both days please contact the Youth Club on either of the nights mentioned.

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60 Years of St Columba's College

An Evening of Midsummer Melodies

Calling all past and present pupils of St Columba's.

Were you a budding young dancer, singer, actor or did you once have a school band back in the day?

Here's your chance to contribute to an evening of entertainment to celebrate 60 years of St Columba's College.

So, dust off your dance-shoes, tune your guitars, practice your scales and make this a family evening to remember.

Contact Clare on 028427 28323 or email cbryce548@c2kni.net with your name, number and act.

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"An Invitation to be where Love is" A journey in faith in the company of St Francis de Sales (1567 – 1622) by Fr P Delargy are available to purchase from the Sacristy or the Parish Office, price £10.00.

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Dates for your Diary

Sacrament of Confirmation

St Patrick's Ballygalget: Sunday 31st March

St Patrick's Portaferry: Friday 5th April

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

St Mary's Primary: Saturday 18th May

St Patrick's Ballygalget: Saturday 25th May

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Beginning Experience is a peer ministry to the bereaved, separated and divorced, based within the Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor. We are offering a Residential Weekend 22nd – 24th February at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne.

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering 'a weekend away for a lifetime of change' at Drumalis, Larne, Friday 22nd – Sunday 24th February 2019. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669. Support group continues Wednesday evenings at 8pm in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast.

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'As we journey on from the World Meeting of Families, Glenavy and Killead Parish is offering an **Oasis Day of Prayer and Reflection for Married Couples**, on Saturday 2nd March 2019, 10.00am – 3.00pm in St. Clare's Community Hall, 55 Chapel Lane, Glenavy, Crumlin. This is an opportunity for married couples to take some time out, in the company of other couples, to reflect on their marriage in a relaxed and prayerful atmosphere. For more information, contact Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service on 02890 233002.'

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Thinking about volunteering in 2019?

Parkinson's' UK currently have a variety of volunteer roles on offer. We have roles that require just a couple of hours of your time per month, home based roles and roles where you can help decide priorities within your local area .So, whether you thrive in a group environment or enjoy making strategic decisions in a small team, please call Emma McKeown on 0797 686 6649 for a no obligation chat to kick start your volunteering journey or email emckeown@parkinsons.org.uk . I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks.

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'How marvellous it would be at the end of the day each of us could say: today, I have performed an act of charity towards others'. **Pope Francis. Trócaire is looking for volunteers in the Diocese of Down and Connor to bring social justice alive in their parishes. For more Information contact Maria in Trócaire at 028 90808036 or email maria.kane@trocaire.org.**

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Dublin Medjugorje Pilgrimage Group for the Youth Festival 2019 at August Bank Holiday

Weekend. One of the biggest events of the year in Medjugorje.

Ex Dublin costs €725 pps

for 7 nights.

Payment can also be made in instalments Contact James Treacy 061-921470 or contact Joe Walsh Tours on 01-2410800

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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019: Full board in hotel: 7 nights (9-16 July) for £725 or 5 nights (10-15 July) for £650. Full board for sick or infirm

pilgrims with medical and nursing care in Accueil Notre-Dame: 5 nights (10-15 July) for £550.

Youth Team (7-16 July) £590.

All flights from Belfast Int'l Airport.

Application forms now available from the Parish office or for further information contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 90770162 or email

Lourdes@downandconnor.org

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St. Patrick's Parish, Donegall Street, Belfast Pilgrimage to Fatima (2 nights) Lisbon and Estoril Coast (4 nights) will take place 8th -14th September 2019. Price is €875pps. A deposit of €300 is required at the time of booking with Cultural Connections Ltd., Newtown, Rahan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly Tel: 00353 57 93 55050 Email:

info@culturalconnections.eu

Deadline for booking is Friday, 22nd February 2019

For more information and booking form contact Deirdre Douglas 07843006560, (e mail deirdredouglas@virginmedia.com

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DRUMBO PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, ASSISI & CASCIA

Including Divine Mercy Sunday in Rome 6 Night Pilgrimage to Assisi, Cascia, Rome & Vatican City,

27 April– 03 May 2019

Package price from £945.00 pps

Spiritual directors: Fr Conor Mc Grath & Fr Dominic McGrattan

Single rooms are now on a waiting list

This pilgrimage is an excellent opportunity for a parish-orientated group to explore Assisi, the Sanctuary of St Rita of Cascia & Vatican City, discover the fascinating history of our Christian faith. Pilgrimage includes return flights from Belfast City Airport (via Heathrow) to Rome, transfers, 4 nights Half-Board in a central hotel in Rome (*within walking distance of the Vatican*) & 2 nights Half-Board in a 4 Star Hotel in lower Assisi. Fully guided tours of Assisi, Cascia & Rome. The pilgrimage also aims to include the Divine Mercy Sunday Angelus address with the Holy Father, Pope Francis I (*depending on the Pope's calendar*)

For more details, please contact the parish office 028 90812238 opt 2

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From Bishop Noel Treanor

I wish to make you aware of an initiative within the Diocese of Down and Connor that

is very beneficial to those who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Each day a BSL NI Sign Language Mass is provided via the webcam from St Vincent

de Paul Parish, Ligoniel, Belfast.

<https://www.saintvincentdepauulligoniell.com/webcam>

You can also watch a recording of the Mass externally at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQJf_QN2zqPzwKx4p6PJ18A

This will have subtitles.

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Bethany Support Group

This group offers support for anyone experiencing bereavement.

If you would like to talk to a member of the Bethany Support Group Please Telephone:
07564293692

Loss and Blessings Day at Tobar Mhuire, Cross **The Joy of Love- The Church's care for the family.**

On Wednesday 9th November at 7:30pm the Diocese will welcome Fr Nick Austin SJ, moral theologian, to St Brigid's Church, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast. The evening will be an opportunity to discuss Pope Francis's apostolic letter on the family. Everyone very welcome.

The Joy of Love- The Church's care for the family.

On Wednesday 9th November at 7:30pm the Diocese will welcome Fr Nick Austin SJ, moral

on Saturday 12th November 2016

from 10.30am -4

price £30 which includes tea/

You are welcome to bring a picture or memento

of the person you are remembering

Please

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrifice up for their deceased loved ones. YOU CAN DO LIKEWISE. Take the Short Term Pledge for

: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drinks