

PARISH OF ST MARY'S ON THE HILL 25th September 2022

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[Monday to Thursday 9am-2pm, Friday 9am-12noon](#)

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MARRIAGE

Congratulations to

Niamh Harbinson & Matthew McGinn

who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony
in the Parish last week.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Seamus Slevin

Months Mind

Sam Palmer

ANNIVERSARIES

Renee O'Regan, Liz Armstrong, Maeve McGinley,
John Kelly, Tony Fisher, John Darragh,
Thomas, Geraldine & Michael Devlin,
Neill Curistan, Paddy O'Hagan, Brieghe McCluskey,
May Marsden, Thomas Swindles, James Duffy,
Patricia Campbell.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 24th 6.00pm Maeve McGinley (1st Anniv)

Sun 25th 9.00am Neill Curistan

St Mary's 10.00am Thomas, Geraldine &
Michael Devlin

11.00am John Darragh

12.30pm Tony Fisher

Mon 26th 10.00am Liz Armstrong

Wed 28th 10.00am Brieghe McCluskey

Thur 29th 10.00am Patricia Campbell

Fri 30th 10.00am John Kelly

Sat 1st Oct 10.00am Renne O'Regan

Liturgy after Covid

*Approaches to Liturgy in light of our experience
of the Pandemic'.*

A one-day Seminar hosted by Down and Connor
Liturgy Commission. St Brigid's Parish Hall, 38
Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6FP.
Saturday 8th October 2022. Registration 9.30am.
Seminar 10.30am to 4.30pm

The Diocese of Down and Connor Liturgy
Commission warmly invites clergy, permanent
deacons and those in liturgical ministry, in
particular Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary
Ministers of Holy Communion and members of
Parish Pastoral Councils in the Diocese of Down
and Connor to attend this Seminar. The cost is £10
per person and tea/coffee will be provided. Please
bring a packed lunch.

To help with seating and other arrangements it
will be helpful to have approximate numbers and
so if you plan to attend, please contact Malachy
McKeever by e-mail at
liturgy@downandconnor.org

*(If any parish Readers or parish Eucharistic
Ministers would like to go the seminar contact the
parish office and leave your name. The parish
will make a general booking and cover costs.)*



We welcome into the People of God
**Louisa Hermsillo, Bonnie Magill,
Reina Higgins.**
who were baptised in our parish.

What is the RCIA?

Interested in becoming a Catholic?

For information about the RCIA and what
is involved in becoming a Catholic as an
adult see the information below.

Coastal Rosary for Faith & Life in Ireland

On **Sunday October 9th**, the annual **Coastal Rosary** will take place at 2.30pm. Join thousands of people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our coasts, grottos, rivers, churches, and other suitable places. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around the Cross on **Friday 30th September, from 8-9pm in Holy Family Church, Limestone Road**. This is an opportunity to take time out to pray with the beautiful Taizé chants, to be still and to be refreshed. Everyone is very welcome, please come along and bring your friends. *A gentle reminder - it is strongly recommended that face coverings are worn in Church settings.*

Special Belfast Pilgrimage to Fatima at Easter 2023 ex Dublin

Departing Wednesday (Holy Week) 5th April. 5 nights
Full Easter ceremony and tour of Lisbon.
Optional tour to seaside on Easter Saturday
Contact James Treacy 003536192147

Antiques Sale in Holy Family Parish

Come along and support our Parish, at a sale of antiques and collectables in Holy Family Parish Centre, 118-120 Cavehill Road, Belfast, on **Saturday 1st October, 10am- 4pm**. A varied selection of antiques and collectibles will be on sale, and refreshments will be served

THE 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 (September 24, October 29 and November 26.) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESSION

9th OCTOBER 2022

St John's Church, Falls Road, Belfast.
Assemble @ 2:45 – Leaving @ 3:00pm
Processing to: St Michael's Church, Finaghy Road North for Benediction (Tea/Coffee provided after in Parish Hall)
Come join Us "There's no problem, no matter how difficult, that the Rosary can't solve" Sister Lucia, Fatima

Project Zambia

is hosting an information evening on **Wednesday 5th October at 7pm** in the function room of **The Devenish Complex** (33-37 Finaghy Road North, BT10 OJB).

