



# ST MALACHY'S PARISH BULLETIN

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## Parish Office hours:

Mon-Thurs: 9.30 am - 1.30 pm  
Parish Priest: Fr Thomas McGlynn

## Sunday 3rd December - 1st Sunday of Advent

We want Saint Malachy's to be a Living Community of Faith, centred on the person of Jesus Christ where all people are accepted, made welcome, and



St Malachy's Bethany Bereavement Group  
If you would like to contact us Please phone 07954350848

*Jesus said "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full" John 10:10*

### Recently Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

John Kearney  
Nell Gordon (nee McKnight, late of McAuley Street)  
Charlie Harmon  
Eddy McAvoy  
Liam McNally Sheridan (Months Mind)

### Anniversaries

Olive Smyth	Harry Mulholland	Robbie Devine
Dr. Maria Moloney	Kerry McCartan	Annie McAllister
William John Kennedy	Gerry Stow	Bridget Armstrong
Mary Kennedy	Herbie Carson	Martine Breslin
Gerald Kennedy	Margaret Hyde Kerr	Samuel Napier
Minnie Rafferty	Marie Matthews	
Billy Lyttle	Paul Devine	

### Weekday Public Masses

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday -  
1 pm  
No Mass on Wednesdays

### Saturday Evening Mass

6 pm

### Sunday Mass

10.30 am

### Webcam Masses

All Masses will be streamed by Church Services TV <https://www.churchservices.tv/stmalachysbelfast>

### Last weeks Collection

Offertory £985.59

Second Collection

Monthly Offertory

**Thank you!**

### A Little Quote

*'Remember  
This December,  
That love weighs  
more than gold!...'*

~Josephine Dodge Daskam Bacon  
(1876-1961), "The Right Gift," 1912

### This week the lamps burn for:

Bridget, Theresa & Davy Campbell	Brendan & Felicia Carson
Patricia Walker & Family	Betty & Maurice Donnelly
Nell Gordon	John Lagan
Charlie & Nan Kennedy	Kathleen Lagan & Family
Gerald Kennedy	Eileen Lagan
Gerald O'Hara	Special Intention
Minnie Rafferty	Thanksgiving
Bridie Darragh	Jacqueline & Tony Wilde
Fra & Josie Gourley	Eileen & Peter

### Feast Of the Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass for the Feast of Immaculate Conception will be on Thursday 7th December at 6 pm. Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be on Friday 8th December at 1 pm



[Be part of the conversation. To find out more go to www.pathwaystothefuture.org](http://www.pathwaystothefuture.org)

Thank you so much for the fantastic response to South Belfast foodbank collection. We had a large quantity of food donations alongside cash donations of £540. After checking with the foodbank on what items were needed we sent Tesco deliveries to replenish the stock. We supplied 280 litres of long life milk which is always in demand, tins of tuna, tins of steak pies, washing powder, pasta sauce, tins of vegetables, shampoo, biscuits, washing up liquid, packets of biscuits & coffee. The foodbank are extremely grateful for the massive contribution St Malachy's Parish make every month. The December Collection will be this weekend - Many Thanks!!!

### **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**

St. Vincent de Paul will be holding their annual Christmas Appeal this weekend. If you wish to contribute please use the blue envelopes on the seats in the Church. You can also use the red collection box outside the Church after Mass. If you wish to donate over the phone please call [90 750 161](tel:90750161). St Vincent de Paul would like to thank the people of St. Malachy's for all the kind donations received throughout the year - we are extremely grateful. All money received goes towards helping those in need. Many thanks to all. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

### **GREAT WOMEN OF PRAYER & FAITH: AN ADVENT JOURNEY**

There will be three talks during Advent in the Parish Centre, at St Colmcille's Ballyhackamore on **Wednesday** evenings: **6th, 13th and 20th December at 7.30 pm**. The talks will be given by Mary Cairns, Rev Paul Hutton and Paula McKeown respectively. The evenings will conclude with supper. All are welcome.

The West Belfast Historical Society is meeting on Friday the 8th of December at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Centre on Finaghy Road North (Access via Church Gateway on Finaghy Road North, just before the garage opposite the Church at junction with Andersonstown Road).

