



Papal Tweet

"The world expects believers to offer new enthusiasm for the things of Heaven. Like the Magi, let us lift up our eyes, listen to the desire of our hearts, and follow the star that God makes shine above us. As restless seekers, let us remain open to God's surprises".

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Belfast (Online via zoom)

Beginning **Wednesday 17th January @7pm online for 8 weeks.**

The program will conclude with a Retreat Day on **Saturday 23rd March**

The cost of the program is £30. To book your place click on the

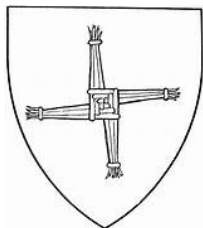
registration link: <https://forms.office.com/e/HTLtfTXUaD>

Living Church Office Email: c.carmichael@downandconnor.org

Tel: 028 90690920

25th Pioneer National Ball.

An evening of celebration and fun on **Saturday April 6th 2024**. Mass at 6pm in the **Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar**, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at the **Annebrook House Hotel**, Mullingar. Extra activities on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For details/ tickets contact Dermot Fagan 085-7201646 or Daisy Carey 087-6544626.



St Brigid's Day Lecture

Thursday 1st February at 7.30pm

St Bride's Parish Centre (38 Derryvolgie Avenue)

Guest Speaker: Fr Gerry O'Hanlon S.J.

"Why Synodality? Progress and Challenges on The Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church"

Fr Gerry O'Hanlon is a Jesuit priest, theologian and former Provincial of the Irish Jesuits. He has written extensively on Church reform and the role of the Church in the public square. In 2018 he published, what is regarded as a work of seminal importance: *The Quiet Revolution of Pope Francis – A Synodal Catholic Church in Ireland.*

Everyone is Welcome!



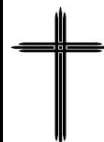
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SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY 2024

We pray for the happy repose of
the souls of:

Recently deceased:

Anthony (Tony) Mulryne, John Hannan, Rosaleen McCartan

Anniversaries:

Maggie Gillen, Sarah Cairns, Tony Edwards, Thomas Kearns,
Willie-John McConnell, Jack Brennan, Sean Ferry, Celia Barber

Month's Mind Mass for Bishop Patrick Walsh

Monday 29th January at 7.30pm in St Peter's

*Please try to book anniversary Masses early as we don't
like to disappoint our parishioners.*



Mass
Schedule

Sunday Mass 11.00am
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday at 10.00am



Mass
Schedule

Friday at 7.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Confessions are at 1745 Every Saturday



*Your support for our parish is appreciated.
We will take any spare euro as we can
exchange this and add to our parish
collection amount.*

Parish Income



Sunday 7th January Weekly - £1661.85

Sunday 7th January Monthly - £944.48

Your generosity is appreciated. If it is easier to set up a direct debit, we can do this for you rather than have to find change for your weekly envelope.

Ring the office today on 90618180. Thank you.

Ballot Money - Parish fundraising

The total raised in ballots over the Christmas period was **£274.44**. Thank you to all who bought or sold ballots, and to Deirdre who appeals for donations, makes up the hampers every year and helps with all the fundraising in the parish. Thank you.



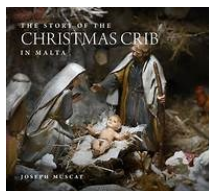
Trocaire Income - Gift of Change at Christmas



A huge thank you to all our parishioners who bought or donated to the Gifts of Change this year. This week, we forwarded an amazing **£2,712.00** to Trócaire on your behalf. An official letter will follow and it will be placed on the notice boards in the church. Thank you on behalf of Trócaire.

Order of Malta Crib Income

This week, we have forwarded a fabulous **£1529.01** that you, our parishioners gave to the Malta Charities. Thank you for your kindness especially this year when times are tough for everyone. Thank you.



IMPORTANT

Our live streaming web address has been updated due to an expansion on MCN's server. If you use St Oliver Plunkett's own website to access our Church Services, ***you do not need to do anything***. However, if you normally log onto MCN and access our site from there, you need to change their web address and use www.mcn.live on your web browser. **For any queries, contact MCN on 028 8772 9580**



Parish Office

The office is open Monday to Friday from 9am - 1pm. We can book your baptisms, weddings, month mind and anniversary Masses.

Call in or ring us. Please book anniversaries well in advance to ensure you get your preferred date. Ph: 90618180. You are welcome to join our parish draw at any time. We have a fabulous array of Mass bouquets for all occasions.

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 (27th January, 24th February and 23rd March 2024) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Marie [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or belfastbe@yahoo.com 07519289185 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

4 Corners Festival

1st - 11th February 2024

with a packed line-up of events which include everything from talks, discussions and exhibitions to music and literature in venues in all four corners of Belfast.

All festival events are free of charge, with most open to the public, although advance booking of tickets is mandatory. Select events will be streamed online on the official 4 Corners Festival YouTube and Facebook accounts. Tickets for the event will be available to book on the website.

For more information about the festival and to keep up to date with **programme updates go to 4cornersfestival.com**.



Baptism Course



During Covid, baptism courses were stopped. They have now resumed and are compulsory for first time parents. The course will take approximately one hour and where appropriate, both parents are expected to attend.

Full information will be given when you book a baptism for your child.

