

**Parish of Hannahstown - St Joseph's & St Peter's**  
**28 April 2019 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

**VOCATIONS PRAYER VIGIL AND NOVENA**

In his Pastoral Letter *“To follow Jesus closely,”* Bishop Treanor encourages us to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. You and your loved ones are invited to join the pastoral community for a vigil of prayer on **Thursday 2 May in St. Michael's Church, Finaghy Road from 7.30pm – 8.30pm.** There will be refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Vigil. At the vigil, a Vocations Novena will be launched which you can pray at home individually, or with family and friends. This will lead into the celebration of the Parish Eucharist on Good Shepherd Sunday. **Copies of the Novena will be available at Masses this Sunday.** Together, let us pray that all of us hear the call to follow Jesus closely and respond to it with open minds and big hearts, and that more will do so as priests and religious.

**NOVENA FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE**

The 9 day Novena for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life will begin on Friday 3 May 2019 and conclude on Saturday 11 May 2019. The Mass schedule for this 9 day Novena in the Parish is as follows: Friday 3 May, Saturday 4 May, (Sunday Masses as Normal), Monday 6 May, Tuesday 7 May, Wednesday 8 May, Thursday 9 May, Friday 10 May and Saturday 11 May in **St. Joseph's Church @ 9.15am.**

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**WEEKLY OFFERING COLLECTION: £1168.91**

**EASTER OFFERING COLLECTION: £944.63**

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION (GOOD FRIDAY) £617.40**

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 @ 9.15am. Sunday @ 10am.

**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.

**LOUGH DERG ONE DAY RETREATS** – Begin on Saturday 4 May and continue to the 27 May. Why not take some time and space on Lough Derg personally or as a parish group this May? A NEW event for those who serve in lay parish ministry, is our Parish Ministry Day Saturday 18 May. Booking essential. Tel: (0353) 71 9861518 or email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) also [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) for information.

**LIVING CHURCH – CHILDREN’S LITURGY DEVELOPMENT DAY** – The Living Church will host its third and final 2018/19 Development Day for Leaders of Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30am – 3.30pm in the Living Church Offices at 120, Cliftonville Road, Belfast, BT14 6LA. DCU Assistant Professor of Religious Education, Cora O’Farrell, will be the guest speaker. Cora is an expert in Children’s Spirituality. Attendance at the day is free and lunch will be provided but it is necessary to register as spaces are limited. Please contact Caren by email: [c.collins@downandconnor.org](mailto:c.collins@downandconnor.org) or telephone 02890 690 920 to register.

**SUMMER HANGING BASKETS** – There will be a workshop on preparing your summer hanging baskets organised by Belfast City Council (Community Outreach) on Monday 13 May @ 10am in Hannahstown Community Hall. Booking is essential. Contact: Michael McCorry – 07814860078. Cost - £5.

## **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.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Vincent Reid, Jim Devine, Frank McCague, Deceased Members of the Kelly Family RIP

<b>4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>6pm (Vigil)</b> <b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>St Peter's</b>	<b>11.30am</b> <b>St Joseph's</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Dessie O'Neill Zoe McConnell	Claire Buchanan	Siobhan Ratcliffe Seamus Armstrong
<b>MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	Elizabeth Donnelly	Michael McGarrity	Joe Mallon

**TROCAIRE BOXES** - Trócaire thanks all parishioners and clergy for their support of this year's Lenten campaign. Please return Trócaire boxes so donations can be put to use as soon as possible helping the most vulnerable in the developing world. [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org).

**HANNAHSTOWN FESTIVAL** – There will be a meeting on Tuesday 30 April @ 6.30pm to help prepare for the Annual Festival. Your attendance and support for our Community Festival would be greatly appreciated.

**ANAM CARA BELFAST** - the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 8 May at 7:20pm in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast, BT8 7XP. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** – Will take place in St Matthias Church, Glen Road and Holy Family Church, Limestone Road on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May. 3pm Exposition, Confessions, Rosary and Act of Consecration and 4pm Mass.

**DARKNESS INTO LIGHT** – Hannahstown Community Association and Lámh Dhearg C.L.G will be hosting its Third Darkness into Light event on Saturday 11 May 2019. On the morning of the event we will begin a 5km walk @ 4.15am together in darkness from Lámh Dhearg club and walk a circular route finishing back at the Lámh Dhearg in the light as the sun rises. Therefore walking from ‘darkness into light’. Each participant will be welcomed back with refreshments in the clubrooms. It will be an absolutely enthralling experience attracting many people from all communities to walk together spreading a positive message of hope and support. Darkness into Light began in 2009 the first walk taking place in Phoenix Park and has since become a worldwide movement raising awareness for depression, suicide and self-harm. Apart from raising funds for a local mental health charity the main purpose of the walk is to gather together and become a message of HOPE. We are confident that our local community will positively support and participate in this unique but exciting initiative. **You can register online at** [www.darknessintolight.ie/event/hannahstown](http://www.darknessintolight.ie/event/hannahstown) or in Lamb Dhearg clubrooms on Saturday 4 May between 10am – 12noon. Each participant will receive a Darkness into Light T-Shirt. Please note that on the morning of the walk there will be a Park & Ride Service from the Kennedy Centre to the grounds of Lamh Dhearg – last bus leaves @ 3.30am.

**‘CHILDREN OF THE TROUBLES’** - is a project by Joe Duffy and Freya McClements. They are writing a book to remember the children who died as a result of Northern Ireland’s ‘Troubles’. They wish to accurately and sensitively record the lives of these children, who died so young. If your family or friends lost a child – aged 16 and under – and you would like to contribute to the book, please contact Joe or Freya on 077 4358 9203 or e-mail –