

**St Michael the Archangel Parish Bulletin**

**24th August 2025**

**Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Cycle C Psalter Week 1**

**Parish Contact Options**

**CALL 02895 904304 To connect**

**and choose the option for the assistance you require**

**PARISH OFFICE Option 1**

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**The Parish Office will be closed this week and will re-open Monday 1st September at**

**9.30 am**

 **In the event of an emergency please call the Vicariate Mobile on 07549209775**

**Webcam: Churchmedia.tv or saintmichaelthearchangel.godaddysites.com**

**Facebook Saint Michael the Archangel Parish**

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**Email:** **stmichaels@downandconnor.org**

**Mass Times This Week**



**Monday 10.00am** Eucharistic Prayer Service

**Tuesday-Friday 10.00am** Mass

**Wednesday 7.00pm** Novena Mass

**Saturday** 5.00pm Vigil

**Sunday** 11.00am Mass



Will take a break over the summer and will resume in September



Our Sunday evening Holy Hour will take a break for the month of August and will resume on Sunday 7th September 6.00pm – 7.30pm

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**We pray for all our deceased relatives and friends and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

**Anniversaries:** Paul King, Patrick McGlinchey, Frederick Coyle, Paddy Kavanagh, Brian Barry Snr, John Hamill

**Months Mind:** Kathleen McKee

You can book an anniversary Mass or give an anniversary intention for this section of the bulletin by calling or e-mailing the parish office 02895 904304 (Option 1)

Email: stmichaels@downandconnor.org



The Offertory Collection for Sunday 17th August amounted to £1860.30, Cathedral Fund £410.80

Thank you

**TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE PARISH PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

 **stmichaelsbelfast.co.uk and click on the**

 **DONATE BUTTON**

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity

**Day of Prayer and Reflection for The People of Gaza Sunday 24th August**

Bishop Alan will be sharing a video with his pastoral message which will be shared on the Diocesan website and all Social Media Platforms. The Catholic Church in Ireland has called for a day of Prayer and Reflection this Sunday , August 24th for every Parish to take part in this sacred initiative , it is not just a symbolic gesture , it is a spiritual act of Solidarity . The hope is that August 24th will be a day of deep prayer.

**Please take one of the letters from Bishop Alan, available in the porches.**

**Walk The Cross**

Come Belfast and join” **The walk the cross** **Eucharistic Procession “** starting at **Saint Michael’s** **Church** , Finaghy Sunday the 14th of September at 4.30pm .

Processing with Jesus to **Saint Peter’s** **Cathedral,** with Holy Mass at 6.00 pm followed by Benediction and Anointing of the sick, unite your cross with the cross of Christ and unite your Heart to his Eucharistic Heartbeat.

Further information please visit [walkthecross.ie](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/PAYbCwkwmS9RwoTVfOsJQY88?domain=walkthecross.ie)

**Parish Draw Winners for August 2025**



**Congratulations to all our winners this month!**

**1st Prize £500.00** Sophie Clarke

**2nd Prize £100.00** Maureen McEntee

**3rd Prize £100.00** Sean Trainor

**4th Prize £100.00** Kay Muldoon

**5th Prize £100.00** Margaret Dornan

**Promoters Prize £50.00**

Pat McCullagh

**Thank you to all who contribute to the parish draw.**

**GRIEF AND ISOLATION SUPPORT GROUP**

Ballyowen Health Centre will be commencing a support group from September 2025, for people who are experiencing loneliness/isolation primarily as a result of a bereavement.

You do not need to be a patient of the practice - if you are interested and would like more information, please contact **Seán on 07385534551**

**First Saturday Devotions** will take place in St. Matthias’s Church, Glen Road on 6th September

3.00 p.m.  Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Act of Consecration., Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

4.00 p.m.   Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

**One day Retreat to Lough Derg**



St Michael’s Parish with pilgrim guides Martina and Elaine are leading a one day retreat at Lough Derg on Saturday 6 September 2025. Cost £70 this includes: – luxury coach, tea/coffee and scones on arrival, lunch, a time of prayer and reflection, including Mass with a time to explore the holy grounds, (includes payment of retreat day to Lough Derg)  (Complimentary water and snacks provided on the coach)

Bus leaves 7:30am from St Michaels Parish (car parking provided) arriving approx 9.30am,  leaving approx 4 pm and returning to St Michael’s by 6/6:30 pm. Contact Catherine parish secretary to book your place 02895904304 or Email: stmichaels@downandconnor.org
and don’t miss this wonderful pilgrimage opportunity and experience peace and healing

(Booking secured on full payment on a first come served basis)

**Parish Draw Appeal**

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The parish draw is an invaluable source of income for our parish. We urgently need more promoters to help gather new entrants to the draw. Perhaps your work colleagues or extended family would like to join up. At a cost of £60 for the year there are 65 prizes in total so the odds are great!

Payments will be made by one or two instalments so we hope it won’t be too time consuming for our promoters. If you could even assist in posting flyers through doors in your own street it would be a great help. We will have promotional materials ready for the beginning of July which will give us plenty of time before the draw begins for 2025/26 in October.

If you would be happy to help promote the draw it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Catherine in the office on 08295904304 or at stmichaels@downandconnor.org

**TAE-KWON DO in St Michael’s Parish Centre**

Mondays 4-5pm & 5-6pm, Classes from 3yrs to adult. Free trial lesson www.little tigercubs.com



**Contact Leo Maguire (N.I. National Coach) on 07891191494**

**The Jubilee Prayer**

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Father in heaven,

may the *faith* you have given us

in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,

and the flame of *charity* enkindled

in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,

reawaken in us the blessed *hope*

for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us

into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,

your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee

reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,

a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread

the joy and peace of our Redeemer

throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,

be glory and praise for ever.

 Amen