



CEILI CLASS will start on **Sunday 23rd September** in McKenna Hall from 7pm - 9pm. Come and join the fun and craic and learn a few dances. It's also very good exercise!!

All skills and particularly beginners are most welcome.

PATHWAYS - Adult Faith Development Programme at Drumalis - Enrol now for 2018-2020 intake. Pathways is a broad-based adult faith development course which explores spirituality, theology and prayer. Now in its thirteenth year, Pathways is geared towards those who want to reflect about life, faith and relationships with God and others. The course takes place in the beautiful surroundings of Drumalis in Larne. No academic qualifications are necessary and there is no coursework attached. This two-year programme supported by the Diocese of Down and Connor runs from October to June each year and will be held on nine Saturdays from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. For further information and booking form, please contact Drumalis – 028 2827 2196/2827 6455 (Mon-Fri, 9am – 5pm), email maura@drumalis.co.uk or see the Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

Family Care Adoption Services is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For information please Phone: 028 7136 8592 or 028 9069 1133 and/or Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org; or www.familycaresociety.co.uk.

SEMPER FIDELIS – CROSSGAR ~ 13th Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday 2nd October for five nights FULL BOARD. Hotel Mediterranee £669.00 per person sharing (Deposit £200 per person non refundable) Ex Belfast International Airport. For further details: Email terry.andrews@hotmail.co.uk and/or Phone 028 4483 1308 or 07879 998 559

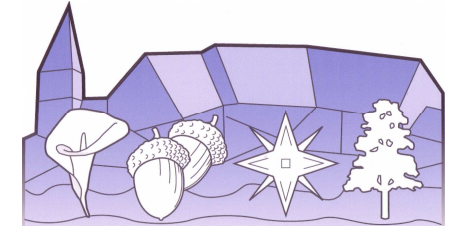
Calling all Married Couples! For Married couples of all ages, an invitation to take time out to renew your relationship with a weekend presented by Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland; **5th-7th October 2018** in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry. Information and booking +353 86 8541945/www.marriageencounter.ie

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for individuals from any faith background (and none) who want to explore and enquire into the Catholic faith. It is a weekly series of classes and discussion covering a wide range of aspects of the Catholic faith. The weekly sessions last 1hr.30mins. The next RCIA programme begins at St. Mary's Church, Chapel Lane, Belfast on **Thursday 18th October 2018**. For more information see posters on notice boards and/or contact Anne McCrossan ASAP: Tel: 02890 320482. Email: stlukes@downandconnor.org or Fionnuala.mclernon@btinternet.com

ASSISI, SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO & SORRENTO - 20th – 27th October 2018. 7 Nights flying from Dublin to Ciampino Assisi birthplace of St Francis and St Clare. Visits to Lanciano, (first Eucharistic miracle of the Catholic Church); San Giovanni Rotondo; the Birthplace of St Pio; Venerate the Remains of St Pio; where Padre Pio received the first Stigmata. Shrine of St Michael the Archangel and Sorrento. Comprehensive Travel Insurance included. Spiritual Director: BR SEAN KELLY OFM CAP. COST £925.00 PER PERSON SHARING Single room supplement is £255.00. £200.00 deposit secures a seat! More details: Jean Reynolds 07729 402 311, email: jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk

Christmas Pilgrimage Group to the Holy Land: Ex Dublin 19th – 27th December 2018. Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem (Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Last Supper Room and Calvary), Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact James Treacy 00353 6192 1470 or 00353 860 572 216. Pay by instalments and it's perfectly safe to go, otherwise you will get your money back.

Parish of Ardkeen



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24th Sunday of the Year
16th September 2018



“If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.”

Mass Times next week (w/b 17th September)

St Joseph's, Ballycranbeg
Monday, **Wednesday** and Thursday at 9.00am
Saturday at 9.00am
Sunday at 11.00am

St Mary Star of the Sea, Nunsquarter
Tuesday and Friday (Novena) at 7.30pm
Saturday (Vigil) at 6.30pm
Sunday at 9.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays - after 9am Mass in St Joseph's and 5.45pm - 6.15pm in St Mary Star of the Sea. **First Friday** 7pm - 7.25pm in St Mary Star of the Sea.

SVP Helpline No: 078 9583 5215

Bulletin Notices: please call/leave a message @ 4273 8175 or email: kircubbin@downandconnor.org
Items for the bulletin **must be in by Thursday morning** at the very latest.



Our prayers and sympathy to the family and family circle of: **Abi Rogers**, Portaferry, who died recently. *On her soul Sweet Jesus have mercy.*

Months Mind: Eddie McGrattan.

First Anniversary: Clare Walls; Ruby Taggart.

Anniversaries: Maureen Lipfird, Mary Atcheson, John Robinson, Joe Smith, William and Catherine McMullan, James Magee, Hugh O'Rawe, John and Mary O'Neill, Rose McEntee, William Atcheson, Teresa Smyth, Mary Teresa Gilmore, John Arthurs, Kitty Hughes, Ursula Toner, Kathleen Ritchie, Maura Craig, Fr Eamon Fitzgerald, Tony Murphy, Mary Bell, Sean Bannon, Patrick Murray, Tom Ward and Molly Ward, Paddy Gilmore, Margaret Byers, Kathleen Corr, Mary Catherine Dorrian, Kathleen Ennis, Lily Mason, Angela Coulter, Teresa McCart, Nell Patterson, Wendy Gilliland, Hugh William Braniff, Elizabeth Crawford, Robert Gilmore, Seán Coleman and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We remember especially those who have no one to pray for them.

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

Offering
Total

Weekly Offering:
£1490

Building Fund: £1823

Thank you for your continued generosity

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

St Mary Star of the Sea Church

(SL) Mardi and Jeannie McCance RIP.

