



LENTEN SERVICES

St Oliver Plunkett Parish

Each Thursday during Lent, we will have a 10am Mass. Each Friday, the Stations of the Cross at 7pm (before 7.30pm Mass).



St Michael's Parish retreat day

At the Benedictine Holy Cross Abbey on **Wednesday 20th March** Bus leaving from the Church at 9.30am and returning around 5pm.

Overall a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with God and with each other as we enter into Holy Week. Cost £25.



Monday 29 April - Wednesday 1st May 2024

Knock Shrine staying at the fabulous Knock House hotel for two nights with breakfast, dinner on both nights & lunch on the final day of departure included, with a luxury bus leaving from and returning to St Michael's. The cost will be £210 per person sharing.

Please register your interest with Catherine on 95904304 email stmichaels@downandconnor.org or call into the Parish office Monday to Thursday from 9.30am

Good Friday 29th March 2024

Falls/Shankill Annual Prayer Walk

beginning at **4.45pm** in front of

Clonard Church, stopping midway at Shankill Methodist for a brief prayer, and returning to Clonard by 6.00pm. You are welcome as we commit ourselves once again to the ministry of reconciliation, in the footsteps of Jesus of Nazareth, who gave his life for everyone on this day.



Easter Mass Bouquets and ballots

After Sunday Mass this weekend, we will be in the parish hall selling ballots for our Easter baskets. There will also be a chance to stock up on your Easter Mass bouquets.

Please support our fundraising if you can. Thank you.



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SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2024

We pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Recently deceased:

Brendan McCarry, Charles Irvine,
John Killyleagh, Sadie Murphy

Anniversaries:

John & Gerard Monaghan, Brendan Barry, Sid Thompson,
John Byrne & the Dobbin family, Sally McCavana,
Malachy Robinson, Brian Gough, Anne & Francie Gunn,
Malachy Kennedy, Declan Adams



Sunday Mass 11.00am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 10.00am

Friday at 7.30pm

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Confessions are at 1745 Every Saturday



Additional Services for Lent

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Before 7.30pm Mass



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. Thank you.



Parish Income

Sunday 10th March: £1,236.87

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.



St Oliver Plunkett Mini Mission
Sunday 24th - Wednesday 27th March



With Fr Gallagher

Palm Sunday 24th March at 7pm

Baptism Ceremony and looking at what that means for us.

Monday 25th March at 7pm Healing Service of mind, body and spirit.

Tuesday 26th March at 7pm Penitential Service

Healing of hurts - with anointing. Reflecting on the cross and 8 children will lead us in a reflection on God as in the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

Parishioners are all very welcome. Please attend if you can.



Easter Mass Bouquets and ballots

Don't forget, the office has a beautiful range of Easter Mass Bouquets available. And.....We have several Easter baskets ready so call in and buy a few ballots to help us with our fundraising efforts.

Thank you



Reminder!!

Can all Ministers of the Word and Eucharist please respond to the letter

we sent you regarding the upcoming 2 Part Enrichment programme to which you have been invited. We need to collate numbers and arrange the zoom in the parish office, if required. **Many thanks.**



Special Belfast pilgrimage to Fatima Pilgrimage

9th-14th August (last few places remaining)

Ex Dublin mass in Santarem where bleeding host took place, visit visionaries homes Hungarian stations of the cross, Lisbon with church of Saint Anthony where he was born and baptised, seaside excursion.

Payments can be made by instalments, Contact James Treacy 061921470 or email jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com



Papal Tweet

“Dear young people, do not be afraid of the future! Dare to dream big! Keep joy alive, a sign of a young heart that has encountered the Lord”.



The Diocese of Down and Connor will shortly be engaging in a consultation process on the Universal Synod.

As you will already know The Universal Synod was initiated by Pope Francis on 9th October 2021 with the title;
“For a Synodal Church. Communion – Participation - Mission.”

The latest stage of the Synod last October produced a document which set out proposals for consideration and actions for initiation. Each Diocese in Ireland has been asked to respond individually to the October 2023 document and these responses will then be synthesized to formally respond to the October 2024 Synod Meeting in Rome. As part of this process each Diocese is hosting gatherings to consider the following question:

How can we imagine the life of the Church in Ireland where people Are co-responsible for the Church's mission in different ways?

The question will be considered at **an online** meeting Thursday 21st March 2024. If you have an interest in attending, please can you send an e mail to PathwaystotheFuture@downandconnor.org and further information will then be issued to you including the link to the online meeting.