



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 3 April 2022 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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.

Sunday Evening 6pm Candlelit Mass.

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday to Friday 1pm

CONFESSION

Monday to Friday after 1pm Mass.

REST IN PEACE

Recently deceased: Gerald Smith, Gerard McDonnell,

James McCann

Inurnment: Gerard Mulvenna

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 6pm: Patricia Mulcahy 5th Anniversary, Walsh Family 100th Anniversary, Noreen Breen 2nd Anniversary

Sunday 9am: John Kelly 1st Anniversary

Sunday 11am: Jim Maskey 3rd Anniversary, Paul Gilmore 2nd Anniversary

Sunday 6pm: Joseph Thompson Month's Mind

PARISH COLLECTION

The Weekly Parish Collection came to **£1003.05**. The Collection for Ukraine came to **£2385**.

Thank you for your generosity.

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 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.

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**

A LENTEN PRAYER OF REFLECTION

From Pope Francis

Fast from the **hurting words** and say **kind words**.

Fast from **sadness** and be filled with **gratitude**.

Fast from **anger** and be filled with **patience**.

Fast from **pessimism** and be filled with **hope**.

Fast from **worries** and **trust in God**.

Fast from **complaints** and contemplate **simplicity**.

Fast from **pressures** and be **prayerful**.

Fast from **bitterness** and fill your heart with **joy**.

Fast from **selfishness** and be **compassionate** to others

Fast from **grudges** and be **reconciled**.

Fast from **words** and be **silent** so you can listen.

Amen

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 (April 30, May 28 and June 25.) Booking essential. To find out more, contact **Phil: 028 90 207645** or **Marie 07896119669**.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2022

23-30 June 2022. Spiritual Director Fr Martin Graham. £649pp sharing.
Contact Joe Catney: **07776425631**

LENT 2022 TROCAIRE

Trocaire boxes are available in the church. Please take one home, and why not take one for a friend or neighbour.

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

COVID-19 UPDATE

Although COVID restrictions have been lifted by the Health Minister, infection rates are still high and some members of our parish community will be particularly vulnerable to the virus. While there is a clear need for continued caution, this has to be balanced against the need to move forward safely. The following parish guidelines have been updated with this in mind and in line with current diocesan advice and public health recommendations:

- It is important that you do not attend if you have any symptoms of COVID-19, even if mild
 - The wearing of face coverings at all times is strongly encouraged, including when seated
 - Please continue to use the hand sanitiser on entering and exiting the church
 - There are no limits on numbers attending baptisms, weddings and funerals
 - The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended for now
- Many thanks for your continued understanding and support.
As always, we are extremely grateful for the dedication of our wonderful volunteer ushers and sanitisers – we could not do without them!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Be patient with the faults of others because God is patient with us.

SAINTS DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 4 April St Isadore became Bishop of Seville in the year 600 and died there in 636. He completed the Mozarabic liturgy which is still celebrated today.

Tuesday 5 April St Vincent Ferrer, 1350-1419, Dominican priest, preached missions throughout his native Spain, France and Italy. He helped bring unity to the church during the great schism between the Avignon and Roman claimants to the papacy.

Thursday 7 April St John Baptist de la Salle, 1651-1719, devoted his life to the care and education of poor children and to the training of teachers. Patron saint of teachers.

WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS EASTER-RESIDENTIAL EASTER TRIDUUM AT DRUMALIS, LARNE (14-17 April 2022) led by Fr Perry Gildea CM and Drumalis Team

An opportunity to reflect and participate in the Liturgy of Holy Week. The Triduum will commence with registration from 5pm on Holy Thursday and end on Easter Sunday morning with Mass followed by breakfast. Cost: £295 per person. Contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9-5) 028 28272196/28276455 or email drumalis@btconnect.com

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Tuesday Evening 7-8pm
Saturday Morning 8-9am

St Patrick's Old School House
(Rear Entrance, Donegall Lane)

EASTER RETREAT AT SMA DROMANTINE RETREAT CENTRE

Wed. 13th (5.00pm) – Easter Sun 17th (9.00am)

This will be an opportunity for quiet reflection as you celebrate the ceremonies of the Easter Triduum. It begins with the Seder Meal on Wednesday and ends with Dawn Mass and Easter breakfast.
Cost (inc. accom. and meals) £340 / E400
Tel. **028 30 821964** admin@dromantineconference.com

GETTING HELP FROM SVP

To contact the Society of St Vincent de Paul:
Phone: **028 90 351561** or
Email: info@svpni.co.uk