



ST. PATRICK'S, BALLYPHILIP

30th Sunday of the Year

24th October 2021

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Bethany Support Group

This group offers support for anyone experiencing bereavement. If you would like to talk to a member of the Bethany Support Group please Telephone: 07564293692

This Week's Diary:

Wednesday 27th October: **St Otteran**, Monk
Thursday 28th October: **Ss Simon & Jude**, Apostles
Friday 29th October: **St Colman**, Bishop

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Betty Smyth recently deceased and for the following whose anniversaries occur around this time: Rev. Gerard Lavery, John Smith, Cushla Coffey, Sean O'Neill, Jimmy Ritchie, Seamus Ritchie, Robert Smyth, Sadie Maguire, James & Emily Dorrian, Elizabeth McAloon, Eileen Blaney, Hugh McGrath, Edward Smith, John & Mary Atcheson, Mary Kelly, Eilish Ritchie, Larry Adler, Maureen McHenry. **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.**

Baptisms: Welcome into the Catholic Church, Sunday 17th October 2021
Clara Teresa Savage, Shore Road

PORTAFERRY PARISH MASS TIMES: St Patrick's Church, Ballyphilip

Monday 25th October: 7.00pm Rosary, 7.30pm Novena Mass
Tuesday 26th October: 9.00am Rosary, 9.30am Mass (**Ballygalget webcam**)
Wednesday 27th Oct: **6.30pm – 7.15pm Confessions**
7.00pm Rosary, 7.30pm Mass
Thursday: 28th Oct: 9.00am Rosary, 9.30am Mass (**Live Streamed only**)
Friday 29th October: Wedding 11.30am
Saturday 30th October: 5.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 31st October: 11.00am Mass

Fr Feargal will hear Confessions in the Confessional Box on Wednesday evenings
from 6.30pm – 7.15pm in St Patrick's Church, Portaferry



Times have become more difficult financially for everyone with rising prices.
Many people are feeling the effects.
Please contact St Vincent de Paul [helpline](tel:07508549701) on 07508549701.
Every request will be treated strictly confidentially.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED,

All Souls' Day Tuesday 2nd November

Mass will be held in St Patrick's Portaferry at 9.30am

And St Patrick's Ballygalget at 9.30am

A Plenary Indulgence can be gained for the Holy Souls by:

- Visiting the Cemetery and praying for the dead any or all days between 1st and 8th November.
- Visiting a Church or Oratory on 2nd November and reciting the Our Father and the Creed. In all cases one Our Father and one Hail Mary is to be said for the Popes intentions.
- The usual conditions of Confessions and Holy Communion within the octave apply.



Not sure what to buy a loved one for Christmas?

Why not book them a seat on our bus which will travel to Our Lady's shrine at Knock next August.

This is an ideal Christmas gift which costs £95 per person and can be paid in stages.

We are going to Knock on the 6th August 2022 and returning on the 7th August.

The cost will include 2 stops at the Killyhevlin Hotel for light refreshments on the outward and return journeys, bed, breakfast, lunch and evening meal in the convent in Knock.

If you or a loved one are interested in taking part please contact Jean Byers, The Square, Portaferry (028427 28781).

A non refundable deposit of £10 is required.

Parish collection envelopes can be left through the letter box at the Parish Office 15 Church Street, or the Parochial House, Windmill Hill. Thank you so much for your wonderful support in these difficult times.

Patients of Portaferry Surgery can now telephone to book a seasonal flu vaccine. Those eligible are anyone with chronic disease, everyone aged 50 and over, diabetes, BMI>40, severe learning disability, pregnant ladies and carers. Please ring 028427 28854/28420 between 2-5pm. Covid booster clinics will be scheduled once we have vaccine stock - check out www.portaferrysurgery.co.uk

Month's Mind and First Anniversary Masses

We have reviewed our position with regards to requests for Month's Mind or First Anniversary Masses at weekend Masses.

As you know we are still advised to pursue social distancing and this makes the capacity of the church much smaller than before the pandemic. We are also aware that many of our congregation need to sit on the ground floor because of age or physicality and we must be careful not to displace them. Consequently, we will reserve one long pew for families at the Month's Mind or First Anniversary Mass in the main aisle. This pew can hold six or seven adults from the one family or "bubble". Other members of the bereaved family and friends should sit in the galleries? **Again because of reduced numbers in the church, could we ask that no more than twenty members of the family and friends in total attend this Mass and that they sit in family groups or "bubbles"?**

Month's Mind or First Anniversary Masses may also be booked for week days should it suit better. Other anniversary Masses can take place at the weekends or during the week; please note all future anniversary Masses may at times be shared.

All such Masses should be booked through the Parish Office on 42728373.

The Covid 19 Committee

Marriage Enrichment Weekend, 5th – 7th November 2021

Restore Communication, Renew Commitment and Rekindle Romance.

This is an online experience (using Zoom), starting on Friday evening at 8pm and ending on Sunday afternoon at 2:30pm.

Details: <https://www.marriageencounter.ie>

Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre: Loss and Blessings: November is a special time when we remember loved ones who have died. Covid-19 has seen the loss of so many loved ones, and often without the ability to say farewell in a meaningful way. This day of prayer; reflection and symbols, will be a chance to take time aside; to reflect upon the memory of those who have gone before us, and to give thanks for those who have touched our lives. You are welcome to bring a picture or memento of the person you are remembering. Limited numbers are still in place, so early booking is advised. **Saturday 13th November 2021. 10.30am – 4.00pm Cost: £25 (to include tea/coffee and light lunch) For booking contact us at secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com or by telephone, 02844830242.**

QUB Catholic Chaplaincy

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University has reopened for the new academic year. We are a vibrant community of faith and friendship at the heart of campus where students feel welcome, listened-to, valued and supported. For more on our liturgy schedule, events, facilities and amazing Café, visit qubcatholic.org We can't wait to welcome you!



