

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Members of St Vincent de Paul will be selling SVP Christmas cards after all Masses **next weekend 18th /19th November** and the following weekend (24th/ 25th November). These beautiful cards are priced at £3.50 for a pack of 10. Profit will go directly to help people in need in our Parish area.

### **QUIZ**

Please note that a quiz conducted by the incomparable Brian Gilfedder will take place on **Friday 24th November** in the Church Hall as a fund-raiser for the St Vincent De Paul, starting at **8.00pm sharp**. Please BYOB.

### **THE LARDER FOOD BANK**

We are collecting food and cleaning products for the Larder Food Bank. In particular the food bank would welcome meat products and toiletries. There are boxes in the Church porch to receive donated items.



## **MONEY MATTERS**

### **WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday 29th October : £1675.09

All Saints 1st November: 29th October : £280.42

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collections last weekend. Bishops Commission collection at all Masses next weekend.

### **REDEMPTORIST MISSIONS COLLECTION**

Fr Dan Baragry CSsR and the Irish province of Redemptorists would like to thank parishioners for the opportunity of promoting the missionary work of the Redemptorists in our parish on 16th/17th September weekend. The sum raised was £838.50.

This money makes a significant difference to the quality of life of the many people the Redemptorists minister to through food, medical and education programmes in Mozambique. The Redemptorists thank parishioners for their generosity.

### **PARISH DRAW**

The winners of the Parish Draw 2017 for the month of November are: £100 – Philomena Dawson (424), £75 – Peter McSorley (305) and £25 – Eileen Brogan (51).



## **PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE**

### **BALLYHACKAMORE**

**12th November 2017**

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Fr. Tony Fitzsimons 191 Upper Newtownards Rd, Belfast, BT4 3JB.**  
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**Office open: Monday to Friday 10.00am—12.30pm.**

<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	<b>Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.</b>
<b>1st Reading</b>	Wisdom is found by those who look for her. Wisdom 6:12-16
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.</b>
<b>2nd Reading</b>	God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
<b>Acclamation</b>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour. When the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him. Matthew 25: 1-13
<b>Children</b>	Jesus is like a bridegroom and we must always be ready for him. Nothing is more important than serving Jesus.
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	<b>The Lord is my shepherd; there in nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.</b>

**Reading: Sunday : Cycle A ; p 684, 452, 499.**  
**Weekdays: Cycle 1; 32nd week in Ordinary Time; Psalter Week 4**

**Weekend Mass Times: Saturday: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9.30am, 11.30am.**

**Weekday Mass: Tuesday — Friday: 9.30am**

**Mass Intentions: Sunday 9.30am: Christopher Campbell**  
**Sunday 11.30am: Elizabeth Boyle, James McEvoy**  
**Tuesday 9.30am: Nan Kearney**  
**Friday 7.30pm: Mary McCaffrey**

**Chapel of Adoration: Monday & Tuesday 2.00pm—9.00pm**

### VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

A Eucharistic Prayer Vigil for Vocations to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate and Religious Life will take place in The Church of The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Carryduff on **this Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017** from **7.00pm – 10.00pm**. The Prayer Vigil will be led by various youth groups from the Diocese and it will conclude with the celebration of Mass at 9.00pm. A warm welcome is extended to the young people of our Diocese to come along for this evening of prayer as they continue to discern their vocation in life.

Bishop Noel Treanor at a recent Ordination Ceremony said, "There is an urgent need to work for, to pray for and to encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life." Let us rise to this challenge and give a few hours of our time to come to this Prayer Vigil and to implore the 'Lord of the Harvest' to bless us with vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and the Permanent Diaconate.

### BEREAVEMENT DAY

Dromantine, Newry offers a day's reflection on **next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November**, for those bereaved after the death of someone close to them. It begins with registration at 9.30am and ends with Mass at 5.00pm for those who wish to avail of it. The day should help people in grief to move towards acceptance of their loss, and free them up to enjoy a fuller quality of life. The process will be facilitated by two chaplains from Newry hospice, Mercy Sister Fiona Galligan and Presbyterian Minister, Graham Stockdale. Costs are £30.00 or €35.00. Booking necessary: email – [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

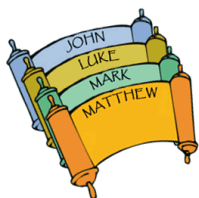
### THE GOSPEL OF MARK FOR TODAY

"The Gospel of Mark for Today", a short course led by Sr Pamela Thimmes osc will take place at

**Drumalis, Larne** over four Saturdays:

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2017; 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018;**

**24<sup>th</sup> February; 21<sup>st</sup> April; from 10.00am– 4.00pm**



The cost of the course is £160 and includes refreshments and lunch on each day as well as facilitation fees. For further information or to book a place, please contact 028 28276455 / 028 28272196 during office hours, Monday - Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm. Details are also available on the Drumalis website - <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

### PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year's Over 60's Christmas Dinner will be held in Shandon Park Golf Club on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** from 3.00pm – 6.30pm.



