



# St Patrick's Belfast

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**North Belfast Pastoral Community  
(Holy Cross, Holy Family, Sacred Heart, St.  
Patrick's & St. Vincent de Paul)**

## PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday 17 April 2022 Easter Day of  
the Lord's  
Resurrection



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We are still operating with reduced hours. You can contact us by telephone or email. Since St Patrick's is a very busy Parish Office, we can't always answer the phone immediately. Please leave a message with your telephone number and we will call you back.

**Office hours 10.30am – 2.00pm Monday-Thursday, closes 1pm on Friday.**

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### Pastoral Community Churches

Holy Cross - Fr John Craven CP (028 90 748231)

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St. Vincent de Paul – Fr Patrick Devlin (028 90 713401)

Holy Family – Fr Paul Strain (028 90 743119)

### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm. Sunday Morning 9am & 11am.

### WEEKDAY MASS

Monday to Friday 1pm

### CONFESSION

Monday to Friday after 1pm Mass.

### REST IN PEACE

**Recently deceased:** Bernard Vallely, Maureen McCarron

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Monday 1pm:** Jamie Maguire 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Tuesday 1pm:** Gerard Lyttle Month's Mind

**Thursday 1pm:** Billy Gilroy Jnr 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, Oliver Kelly 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Friday 1pm:** Margaret Davis RIP, Bridget Healy 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, Dessie Smith Anniversary

### PARISH COLLECTION

The Weekly Parish Collection came to **£1,281.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

### EASTER SUNDAY

**Easter Sunday – Mass at 9am and 11am**

**There will be no Evening Mass on Easter Sunday.**

### OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY/HOLYDAY MASS

With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, it is encouraging to see a return to a fuller liturgical life in our parishes. Thankful that we can once again gather as communities of faith, the Irish Bishops have announced that attending Mass on Sunday and Holydays of Obligation will, from Easter Sunday (17th April 2022), once again be deemed an essential expression of faith. **As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass.**

### PLEASE COLLECT YOUR PARISH ENVELOPES

Parish envelopes are now available for collection in the church. If there is not a box for you and you wish to receive some, please contact the Parish Office on **028 90 324597** or [stpatricks@downandconnor.org](mailto:stpatricks@downandconnor.org)

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### KNOCK PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND 2022

**11 - 12 June 2022**

Overnight stay in Knock House Hotel. Bus leaves St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street. Total cost £140.00. For further details telephone: **028 90 247587**

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022

**13-18 July 2022**, 5 nights full board £685. Contact the Parish Office, or Pilgrimage Office: **028 90 770162**  
[lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

## **DIVINE MERCY**

### **Divine Mercy Healing Mass, Sacred Heart Church**

**Friday 22 April 6.30pm**

Come and experience God's Healing Touch in Confession, Rosary, Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration

### **Divine Mercy Sunday, Sacred Heart Church**

**Sunday 24 April 2.15pm**

Rosary, Mass, Confessions, Blessing of Divine Image and Relic of Faustina.

## **PARISH WEBCAM**

Live streaming of all Masses takes place in St Patrick's. To access the Parish Webcam, use the following link [www.churchservices.tv/stpatricksbelfast](http://www.churchservices.tv/stpatricksbelfast) or download the Church Services TV App to your iPad or Smartphone.

## **DIOCESAN PRIVACY POLICY**

The Privacy Policy for the Diocese of Down and Connor, including St Patrick's Parish, is available in the Safeguarding section of the Parish website.

## **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

## **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS**

Tuesday Evening 7-8pm

Saturday Morning 8-9am

**St Patrick's Old School House**

(Rear Entrance, Donegall Lane)

## **AN EASTER MESSAGE**

### **BISHOP NOEL TREANOR 13 APRIL 2022**

The Message of Easter is the celebration of life over death, of hope over despair, of offers of assurance in situations of vulnerability. The scriptures attest to how the resurrected Christ awakened faith. They tell of how He awakened new hope and new understanding in the disciples and then entrusted them to be courageous messengers of this Easter hope. His risen presence gave them new purpose and a new identity.

From the moment of that first Easter morning, across the centuries, Christians have celebrated the Risen Christ and joyfully proclaimed a message of hope and new life.

This is our history, our mission and our legacy. The Risen Christ also calls us to be messengers of an Easter vision in our personal circumstances, in our time and in our world.

In the Jewish religious tradition, during the meal of Passover, the youngest child asks a series of questions as they try to make sense of this ritual meal. Remembering and recalling the events of the past and responding to these inquiries, the Jewish parent helps the child to understand the significance of this traditional celebration. This dialogue between generations therefore becomes an opportunity to share and to pass on faith and meaning.

Within our Christian homes this Easter, conversation between children and parents also presents opportunities to share and to pass on faith and hope.

We all need to hear the Easter message again. With each gift of newborn life, God imparts an opportunity to hear the message of Easter anew. Generations of young people are entrusted with taking up the mission and there are seedlings of growth sprouting anew in our parishes and Pastoral Communities. The synodal pathway started by Pope Francis presents such an opportunity for us all. It is an opportunity to give new vitality to our own involvement in our faith communities and so grow our understanding that we all shape the life and experience of the Church.

As in the past, there are indeed many challenges to face. The years of the pandemic have had an impact on our pastoral communities and faith practice and it is as if we are all emerging from the tomb into the light of a new dawn.

In our world, hatred and violence continues to live in the hearts of many. Death and Resurrection is a tangible reality in countries of crisis and conflict. The joyful message of Easter this year is obscured by scenes of death and destruction and the forced displacement of families from their homes in Ukraine and other war-stricken regions across the world. Yet many others are peacemakers who have arisen to offer support as these families arrive to our shores seeking safety.

May this Easter time be an opportunity for us all, with renewed vision and hope, to take up again Christ's Mission to be messengers of life over death, of hope over despair, of offers of assurance in situations of vulnerability and as Easter people to act as peacemakers.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies."**