**The December talk is entitled: 'IT STARTED ON DIVIS MOUNTAIN' A Talk by: Mr MARK DOHERTY**

All are Welcome to Attend

TRÓCAIRE Christmas Gift Cards will be on sale in the parish after both Masses next weekend 9/10 December. Trócaire Gifts of Change help some of the poorest people in the world to work their way out of poverty. There are 22 gifts to choose from starting at £5 for the Gift of Soap for families in war-torn South Sudan. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families in need of our support. For further information go to <https://www.trocaire.org/gifts>

**A Festive Christmas Concert**  
**Voices and Brass**  
**St Mary, Star of the Sea Whitehouse**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**  
**Tickets £15 available from church sacristans**  
**or phone 02890 370845**  
**All proceeds to Whitehouse Parish Restoration Fund**

Spiritual Preparation for Christmas - For Adults  
Saturday 16th December - St John the Baptist PS, Finaghy Road North Belfast  
Hosted by the Legion of Mary and Fr Darren Brennan PP  
Registration 9:30am - 3pm Finish  
Talks and Testimonies followed by Confessions, Adoration and Holy Mass  
Cost is £10 - Includes Lunch  
For more information or to book, please contact Luke on 07955386288  
Prepare your Soul for Christmas!

### **Advent Retreat with Fr Michael Hurley and Drumalis Team** **Drumalis - Friday, 8 - Sunday, 10 December 2023**

The journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem is reflected in many varied journeys that people still face today. During this weekend retreat of quiet and prayer at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre in Larne, we will reflect on the significance of journey today - personally and in the world we live.

For further information or to book a place, please contact Drumalis - tel 028 28272196/28276455 (during office hours, Mon-Fri 9 am – 5 pm) or email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com)  
Details also available on Drumalis website – <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

Youth 2000 Ireland are having their annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare on the 8th -10th of December for ages 16-35. This promises to be a special retreat!! Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! There are free buses leaving from all over the country to the retreat. Donation only. Find out more and register now on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

*Trócaire is looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict across Ethiopia, South Sudan and Ukraine. You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Change – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, then please email Mark McMahon at [infoni@trocaire.org](mailto:infoni@trocaire.org) or call 028 9080 8030.*

## ADOPTIVE PARENTS NEEDED URGENTLY

Family Care Adoption Services is an Adoption Agency, and a core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. We provide adoption services throughout all Northern Ireland and work with Health and Social Care Trusts to place single children and sibling groups for adoption.

These children are aged from babyhood to approximately 5 years old.

There are currently more children waiting to be adopted in Northern Ireland than families approved to adopt and there is an urgent need for new families to come forward.

All sorts of people from all walks of life can be considered for adoption.

So, wherever you live in Northern Ireland if you think you could offer a child/ren a new life in a family of their own and would like an informal chat to discuss this and to find out more about adoption,

CONTACT US! Email: [email@familycareadoption.org](mailto:email@familycareadoption.org)

Phone: 02890 691133

Website: [www.familycareadoption.com](http://www.familycareadoption.com)

We are waiting to hear from you!

Let us, help you, support your marriage & relationship If you feel your relationship is in crisis or need a little guidance and feel that you and your partner could benefit from Marriage & Relationship Counselling, either face to face or online, contact your local Centre. Every year we help thousands of couples rebuild and sustain healthy relationships.

Call us on 02890 233002 for all N. Ireland centres: N. Ireland Regional Office, Armagh, Ballymena, Belfast, Derry, Enniskillen, Maghera, Newry & Omagh Email: [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com) Web: [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

Are you interested in finding out about the Legion of Mary? If so, please contact 07590026628

### **Catholic Chaplaincy QUB reopening at temporary premises**

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast reopens for the new academic year at **No. 42 University Road**. There you will find a Chapel, social space and our much-loved Mosaic Café, open 8.30 am to 8.30 pm weekdays during term.

Sunday Masses take place at 8 pm in the Canada Room of the University's Lanyon Building and weekday Masses in the Chaplaincy at No.42 (from Monday 25 September).

We look forward to welcoming new and returning students!

