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Pope Leo's prayer intentions for January: For prayer with the word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Copies of the New Years message from Bishop Alan McGuckian can be found in the main porch of the church



ANNIVERSARIES

Arthur Foster & Moira Burke

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them

St Vincent de Paul Society Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Christmas Appeal -Total £2,339.00

In the last year SVP volunteers have distributed over £9,000 to people in our parish, who are struggling day to day with the cost of living, and requested our help. Over 100 home visits were carried out in our community.

This could not be done without your very generous donations and the support given at Christmas and indeed all year round. A massive thank you to you all.

Anyone needing help please contact SVP Tel 02890351561

Marriage Enrichment Weekend : 20 -22 March 2026 a weekend like no other. Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co.

Mayo Online: www.marriageencounter.ie



St Brigid Cross Making Saturday 7th February in the North Down Museum Bangor: Enjoy a demonstration of St Brigid Cross Making and using the materials provided make your own cross. Refreshments provided. Limited number of places. For more information and to book now go to <https://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on/celtic-saints-a-journey-through-time-and-tradition-p948071>

Bereavement Support The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (31st January, 28th February and 28th March) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Pauline 07519289185 or Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

There will be a **Eucharistic Healing Service** in St Matthew's Church, Short Strand, East Belfast, on Thursday 22nd January at 7pm. Music with Fionnuala O'Neill and Family. Tea and light refreshments to follow.

A new Dementia Safeguarding Scheme to help support people living with dementia and provide peace of mind for families and carers. It provides free wristbands and hang-tags using Near Field Communication (NFC) technology. If a person becomes confused or distressed, the scheme device allows emergency contact details for next of kin to be accessed quickly and securely with a tap of a smartphone, helping people to be reunited safely with their family or carer.

A series of drop-in information sessions have been arranged in partnership with Libraries NI. These sessions will give people the opportunity to find out more about the scheme and register for an information band in person. For more information and to register for a wearable device please visit -

<https://www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk/w/dementiafriendly>



"Let Justice Flow Like Rivers": All-Ireland Churches to Gather for Landmark Creation Care Conference

Newry, 17th January 2026 — Church leaders, politicians, theologians, scientists and grassroots practitioners from across Ireland will come together in Newry this January for a major all-Ireland conference on Creation Care, organised by the Irish Council of

Churches in partnership with the Irish Inter Church Meeting and Church Leaders. Entitled "Let Justice Flow Like Rivers", the conference will take place on Saturday 17th January 2026, from 10.00am to 3.30pm in the Canal Court Hotel, Newry and will focus on how churches can respond credibly and practically to the ecological crisis through theology, science, reconciliation and action.

Andrew Muir MLA, Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, will attend, alongside a government representative from the Republic of Ireland, highlighting the all-island significance of this gathering.

The morning programme will feature three keynote contributions bringing together theology, science and lived experience - Dr Hilary Marlow; Professor Jim McAdam OBE; Dr Gail Gunst Heffner.

In the afternoon, the focus will shift from inspiration to implementation - "What contributions can and do churches make to Creation Care?"

The conference has a clear objective: to equip churches across Ireland to move from concern to commitment in caring for creation.

Tickets are £10 to be purchased at <https://letjustflow.eventbrite.ie> Further info from: info@irishchurches.org

Letter of thanks from Fr McCann

Dear Parishioners of the Derriaghy-Colin Family of Parishes,

Through the cooperation of Fr Rory, I send this rather belated record of thanks to you all for your kindness at the time of my transfer from the Derriaghy-Colin area to Newtownards & Comber last August. Your benevolence was expressed in so many ways; in cards, letters and gifts, and in the preparations for and attendance at the 'farewell Mass' of 9th August and celebrations following (which included the presentation of the *Bene Merenti Medal* to Sinead McAllister!!) It was a most memorable evening, which was enjoyed by all within the Family of Parishes.

I thank you all for the presentation gift resulting from the farewell collection taken up in early August, which I received a few weeks ago. I was really astounded by your generosity.

In addition, I wish to express my gratitude to you all for your kindness, support and encouragement over the last fourteen and a half years. I experienced great fulfilment and friendships during those years, and I thank you for the part you played in that. In addition, I have many, many memories formed during those years which I will treasure in the years ahead.

I am in Newtownards & Comber Parish for four months at this stage and I must say that I am settling in very well. I like the atmosphere here, and the people of the parish are very welcoming. The transition has been very smooth so far, and I am thankful for that.

I am also very grateful for your prayers over the years, and I kindly ask you to continue to remember me in prayer, as I will continue to remember your intentions in my prayer.

With renewed thanks and kind regards for a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards,

Lenten Scripture Course with Fr Kieran O'Mahony: Learning from Matthew's Church

Tuesdays at 7pm | Begins 3rd February 2026

This Lent, the Belfast Jesuit Centre invites you to a six-week journey into the Gospel of Matthew; our liturgical Gospel for 2026. Led by Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA of Tarsus Scripture School, the course explores Matthew's unique vision of church: a community navigating challenge, change, and mission.

Each session will offer fresh insight into the Gospel's themes, including forgiveness, prayer, parables, and the call to discipleship. Whether you're new to scripture study or seeking deeper understanding, all are welcome.

Weekly sessions: Feb 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar 3, 10

Suggested donation: £80-£120 (sliding scale; subsidised places available)

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Open Night St Patrick's Academy Lisburn We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Night on

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2026 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Principal's address at 6.30pm www.stpatsni.co.uk

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