



ST. PATRICK'S, BALLYPHILIP

25th Sunday of the Year

20th September 2020

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Missalettes for daily Mass including the Novena Mass and the Sunday Masses and Feast days are available at <https://bit.ly/DailyMassSheets>.

This Weeks Diary:

Monday 21st September: **St Matthew**, Apostle & Evangelist
Wednesday 23rd September: **St Pius of Pietrelcina, (Padre Pio)**, Priest.
Friday 25th September: **St Finbarr**, Bishop
Saturday 26th September: **Ss Cosmas & Damian**, Martyrs

Our prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of Ellie McDonnell and Paddy Smyth, recently deceased and for the following whose anniversaries occur around this time: Sean Coleman, Jim Dumigan, William McGrattan, Teresa, Joseph & Paddy Smyth, Deirdre Hempton, Anne McCarthy, Hugh Gilmore, Kelly-Ann Teggart, Mary Anne Mageean, Peggy Cord, Pat & Chris Semple, Veronica Crangle, Kathleen McMullan, Johnny McGrath, Mary Theresa Gilmore, Tom C. Kelly, James McGrath, Mary Atcheson, Josephine Curran, Annie McCullough, Ellen Gallagher.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

MASS TIMES St Patrick's Church Portaferry

Sunday: 11.00am Mass
Monday: 7.00pm, Rosary, 7.30pm Mass
Tuesday 9.00am, Rosary, 9.30am Mass (Ballygalget Webcam)
Wednesday: 7.00pm Rosary, 7.30pm Mass
Thursday: 9.00am Rosary, 9.30am Mass (via webcam only)
Friday: 9.00am Rosary, 9.30am Mass 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday: 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Please note there is no 9.30am Mass this Saturday 19th September, due to First Communion.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN ST COOEY'S ORATORY FRIDAY 11.00AM – 6.00PM

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH AND ST COOEY'S ORATORY ARE OPEN DAILY
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

**SEE FOR YOURSELF
TRY ALPHA**

Interested but anxious? New to Zoom? New to Alpha? See for yourself.

Starting **17th September** week 1 is an introduction and an opportunity to see how each session is organised, ask question about Alpha and to become familiar with Zoom and watching the films.

At the start you'll have a chance to introduce yourself to your host and group and there will be a 3-minute film introducing Alpha. We hope that you will want to stay for the remaining 10 weeks of the course and will have help available for anyone who has any difficulties with Zoom or the films. There is no obligation to come back.

The link will open at 7:45pm on 17th September and the session will start at 8:00pm. Sadly we cannot do hospitality via zoom so feel free to bring refreshments with you!

presenCE Alpha is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85809522668?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85809522668?pwd=R2ViQ2dEQmp3cXdyWWNZMnpFSTdlZz09)

[pwd=R2ViQ2dEQmp3cXdyWWNZMnpFSTdlZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85809522668?pwd=R2ViQ2dEQmp3cXdyWWNZMnpFSTdlZz09)

Meeting ID: 858 0952 2668

Passcode: 743234

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You can just join on the night, but if you would like to let us know in advance it would help us plan to welcome you. E mail presencealpha@outlook.com or tel Mike 07831 664347 or Maureen 07884 473027.

Some parishioners (who have not yet been able to return to Mass) have enquired about returning their parish collection envelopes. They can be left through the letter box at the Parish Office 15, Church Street, or the Parochial House, Windmill Hill. If anyone would like to contribute via Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office for our bank details, Tel 028 427 28373, Mon – Fri 9am – 1pm.

Anniversary Masses can be booked through the parish office. If you want an anniversary mentioned at Mass please either ring the office or send the name via email:

portaferry@downandconnor.org

FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCHES

The Church leaders, including Archbishop Eamon Martin, following recent consultations with public health authorities, are formally recommending and encouraging the use of face coverings at all Masses and other liturgical celebrations, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing.