We need people like you

We are recruiting people like you to provide supported lodgings accommodation for young people aged 16-24 who are not quite ready to live independently. Supported lodgings is a type of foster care but does not require the same level of care that fostering provides.

If you're interested in finding out more, please Call us on **0800 0720 137** or visit www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net

CELEBRATION OF MASS FOR THE DECEASED TEACHERS OF THE DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR

On Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 7.30pm in Good Shepherd Church
(Holy Rosary Parish) Ormeau Road, Belfast

AND

Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 7.30pm in All Saints Church
Broughshane Road, Ballymena

COVID REGULATIONS

Face coverings must be worn by all while entering and exiting Church, and for everyone's well-being we ask that face coverings continue to be worn by all when moving around the Church and at Communion time, and strongly recommended even when seated.

For the benefit of those unable to attend, the Masses will be streamed live on 2nd November at: [Holy Rosary Parish Live Webcam Stream | iTech Media Live Streaming Belfast \(churchmedia.tv\)](https://www.holyrosaryparish.org.uk/live-webcam-stream)

and on 3rd November at: <https://www.facebook.com/ballymenacatholic/>

Please forward by **Friday 29th October 2021** the name and school of any teacher of the diocese who has died during the past twelve months to:

Fr Edward McGee
Director of the Down and Connor Catholic Schools' Support Service
120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA

Tele: 028 9049 1886
Email: dctrusteeservice@downandconnor.org

Plough On Project



- Are you a male over 65 years of age?
- Do you live in a rural area?
- Do you have an interest in farming, rural heritage, and history?
- Would you enjoy meeting other like-minded individuals for a cup of tea and a chat?
- Would you enjoy attending free activities to encourage learning and reminiscence?



Thanks to National Lottery players

About Plough On

Plough On will tackle rural isolation and increase social opportunities for men who have experienced challenging and demanding roles as farmers, helping improve mental and physical wellbeing.

Social events and the chance to take part in rural heritage and farming-based activities and trips will allow you to meet with, and enjoy, the company of others who share similar interests.

Based on geographical area, groups will take part in an 18-month programme, consisting of monthly gatherings and occasional trips.

This project is fully funded through the National Lottery Community Fund - there is no cost to participants for taking part.

Potential location of groups

Swatragh
Corkey
The Grange
Glenarm
Aldergrove
Ballymacbrennan
Kircubbin
Bannside
Lisnacree
Derrynoose
Rosslea
Belcoo
Trillick
Glenderg
Plumbridge
Dunnamore
Glack

Contact

If interested in joining this project, or would like to find out more, please contact Keelin McGartland, Plough On Project Co-Ordinator - keelineruralsupport.org.uk or 02886760040



Holy Well where St. Colman was Baptized (Corker, Ireland)

St. Colman's mother Queen Rhinagh, when in an advanced state of pregnancy in late 559 A.D., became the object of jealous hatred of her husband the King. The King had heard that according to a prophecy of authority his future son (St. Colman) was destined to surpass in greatness all the others of his illustrious lineage. Fearing the worst for her child still in her womb and for herself, Rhinagh was obliged to flee her husband's company. She was nevertheless caught by the King's men and cast with a heavy stone tied around her neck into the deepest portion of the Kiltartin river. Miraculously, Our Blessed Lord intervened, and in an *instant*, the heavy stone floated like a cork to the surface, bringing Rhinagh and her future offspring (St. Colman) safely to the river's bank.

She very soon after gave birth in the solitude at Corker, Ireland to Colman Mac Duagh, who was destined to bring to that region, "a thousand blessings which time has brought to ripeness." The anxious mother laid her newborn babe under the friendly shelter of a spreading ash tree and waited impatiently for the arrival of one who might pour on Colman's head the baptismal waters and in so doing grant her son Our Lord's Sovereign protection against the devil.

Through Divine Providence, two aged clerical pilgrims then approached the anxious mother, one being blind and the other lame. Unfortunately, there was no water to baptize the infant so they earnestly begged Heaven for a solution. God seconded their requests and a fountain gushed forth from under the shelter of the ash tree. They solemnly baptized the infant Colman and after administering the sacrament, the two pilgrims washed in the waters of the fountain and were both healed. St. Colman could be likened to Our Lord when He was a child fleeing from Herod, i.e., as he (Colman) was still in grave danger. The mother with full confidence entrusted St. Colman to the two holy monks for his safety and education in the Catholic Faith.

Preserved for more than 1400 years is the miraculous stone that floated bringing Rhinagh and her future offspring (St. Colman) to safety. The imprints from the rope that was tied around this miraculous stone are still clearly visible today. The miraculous stone now is displayed on the side altar of a historic Church in Corker, Ireland, adjacent to the Kiltartin river.

The Holy Well where St. Colman Mac Duagh was baptized in Corker, is still a site of pilgrimage to this very day. It is held by the people of the area in the highest veneration. Miracles are still reported by pilgrims who bless themselves with the crystal clear water from this Holy Well.