



ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH BULLETIN

Third Sunday of Lent

15 March 2020

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And courage to the people of Ireland in difficult

Parish Office: stmichaels@downandconnor.org

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY 17 MARCH – THE FEAST OF ST. PATRICK

Directive For The Diocese of Down and Connor The Obligation to Attend Mass

Considering the current situation, all the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of obligation. Parishes should do all they can to raise awareness of available opportunities to participate in Mass via radio, TV, webcam etc.

Mass will continue to be celebrated publicly until advice from the public health authorities indicates that we should determine otherwise. We advise all those who are unwell, those who have underlying medical conditions or are otherwise vulnerable to infection to stay at home. We are particularly mindful that many of our regular daily Mass goers are more vulnerable and we encourage them to consider carefully whether they should attend Mass at this time.

The directives are issued in accordance with the advice issued by Public Health Authorities in Northern Ireland. These can be viewed on our Parish Website: stmichaelsbelfast.co.uk. We continue to monitor this advice closely and will update these directives accordingly.

**Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 14 March - Vigil Mass: 5.00pm
Sunday 15 March: 11am (Family Mass) and 6.00pm**

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 7.00am and 10.00am

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS – Vigil Mass – 6.30pm - Monday 16 March

THERE WILL BE NO 7.00AM MASS ON TUESDAY 17 MARCH –

THERE WILL BE A 10.00AM MASS ON THE FEAST OF ST. PATRICK

Wednesday Evening Mass 7.30pm

Anniversaries: Joseph & Martin McCullagh, Sheila Lundy, Paddy Heatley, John McCann, Paul Fitzpatrick, Ben Kelly, Joseph Mitchell, Joseph & Eileen Lennox, Dermot McPhillips, Annie McGarrigan, Marie Jordan, Mary Mulholland, Patrick McGaharan, Brenda McVeigh, Elizabeth Brennan & Billy Roberts whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased: Frank Gault, Stephen Mulholland, Phyllis McMorrow, Victor Loughran, Terence Morgan, Marie McCarney & Kathleen Carson.

COLLECTIONS: The Offertory Collection of the 8 March amounted to £1561.66
The collection for Needy Parishes will be taken up on the weekend of 15 March 2020.
Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

St. Michael's Senior Citizen's Group

The Senior Citizen's Group has been suspended until further notice due to the current situation with the Coronavirus.

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy will be closed down for the foreseeable future.

Dates For Your Diary

**Prayer and Reflection will not take place next Tuesday 17 March as this is a public holiday.
Confirmation of whether the group will meet in the coming weeks will be confirmed.**

Tuesday 24th - Saturday 28th March - St. Agnes' Choral Society present the Northern Ireland Premiere of the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers Classic Musical, *Top Hat* from in The Island Hall, Lisburn each evening at 7.30pm with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets are available from Island Hall ticket desk, online via <https://islandartscentre.com/whats-on/> or by calling 028 9244 7744

28 March – Slow Down for Lent by Brieghe O'Hare – Saturday 28 from 11.00am – 3.00pm. This time of gently guided prayer, good music and laughter will give you a chance to declutter and rest. No small group chat, just you and God, taking time out together. Bring your own lunch. Tea and Coffee provided. Donation £5.00. Booking is essential. Ring Clonard on 02890 445950.

4 April – Parish Retreat in Dromantine – Unfortunately due to the current situation with the Coronavirus it is necessary to cancel our Day of Reflection in Dromantine Retreat Centre. We would hope to organise another day at a later date. In the meantime the monies paid in so far will be refunded.

St. Louis House Youth Ministry

Continuing into this Holy Season of Lent, I am greatly humbled at the sacrifices which so many of our parishioners are making in contributing to our work with:

- (A) Supporting others in getting aid to the Christians in Syria and Palestine;
- (B) Assisting in the struggle against mental health issues and suicide - we have had several young men 'saved' to help others; thank you!
- (C) Our homeless - at so many levels;
- (D) Our St Louis Missions in Ethiopia;

What a marvellous example you are setting for our young leaders; We are continuing with our training for our SEARCH RETREAT, GIFT, and FAITH FRIENDS PROGRAMMES. We are praying each day for all your intentions - especially during our NO GREATER LOVE Programme - A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion - He is noting your care for those who are suffering today!

The parish that prays together, stays together!

God bless Love Sr Anne xx

PARKING BESIDE THE CHURCH – We ask people to be sensitive to the residents of Brenda Park when parking to attend services. In the event of an emergency it is imperative to leave access clear to the cul-de-sac

CONGRATULATIONS TO PARISH DRAW WINNERS MARCH 2020

£1000	Marie Flanagan	Dalebrook Park	No: 112
£ 100	Margaret Kelly	Ladybrook Crescent	No: 385
£ 100	Mary Lindsay	Hillhead Crescent	No: 269
£ 100	Paddy Devine	Finaghy Road North	No: 640
£ 100	Father Ciaran Feeney	Finaghy Road North	No: 186
£ 100	Kate Flanagan	Rosgoill Park	No: 237