It should however be noted that some people are exempt from the wearing of face coverings, as outlined in public health agency guidance: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-face-coverings>

It has become increasingly clear that the wearing of face coverings, in conjunction with hand washing etc, is likely to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, thus helping to protect others. The use of face coverings is therefore one way in which we can evidence protection for the most vulnerable, support for our health workers and practical love for our neighbour.

Information on resuming the celebration of Mass in the presence of the faithful.

I would like to say a sincere thank you to the very many parishioners who have filled out the Mass preference forms.

The Saturday night vigil Mass and Sunday morning Mass are now at full capacity. There is still **some availability** for weekday Masses.

Bear in mind, for the time being, parishioners are not obliged to attend Sunday Mass. **If you wish to attend Mass, weekday Mass and weekend Masses are equal in the sight of God.**

Some parishioners may feel more confident and comfortable coming to weekday Masses due to fewer people being present.

If anyone would like to change from Saturday vigil/Sunday morning Mass to a weekday Mass, please let us know. May I also remind you that people who are unwell or are displaying any Covid symptoms should not attend.

- All month's mind Masses and anniversary Masses will be on weekdays as far as possible due to the Church being at full capacity at weekends.
- The galleries will be available for Saturday vigil, Sunday morning and the Monday evening Masses and you may be directed to the gallery if you are able. Those parishioners in the galleries will enter and exit via the High Street entrance.
- **The government recommends the wearing of facemasks in confined spaces and we would encourage those of you who are able to wear a facemask to do so.**
- Doors will open 30 mins before the start of Mass, Rosary will continue for the present, so I would ask you to enter the Church as quietly as possible as there will be a number of our parishioners following us on the webcam.

- Parishioners are asked to follow social distancing guidelines when entering and leaving the Church.
- Boxes for the offertory envelopes will be at the entrances and exits.
- Needless to say, income has been severely affected due to lockdown and expenditure has risen considerably with the installation of the webcam in both Churches and the preparations for the reopening of the Church for public Masses. The webcam has been invaluable over these past few months and will continue to enable all of our parishioners to participate in our parish Masses. We have also invested in a fogger machine to enable a deep clean after each Mass. Whilst all of these have incurred significant expenses, the priority is keeping everyone safe.
- I would like to thank you for your support and encouragement over these past few months and trust that this will continue as we enter this new phase.

QUB Catholic Chaplaincy Reopens 21.09.20

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's reopens on Monday 21 September. Our liturgies, faith events and social gatherings are popular with students and alumni. We have a range of groups and societies whose activities appeal to a wide range of interests. Our Chapel, Food Bar and study space are open throughout the academic year. Wherever you are on your faith journey, know that we are here for you. For more details visit qubcatholic.org or drop by for a coffee and chat at 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast.

I would also be grateful if parishes and dioceses, especially diocesan youth/young adult groups, could share this facebook link to a welcome video:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=613457662659672&extid=VWuGAapdA2czXP2q>

Local support group in Northern Ireland.

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/>

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/family-life/bereavement-support/widowed-young-support>

A free Zoom support day for young widows and widowers here in NI on the 3rd October 2020 (See details below)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/widowed-young-support-3-october-tickets-116738188063>

“Is there Life after Covid-19? The Search for Meaning and Moral Values” with Dr Johnston McMaster

This Public Theology course by Zoom hosted by Drumalis will commence on 22 September and take place over eight Tuesday evenings from 7 pm – 9 pm. It will explore two themes: The Search for Meaning and The Search for Moral Values. The cost is £50 for the series. To register or for further details, please contact Drumalis by phone during office hours (Mon – Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – tel 028 28272196 or 028 28276455, email drumalis@btconnect.com or check the website <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

Totus Tuus Magazine

Due to the Covid 19 Outbreak Totus Tuus magazine is now being delivered straight to your door. If you would like to start receiving Totus Tuus to your home then please phone Fiona at 086 876 0058.