A four course dinner will be served from 3.30pm. Alan the 'Bandman' will be there providing his usual entertainment along with a visit from Santa. As this year's event will be outside the Parish we need to confirm **final numbers by Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. If you wish to attend please provide your name, contact number and choice of meal on the spreadsheet at the back of the church.

Should you wish to make a contribution towards the cost of this celebration, envelopes will be available on the night for anonymous donations. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact anyone from the social & fundraising committee or Roisin McMullan on 07854 140019, Mary Walsh on 07815 493463 or Lucy Traynor on 07900 807589. We look forward to seeing you there.

### A JOURNEY IN FAITH



The Catholic Faith Community Welcomes and invites you:

- if you need to get a deeper understanding of your Catholic Faith...
- if you are seeking to return to celebrating your Faith...
- if you would like to explore and enquire into the Catholic Faith with a view possibly of Baptism...
- if you would like to explore and enquire into what it is Catholics believe ...

This Journey of Faith is an opportunity to partake with others in a journey of faith exploration and development during the season of Advent and beyond. Please share this invitation with others. For enquiries or to register contact Noleen 07879 498131 / [stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org](mailto:stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org)

## **DECEASED**

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently especially Mary Mc Caffrey whose month's mind occurs at this time.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially : Elizabeth Boyle, Christopher Campbell, Dan Conway, Nan Kearney, Ita O'Brien and James McEvoy.

### **NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF DEVOTION TO THE HOLY SOULS**

During the month of November, Mass will be celebrated each day for the repose of the souls of those deceased whose names have been included in the November Dead Lists.

Lists are available at the back of the Church. If you wish to donate an offering for the Masses, please include it with the list in the envelope provided. Completed lists can be placed in the collection baskets or in the box at the **front** of the Church, at the November Prayer Space.

### **PLEDGE PRAYER**

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 November. Pledge Prayer:

"I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during November."



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**— Tel: 07456 989458

## **ANNUAL PARISH MASS FOR DECEASED**

The annual parish Mass for deceased parishioners will be held **this Wednesday 15th November at 7.00pm**. Refreshments after Mass in the hall. All welcome.

## **PARISH FAMILY**

### **FREE COFFEE MORNING**

A chance to catch up with friends and parishioners over coffee, **next Sunday 19th November** after both Masses in the hall. All welcome.

### **SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER GROUP**

The next meeting is **Tuesday 21st November at 8.00pm** in the parish Committee Room. Reflections will be on the reading for the Feast of Christ, King of the Universe, and the First Sunday of Advent.

### **APOSTOLIC WORK CHRISTMAS SALE**

The Apostolic Christmas Sale will be held after all the Masses on **25th and 26th November, the first weekend of Advent**. Tea, coffee and scones and all the usual stalls including a special Christmas stall. Please come to support the Missions. Cake and craft donations will be very welcome. If anyone can help in a practical way after any of the Masses we would be very grateful.

### **FAMILY ADVENT WEEKEND**

Need a break from routine? Do you find the run-up to Christmas stressful? Why not bring all the family to the beautiful surroundings of the Corrymeela Centre in Ballycastle and relax in the company of friends and friends-to-be from neighbouring churches? There will be separate programmes for adults and children (by age group) and crèche for pre-schoolers. The weekend will begin around **8.00pm on Friday 1st December and end after dinner on Sunday 3rd at 2.00pm**. The costs of the weekend are as follows: Two parents and children: £160. One parent and children: £140. Single Adult: £80. Young Adult/teenager without own family but with another family, or Youth Leader (in loco parentis): £60.

For further information or a chat about the weekend, please contact— Mary (07815493463), Aideen (07739837331), John (07840728477), Gail (07576057131) or Paula (07590331477).

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES**

**First Confession and First Holy Communion** class for Primary 4 and above, continues on **Tuesday 21st November at 6.00pm—7.00pm**.

Confirmation students, Primary 7 and above, weekly class continues **this Wednesday 15th November, 6.00pm - 7.00pm**. Enquiries to Noeleen 07879 498131 / colmcilleeyouth@yahoo.co.uk