

**Parish of Hannahstown - St Joseph's & St Peter's
West Belfast Pastoral Community
10th March 2019 – First Sunday of Lent**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This Sunday we welcome Bishop Treanor to the Parish of Hannahstown for the celebration of Sunday Mass and for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Treanor will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 10 pupils from Ballymacward Primary School – Luke, Eva, Cormac, Brogan, Eoghan, Michael, Alicia, Tianna, Brendan and Joel. It is a day of great rejoicing for us as a Parish as we witness these boys and girls complete their journey into the life of the Church which began on the day of their Baptism. Our prayer is that the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit they receive in the Sacrament of Confirmation will help and support them to be faithful ambassadors for Christ.

We express our thanks to their Teacher Mr Kennedy who has prepared them for this very special day and to all the teachers who have taught them over the years. As a Parish we are deeply indebted to the commitment of our teachers in our Parish School to the educational and spiritual development of our children.

This will be a wonderful day in the lives of these children's families. I want to thank their parents, godparents and sponsors who have helped and inspired these children in the ways of faith. Today is a day for you as parents to rejoice and to thank God for these wonderful gifts that God has entrusted to you – your children.

I wish the Confirmandi – Luke, Eva, Cormac, Brogan, Eoghan, Michael, Alicia, Tianna, Brendan and Joel every blessing on this very special and sacred day in their lives.

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**THE PARISH OF HANNAHSTOWN WELCOMES INTO THEIR FAITH
COMMUNITY – FIA ELLIE HOEY, CLIODHNA ANNE O’ROURKE, EIMEAR
BRIGID KELLY AND ANVI LILY MALKAN**

WEEKLY OFFERING COLLECTION: £1012.34

MONTHLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £884.66

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

MASS TIMES – **St Joseph’s Church** – Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 9.15am.

Vigil Mass Saturday @ 6pm. Sunday @ 11.30am.

St Peter’s Church – Tuesday & Thursday @ 9.15am; Sunday @ 10am.

During the Holy Season of Lent there will be an additional Mass on Thursday mornings @ 9.15 in St Peter’s Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Each Friday evening @ 7pm in St. Peter’s Church, The Rock.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE PARISH – Every Wednesday in St. Joseph’s Church from 9.45am – 9pm. Every Friday evening in St. Peter’s, The Rock from 6pm – 12 midnight.

SALE OF GRAVES – The Parish of Glenavy and Killead have a limited number of Burial Rights available in the graveyard of St Joseph’s Church, Chapel Road, Glenavy. This is a secluded and well maintained parish graveyard in the country just outside Glenavy village, 20 minutes west of the city. The burial ground is described as a “Graveyard” as opposed to a “Cemetery” since it is attached to St Joseph’s Church. The cost of the burial right will be similar to that of Milltown Cemetery and reflects that purchasers are not, or are not expected to become contributing members of the local parish community. Each Grave will accommodate up to three interments and are priced at £3,000. Application forms are available from the Glenavy Parish Office tel: 02894 422278 Mon-Fri 10.00am – 3.00pm.

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

We extend our sympathies to the families of those who died recently and those whose month's mind and anniversary occur at this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Samuel Hood, Theresa Owens, and baby Aria Grace McKay-Hammond RIP

MONTHS MIND: Margaret Donnelly RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Cora Rossback, Geordie Goodman (1st Anniversary), George O'Neill RIP

16 th /17 th March	6.00pm (Vigil)	10.00am	11.30am
	St Joseph's	St Peter's	St Joseph's
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Siobhan Marken Peggy Kerr	Josephine Owens	Rita Goldsmith Seamus Armstrong
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Marie Gough	Patricia O'Hagan	Rachel Connolly

URGENTLY REQUIRED – A sitter for an elderly lady. One hour per day, lunchtime, Mon-Fri Contact 02890 626492 for details.

UPCOMING CONFERENCE - The Iona Institute NI welcomes you to our upcoming conference, *"The Future of Conscience in an Age of Intolerance"* on Saturday 30th March 2019. 10 am - 1.30pm (Registration opens 9.30am). Wellington Park Hotel, Malone Road, Belfast BT9 6RU. £10 Adults £5 student (includes tea/coffee/scones). Speakers include Nuala O'Loan (DBE), Dr Helen Watt (Anscombe Bioethics Centre Oxford), Benedict Ó'Floinn SC and David Smyth (Evangelical Alliance). To book or to request further information, please email ionainstitute@gmail.com or call 02892646861.

ANAM CARA BELFAST PARENT EVENING – Supporting bereaved parents, will hold its monthly parent evening on Wednesday 13th March at 7:20pm in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast, BT8 7XP. For more information call 02895 213120.

GROWING COMMUNITIES – As part of Belfast City Councils Growing Communities Strategy in partnership with Hannahstown Community Centre the next gardening craft workshop will take place in Hannahstown Community Centre on Monday 25th March from 10.30am. This workshop will focus on how to take cuttings of your favourite plants.

COFFEE MORNING – Our next coffee morning is on Wednesday 13th March in the Hannahstown Community Centre. All are welcome.

SHALOM RETREAT – Friday 5th – Sunday 7th April in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. Be a part of this exciting weekend where you will rekindle your identity in Christ! Prayer, praise, reconciliation, Mass and encouragement for the journey ahead. A retreat that will shine the light of Christ into your heart and lead you to forgiveness, freedom and healing. Book now £150 pp. includes full board with coffee/tea breaks. Register at www.shalommedia.org/retreat or contact Roshni George tele: 07737430680 or Jacinta tele: 07756225114.

HANNAHSTOWN HERITAGE & CULTURAL SOCIETY – 11th March a lecture by Dr Eamon Phoenix at 8pm in the Hannahstown Community Hall. Dr Phoenix is a great speaker and worth listening to. He will speak about Hearts of Steele a Loyalist rebellion in Northern Ireland. All welcome, we hope for a full house so please come along and support us.

LENTEN DAYS AND HOLY WEEK RETREAT AT DROMANTINE 2019

16th March “a Lenten Encounter: Looking Up and Reaching Out” led by Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA, 10am – 5pm, Cost £25 lunch included.

30th March “A Lenten Experience: Called to Renewal” led by Fr. John Gallagher SMA 10am – 5pm £25 lunch included. Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry BT34 1RH. Booking: Tele: 02830 821964 or admin@dromantineconference.com.