



SACRED HEART PARISH

Sunday 2nd March 2025
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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~Mass Times~

Saturday Vigil:	6.00pm:	Deceased Members of McElhill/Kelly Families, Anniversary Mass
Sunday Masses:	9:30am:	Noel Hannon, Anniversary Mass
	11:30am:	Mary McGahaen, Anniversary Mass
Weekday Masses:	Monday 10:00am:	Donor's Intentions
	Tuesday 7:00pm:	Novena Edith Liggett, Month's Mind Mass
	Wednesday 10:00am:	ASH WEDNESDAY
	Thursday 10:00am:	
	Friday 10:00am:	Benoy Augustine, Month's Mind Mass Bunscoil Bheann Mhadagain School Mass

Confessions & Adoration: Saturday: 5:00pm - 5:45pm.

Divine Mercy: Friday 2:15pm, Exposition, Prayer and Confessions

~Sacrament of Baptism~

Baptisms are held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 12.30pm.
Please contact the parish office to arrange a baptism.

~Upcoming Feast Days~

1st March, St David
4th March, St Casimir
7th March, St Perpetua
& St Felicity

~Recently Deceased~

Margaret Leahy
Maureen McMillan
Patrick Cummings
Anne Gouldie
Rosie Clarke

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

~Sanctuary Candles~

Mary McGahan
Joseph McGahan
Hanna Blake
Fr Kieran Creagh

*A Donation of £5 per candle
is greatly appreciated*

~Weekly Collection~

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Thanks You For Your Generosity

~Anniversaries~

Susan, John and Mary Stewart
Eileen Barnes

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

~Baptisms~

Welcome into our Community

Ruadhán Kennedy
Kye McCloskey
Lewis Daniel Taggart
Ronán Mark McGeough

~A Spiritual Communion~

Jesus, I believe that you are present in the **Most Blessed Sacrament**. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, I embrace You as if you are already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

The Lord asks of you only this, that you act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.
(Micah 6:8)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ash Wednesday.

Ashes will be given during 10am Mass in the morning and will be available in the Church until 8pm in the evening.

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to “Journey in Hope Together”. A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a “pilgrim of hope” for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

Day Retreat, Saturday 8th March 2025, St Pauls Parish Centre, Falls Road, Belfast. 10.00am-4.00pm
Speaker Fr Darren Brennan. “He has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor” Lk.4:18) At the beginning of our Lenten Journey let us join for a day of Teaching, Praise and the celebration of Mass. Growing in faith together. For further information contact Collette on 07791078453. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. Hosted by Down & Connor Charismatic Renewal Committee.

Don't just give up sweets this Lent. Come along to the Legion of Mary Bible Study, St. Paul's Pastoral Centre (on the grounds of St. Paul's Church), 125 Falls Road, Belfast. Starting Tuesday 4 March at 7.30pm and continuing every Tuesday of Lent. Light refreshments provided after session.

Action for Children. There is a desperate shortage of foster carers across the UK. Our faith teaches us that children need love and nurture. Unfortunately, this is not the experience of over 30,000 children each year who enter the care system. Having faith in fostering situations can be hugely beneficial for these vulnerable young people who may have experienced trauma, abuse, and neglect. Our faith can provide them with structure, stability, and a whole community to support the fostering family. If you think you could change a child's life for the better and welcome them into your heart and your home, contact your local fostering service today. There are many organisations out there who welcome faith in fostering and who do not profit from the services they provide for young people. It's easier than you think, you just need an open heart and a spare room. Here are some links you might find useful. <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/fostering/why-choose-us/faith-in-fostering/>

'Sing for Joy!', A Day of Music and Ministry. Are you involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University? We invite you to 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Sat. 26th April 2025, Lough Derg, Co. Donegal. Boat departs 9:30am. The day will provide space for the power of music to nourish your spirit and to give praise to God through the beauty of sound, song and silence. There will be time to pray, connect with others and explore this Sacred place, Celebration of the Eucharist 5pm. Open to people 18-35, free to attend (supported by Knights of St Columbanus). Registration via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>. For information contact info@knightsstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk / +447759496677.

Recharge is a young adult group based in Down and Connor for those aged 18 to 35. The group meet twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday of each month to “recharge” the spiritual batteries through Adoration, intellectual formation and social gatherings. We will be meeting on Tuesday the 4th and 18th of March at 7.30pm in St Colmcille's Church, Ballyhackamore. All welcome!

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. Within Down and Connor to mark this important event mass will be celebrated on Friday March 7th at 1pm in St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church. At this mass the Candle of Atonement will be lit. All are invited to attend or watch on webcam.

"Hope" A Retreat for Those Discerning the Priesthood. Are you considering the call to the priesthood? Join us for a Vocation to the Priesthood Retreat, 7th–9th March, Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. This year's theme, “Priests as Men of Hope,” invites us to reflect on the joy and strength that come from trusting in God's plan. To book a place or for more information, contact the Vocations Director Fr Conor McGrath at c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org. Let us all continue to pray for vocations in our diocese.

Chatty Café. Open Monday to Friday 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come and join us for a cuppa & a chat.

AA Meeting upstairs in the Parish Centre every Monday & Friday, 6.30pm-7.30pm, Thursday at 7pm. (Ladies Group)

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meeting upstairs in the Parish Centre on Wednesday's at 7pm-8pm.

Cocaine Anonymous (CA) meet every Tuesday at 7pm upstairs in the Parish Centre.

The Spred Group meet every second Monday in the Parish Hall at 7pm.

Ladies Pensioners Group meets every Thursday in the Parish Hall at 1pm. All welcome

The Stitch and Crocheting Group meet Thursday evenings, 7pm in the Parish centre. Come along and learn a new skill.

Lifeline-24hr 7 days a week 0808 808 8000
Samaritans anytime night or day 116 123
St Vincent De Paul 028 90351561
Cancer Lifeline 028 90 351999
AA 02890351222

Al-Anon Family Groups 028 9068 2368
PIPS 0800 088 6042
Youth Education Health Advise 02890 757 809
Diocesan Safeguarding Officer Philip O'Hara
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Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in Thee