Our charity works in partnership with host Zambian communities and aims to assist these communities to improve the quality of life.

We are planning a trip to Zambia in Summer 2023. If you would be interested in volunteering with Project Zambia, please come along on this evening. Refreshments included. If you need further information, please get in touch with Eadaoin at projectzambiamail@yahoo.ie or 07791 915336. All welcome.



What is RCIA?

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process to introduce the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church to individuals who wish to learn more about Catholicism, including the opportunity, if they wish, to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation.

RCIA is a time of teaching, formation and conversion to come to know, love and develop a relationship with God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

How do I sign up for RCIA?

The first step is to request a registration form by emailing rcia@downandconnor.org.

When and where does RCIA meet together?

We meet Thursday nights from 6.30 - 8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast BT1 1HH from October to May. The start date for the programme is Thursday 6th October 2022.

What is the format of the sessions?

The sessions begin with prayer, followed by teaching, question and answer and small group discussion and concludes with prayer.

What is the cost for attending RCIA?

There is a minimal cost to you to attend RCIA. Resources are provided by the diocese.

May I bring my spouse/fiancé to the sessions?

Yes, you may. We encourage your spouse/fiancé to attend the sessions with you.

If I have been baptized in another church, do I need to be baptised again?

In most cases, you do not need to be baptised again. The Catholic Church requires that you were baptised with water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will need a copy of your baptismal certificate or other proof of baptism from the church where you were baptised. Proof of baptism may include a letter from the church, a copy of the membership record indicating that you were baptised, etc.

I was told I need a sponsor who is a baptised and confirmed Catholic, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. What if I don't know anyone who could do that?

Don't worry about it. We have people who volunteer to fulfil the sponsor role.

Do I have to attend every session?

Our desire is to have you attend all sessions. RCIA is certainly a place where you will learn about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches; however, it is much more than that. It is a process of getting to know Jesus Christ and growing together in community. RCIA is a process of conversion to a life with Christ. This process takes time and commitment on your part.

How many sessions can I miss?

RCIA is a building-block process and each session builds on the one before. However, we realise that there may be situations which would cause someone to be unable to attend. Therefore, absences are handled on a case-by-case basis. If you must miss a session, arrangements can be made to provide you with a copy of the notes from that session.

Can a Catholic attend to learn more about their faith?

Yes, we have had many people do this in the past and would love to have you join us to learn more about your Catholic faith!



DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST

VACANCY

DIOCESAN CURIA OFFICE

DIOCESAN ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER X 2

An opportunity has arisen within our Finance Team to recruit two Diocesan Assistant Finance Officers, who will be required to provide guidance on financial accuracy, internal controls, and regulatory compliance across the Parish network. We see this as an exciting and challenging opportunity to play an integral part of the Diocesan Finance Team, where the role holders will have responsibility for delivery of annual Parish Statutory accounts, on-site audit support and training across our Parishes.

This is a hybrid role to be based at the Curia Office, 75 Somerton Road, Belfast, BT15 4DE, but you will also be required to work across the Parish Network, along with an element of Homeworking.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment for 35 hours per week. Monday to Friday from 9.00am – 5.00pm.

Salary: Will be considered within the range of £25,000 to £35,000 gross per annum – commensurate upon experience.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: [job vacancies](#) and on the Community NI and nijobs.com websites, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role within the Diocese of Down and Connor.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Thursday 6th October 2022

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'EXECUTIVE SUPPORT OFFICER'

An exciting opportunity has arisen for the recruitment of an Executive Support Officer, to join the Down and Connor Diocesan Trust team based at 75 Somerton Road, Belfast, BT15 4DE. You will be required to provide a full portfolio of support to the Bishop of Down and Connor, Senior Clergy and the Management Team, by way of expert secretarial, clerical, administrative and diary management services.

If you are an individual with excellent communication skills and the ability to deal with sensitive and confidential matters in a professional manner, then we see this as a unique opportunity to join the Down and Connor Diocesan Trust Team.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment for 35 hours per week. Monday to Friday from 9.00am – 5.00pm; additional out of hours may be required from time to time.

Salary: Will be considered within the range of £27,000 to £30,000 gross per annum – commensurate upon experience.

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