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### 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). **Mini Mission Sunday 24th - Wednesday 27th March**

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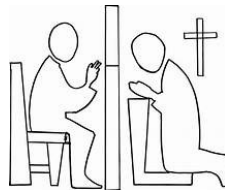
### Fatima Pilgrimage

9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> August EX Dublin mass in Santarem where bleeding host took place, visit visionaries homes, Hungarian stations of the cross, Lisbon 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](mailto:jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com)

### First Confessions

Please pray for the P3 children in our local schools who, during the month of March, will be making their first confession in preparation for First Holy Communion next year.



### St Peter's Cathedral Girl's Choir

We are thrilled to announce the first-ever Diocesan girls' choir based at the Cathedral. Girls aged 11-18 are invited to join this new and exciting initiative.

Open auditions will take place **Thursday 7 March 2024 between 4:30pm -6:00pm in the Cathedral Hall** (left of the church as you drive through the main gates).

While it is not essential to prepare anything, you are welcome to bring a piece if you are comfortable to do so. For more details, contact Mr James McConnell at [cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org](mailto:cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org)



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## SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2024

We pray for the happy repose of  
the souls of:

### Recently deceased:

Patrick Peel, Fr Sean Moore

### Anniversaries:

Kitty Hanna, Ann McManus, Margaret Caughey, James Irvine,  
Rosemary Gough, Mona McKnight, Frank McCabe,  
Thomas Cairns (Jnr), George Mc Erlean, Bridie Crowe



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 25th February Weekly - £1314.78**

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.



### The West Belfast Historical Society

**Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March at 7.30pm**

in St. Michael's Parish Centre on Finaghy Road North  
**"A Brief history of two iconic local newspapers".**

**A Talk by: Mr. Gary McDonald**

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be provided.



### Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service

Recruiting people to train as volunteer marriage preparation programme facilitators. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Brenda on

02890 233002 or by email to [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com) Visit [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

### The Abaana New Life choir will be performing in St John's Church, Falls Road

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.30pm. The choir is made up of 20 young children from Uganda, aged between 7 and 9 years old. This promises to be an incredible evening of music, song and dance during which the children will share their stories about life in Uganda. **The concert is free to attend with an offering taken up during the performance.** The concert is suitable for children to attend. **Please come along. Everyone is welcome.**



### The Focolare Spring Gathering

4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

This annual all-Ireland event is a chance for all the family to spend a few days of reflection, relaxation and recreation, to refocus on lifestyle choices and to enjoy the opportunity to reset our spiritual compass. Info from

Gerard at +353 86 2243631 or [focolare.ireland@focolare.org](mailto:focolare.ireland@focolare.org)



### Laying Down

**Saturday 9 March 11am – 3.30pm**

**Clonard Monastery, Belfast.**

Gentle mix of prayer, song, story and silence, led by Breige O'Hare. Time to rest and recover a simpler, slower sense of Lent. Donation: £10 (or whatever you can afford). Bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee provided. Booking is essential. Ring Clonard: 028 9044 5950

### PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION EVENINGS

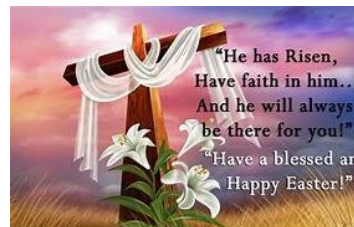
**Downpatrick** on 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Parochial House beside St Patrick's Church

**All Saints' Church** Broughshane Road Ballymena on 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm

**St Brigid's Church** in the Parochial Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue Belfast on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm.

Further relevant information can be found on the Diocesan website

<https://www.downandconnor.org/living-church/diaconate/>



### 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**