

4 CORNERS FESTIVAL BELFAST

This inter-denominational arts festival aimed at promoting reconciliation runs from **31st January** to **9th February**.

You are invited to attend as many as possible of nearly 20 events throughout Belfast, including a talk by Fr Peter McVerry SJ, the famous champion of the homeless.

The theme this year is “Building a City of Grace” and the intention is to promote through music, drama and prayer discussion about the need we share for the gift of grace in our divided society.



One of the keynote events sees Church of Ireland bishop, Alan Abernethy, return to St Anthony’s Catholic Church, Willowfield, where as a horrified fifteen-year-old he witnessed a sectarian attack that he says changed his life. The Festival was co-founded in 2012 by Falls Road priest, Fr Martin Magill and Presbyterian minister, Rev Steve Stockman.

The events are free and further details can be found at the website 4cornersfestival.com

BELFAST OPERATIC COMPANY



presents
Songs from the shows
on Friday 17th January 2020
at 7-30pm in Holywood Parish Church
Tickets cost £12 and can be purchased on line at:
www.hollywoodparishchurch.co.uk/songs
Or parish office: 71 Church Road, Holywood BT18 9BX
Tel: 028 9042 3622

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK



Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, **24th February 2020**. £399.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer to Knock, 4 nights’ in Knock House Hotel with breakfast lunch & dinner (full board). All entertainment and excursions included. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £40.00.

Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 077 4017 5557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

PARISH OFFICE: Items for the Parish bulletin should be submitted **no later than Wednesday at 12noon**. Thank you, Geraldine.



**PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE
BALLYHACKAMORE
12th January 2020**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Very Rev Tony Fitzsimons PP and Rev Vincent Cushnahan CC
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Office open this week: Monday—Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm

Readings	Sunday: Cycle A, Pages 92, 452, 95 Weekdays: 1st week in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week 1
Entrance Antiphon	After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.
Psalm	The Lord will bless his people with peace.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father’s voice resounded: “This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.” Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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

Weekday Mass Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am.

Mass Intentions: **Saturday 11th January 2020**

6.30pm: John Kealey (RD)
Maire Devine (Month’s Mind)
Raymond O’Neill (Ann.)

Confession: Saturday: 6.00pm

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

DECEASED



We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently especially John Kealey, Jean Adams and Teresa Strain. We also remember Maire Devine whose Month's Mind occurs at this time.

We remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year, especially; Dan McNaughton, Raymond O'Neill, George Slack and John Tansey.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT— Tel: 074 5698 9458

Habitat
for Humanity®



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY—Cambodia August 2020

As most of you will know, **St Colmcille's** has once again **teamed** up with **Gilnahirk Presbyterian Church** under the umbrella of Habitat for Humanity. A group of parishioners from both churches will travel to Cambodia this coming August to help in the construction of homes for local people.

Their latest fundraising event will take place in the parish Hall here at St Colmcille's on:

Saturday 18th January at 8.00pm

"TALES FOR THE TELLING"



*promises a fantastic evening of stories, yarns and banter with guest speakers including **Mark Simpson (BBC)** and **Adrian Brown (UTV)**, **Linda Irvine (well known Irish language activist from East Belfast Mission & others)***

It would be great to see a strong turnout from St Colmcille's at what should be a very interesting evening for a worthwhile cause. Tickets are priced at £20.00 to include a glass of wine, a light supper, and will be available after each of the masses this weekend, or by contacting **Martin Wolfe (martin.wolfe@barlibrary.com)**, **Maureen Verdon (079 2962 4395)**; or **John McNulty (079 8065 8974)**.

I am reliably informed that you can even bring your own bottle!



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MONEY MATTERS

COLLECTIONS:

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collections. The **Down and Connor Living Youth Collection** will be taken up at **all Masses next weekend.**



ST VINCENT DEPAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

thank
you!

A huge thank you to each and every parishioner who contributed to our Christmas Appeal this year. During December your contributions to SVP totalled **£6,765**, a wonderfully generous response to alleviate local poverty.



THRIVE IRELAND

Thrive Ireland is an organisation which supports community projects, and it is currently involved with the *Inner East Belfast Churches Forum* to improve the Forum's outreach to the local community.

One issue is that churches on the Lower Newtownards Road have elderly congregations with limited capacity and confidence. Thrive Ireland and the Forum are keen to encourage other Christian churches in the surrounding area to pray for, and with, the churches on the Lower Newtownards Road, and to consider ways in which they can give practical help. To this end, the Inner East Belfast Churches Forum is facilitating three prayer events, under the title: **"Beyond the Foodbank"**, with the first event, a prayer breakfast, focusing on food, the second on fuel, and the third on family poverty.

The dates for the three events are:

Saturday 18th January, Wednesday 12th February and Saturday 21st March.

More details and publicity will follow shortly.

St. Colmcille's parishioners are warmly invited to any and all of these events. In the meantime, Diane Holt of Thrive Ireland, tel: 077 4905 6403, can provide further information or you can register at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beyond-the-food-bank-fighting-food-poverty-tickets-88484797411?ref=estw>

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are currently seeking volunteer registered nurses to work on the **2020 Pilgrimage (8th-13th July)**. For more information or to register your interest, please email Lourdes@downandconnor.org



PUBLIC LECTURE—THE GLOBAL PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS



Dr Michael Kinsella from **Aid to the Church in Need** will address the issue of the global persecution of Christians in a public lecture at **Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy**, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast on **Tuesday 21st January at 7.00pm**. Everyone is welcome.