(SH1) Special Intention; (SH2) Thanksgiving MS.

(OL1) Special Intention DK; (OL2) Special Intention MGL.

St Joseph's Church ~ (SL) Special Intention.

If you wish to put forward an intention for one of the lamps, please call into the Sacristy after Mass.

Suggested offering £5

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION continues in St Joseph's Church, Ballycranbeg on **Thursday** from **9am to 9pm**. Also in St Cooney's Oratory, on **Fridays** - 8.30am to 9pm.

Baptism: we welcome into the Family of the Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Eva Grace O'Neill

St Mary's Primary School - Tel 028 4273 8581

The first full week of school is over. P2s - P7s have settled back into their work. Please remember the P7's as they prepare for their Transfer Test in November. P1s have also settled in and are still getting out at 12 noon. Parents will be advised when this changes.

St Joseph's Ballycran GAA Club News – www.ballycran.down@gaa.ie

Club Lottery: 9th September. Numbers: 17, 19 & 22. Jackpot not won. £10 each to Ila Caldwell, Eamon Gilmore, Gerard McVeigh, Francis Ritchie. Jackpot this week £750.

CRAN CRAFT CIRCLE continues on **Tuesday Nights** from **7pm – 9pm** in McKenna Hall.

We are also trying to gauge the interest level in other classes for the next few months. Flyers are available at the back of each Church and a box for the return of your suggestions will be in McKenna Hall at any of the classes or give to any Club member.

CHRISTMAS ORDER NIGHTS - Janet will be taking orders for Christmas on the following nights: Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th September from 6.30-7.30pm each night. A range of new gear will be available for ordering from O'Neill's.

Portaferry Bridge Club on **Tuesdays** in St Patrick's Community Centre at **6.45pm**. New members welcome. Classes for beginners can be arranged, please contact 07751 774 062.

Pilates with Bernie: New Autumn Timetable. See Poster and Flyers in Churches or contact Bernie on Facebook: Pilates with Bernie or Mobile 07921 658 457.

FAITH AND LIFE CONVENTION - Bishop Treanor invites you to attend our fifth Faith and Life Convention on **Saturday 29th September 2018** in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock, Belfast. Doors open at 8.45am with registration taking place from 9:00am. The Convention begins at 10:00am. The Faith and Life Convention is a forum for people from across the diocese, and beyond, to gather together and to take part in a range of conversations about the meaning of faith and its relevance to every area of our lives. This year we are delighted to welcome Cardinal Óscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga, S.D.B. as our keynote speaker. In the afternoon each delegate will have the opportunity to take part in two workshops from a range of twenty seven. The workshops fill up quickly so it's best to book now! Perhaps the best part of the day is the pleasure of meeting up with a great crowd of committed people from all over the diocese and beyond. Online booking is available at: www.faithandlifeconvention.org Cost per delegate £20. We look forward to seeing you on 29th September.



children's liturgy

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - will resume on **Sunday 7th October**

at the 11.00am Mass in St Joseph's for children in **P1 - P4**.

We need more volunteers - male and female - to help with the Liturgy. If you would like to assist (*perhaps one Sunday a month on a rota basis*) please give your name and phone number to Fr Neeson or ring Laura on 07724 099 429.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING on **Sunday 30th September** at **6.30pm** in Portaferry Methodist Church, Ferry Street. **Singers are needed** for the combined choir from all local Churches to lead the singing. Choir practices on Thursday 20th; Monday 24th and Thursday 27th September at 8.15pm. Everyone Welcome.



VINCENTS ~ KIRCUBBIN ~ New Season Stock Launched 3rd September. Clothing and Children's donations to Vincents, 63 Main Street. Home donations to Vincents Living 5 Cooks Brae. Thank you for your continued support and donations.

ANNUAL BELFAST PIONEER MASS will take place on **Tuesday 18th September 2018** in St. Malachy's Church, Alfred St. Belfast at **7pm**. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments afterwards. Anyone wishing to be presented with emblems/certificates please contact Pat 9262 9959, Ian 9061 6601, Josephine 9061 7116, Roisin 9064 6957.

The Maritime History of Ards & North Down - Interested in your area and history? Curious to hear about the Vikings, Normans, Smugglers, Soldiers, Fishermen, Travellers, Monks and Rebels who have landed on Ards & North Down. Come along to the information session in The Market House, Portaferry, **Thursday 20th September**, 6.30pm-7.30pm. For more information contact James on 028 9590 2850 or james@copiusconsulting.co.uk.

Trócaire at Culture Night At Culture Night, Trócaire will screen an award-winning 12 minute documentary about life under Israeli occupation in the West Bank, told through the stories of Palestinian women. 'Sumud: Everyday Resistance' will be shown between 5-6pm in Room 21, Ulster University, York Street on **Friday 21st September**. Free and all welcome.

Marie Curie invite you to take part in their **7km Twilight Walk** at the beautiful Barnett Demesne, South Belfast on **Friday 28th September**. Get together with family and friends for more than just a walk – there will be a festival atmosphere with music, entertainment and fireworks! Sign up at www.mariecurie.org.uk/twilightwalk or call 9088 2060.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT TRAINING starts on **September 27th** in The Good Shepherd Centre, 511 Ormeau Road, Belfast and not at 193 Donegall Street as previously advertised.

Overseas Volunteers Required! - Volunteer Carpenters, Builders, Media Specialists, Early Childhood Practitioners, Occupational Therapists, Primary/Secondary Teachers, Accountants, Social Workers, Farmers...required for placements on Missions in Africa, SE Asia and the Caribbean. No previous overseas exp required, no upper age limit! Volunteer training programme begins 22nd September in Dublin - open to all! Contact Viatores Christi +353-1-8689986 or apply@viatoreschristi.com