### **We are now enrolling for Adult Faith Development programmes commencing at Drumalis in Autumn 2023:**

#### **Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme**

**Now in our 18<sup>th</sup> Year...** Have you ever thought of taking time out, to reflect, to better understand your faith in all its richness, to explore how it might be integrated with your busy, daily life and to nurture in a focussed way your relationship with God? If the answer is "yes", then Pathways may be for you. The course runs one Saturday per month (10 am – 4 pm) from October to June, either in-house at Drumalis or online via Zoom.

#### **Certificate in Christian Thought (Two-year, part-time course)**

The Certificate in Christian Thought aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. It is possible to do the course for validation by St Mary's University College or for personal development only. The course is offered either in-house at Drumalis, Larne or online via Zoom over seven Saturdays from September to May.

# **Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living** *(hosted by Drumalis via Zoom, commencing Mon, 18 September)*

*Do you feel restless, do you sense there is a deeper meaning to life, that God is out there but you feel disconnected. The Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living course may be for you. This 20 session course via Zoom between September and March is based on the insights of Ignatian Spirituality. For further details, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com)*

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY Purpose of the course A one-year programme (20 x 2-hour sessions) via Zoom for those who want a closer relationship with God; who struggle with prayer; who want to make choices that are in tune with God's dream for the world.

No expertise in prayer or reflection is required. All are welcome. So come along, whether you have a specific reason for doing the course or simply want space to explore and reflect on your life in relationship to God, self and others.

The Course The course aims to provide participants with prayer resources and reflection skills that will help them:

- Deepen their relationship with God
- Become more aware of the sense and direction of their lives
- Make choices that reflect their self-identity within an understanding of God's hopes for the world
- Develop a spirituality that shapes their response to life.

Towards this end, and within the framework of the Christian liturgical year, the course provides opportunities to:

- Reflect on your understanding of God and self - Become aware of the many ways in which God communicates with us
- Become familiar with different methods of prayer as tools for engaging in conversation with God
- Explore some spiritualities as responses to God's communication
- Develop skills for reflective living - Explore the relationship between prayer and engagement with the world
- Develop a personal spirituality that integrates prayer and life and helps shape your response to the latter.

What Follows the Course? The course is complete in itself. However, it is also a foundation for future possibilities. Rooted in Love is a follow-on to Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living for those who may wish to explore this experience further. Participants may also wish to participate in spiritual direction or retreats in the future.

Method: The method is reflective and experience based. Sessions include team input, guided experiences of prayer, time for quiet personal prayer, and opportunities for listening and sharing.

Times and Attendance: The course will run on Monday evenings from 7.15 pm to 9.15 pm. The dates are:

Sept 23 Oct 23 Nov 23 Dec 23 Jan 24 Feb 24 Mar 24

Financial Information: The offering for the course, which is subsidised by the Friends of Drumalis, is £240.

The Society of Retreat Conductors may offer part-funding- applications must be submitted at least one month before the beginning of the course. To confirm your acceptance of a place on the course, please forward a deposit of £50 by September 12. Balances should be cleared by February 26, 2024

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### WEDDINGS

By appointment – 3 months is required

### FUNERALS

By arrangement

### PRIEST IN RESIDENCE – contact details

Chaplain to the Polish Community in Greater Belfast

Tel: **07587 101 979**

Email: [schr.belfast@gmail.com](mailto:schr.belfast@gmail.com)

[www.belfastparafia.co.uk](http://www.belfastparafia.co.uk)

### PRIMARY SCHOOL

Saint Malachy's Primary School

Eliza Street, Belfast, BT7 2BJ

Tel: **028 9032 7460**

Principle: Mr Dermot Flynn (Snr.)

Nursery Unit: **028 9023 5968**

### PRE-SCHOOL

Saint Malachy's Pre-school Playgroup

11 River Terrace, Belfast, BT7 2EN

Tel: **028 9543 0203**

### YOUTH CENTRES

**St. John Vianney Youth Centre**

Tel: **028 9024 7118**

**St. Malachy's Youth Centre**

Tel: **028 9027 8615**

Youth Leader: Eddie Burns

### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

Tel: **028 9035 1561**

### *The Appeal Barometer – Total*



**£625,881.24**

*Donations  
are greatly  
Appreciated!*