

***Parish of Hannahstown - St Joseph's & St Peter's
West Belfast Pastoral Community
6th Sunday of the Year – 14th February 2021***

A graphic for Ash Wednesday. The word 'ASH' is written in large, bold, black letters, and 'WEDNESDAY' is written in smaller, bold, black letters below it. The text is set against a background of a dark, textured surface, possibly ash or a similar material, with a lighter, wavy pattern on the left side.

The Holy Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 17th February. It's a day of fast and abstinence.

Mass will be streamed at 9.15am from St. Joseph's Church and at 7pm from St. Peter's Church.

In place of distribution of ashes people will be able to make a Lenten pledge during the Mass. For health and safety reasons it is not possible to distribute ashes this year.

There will be Lenten packs available for each family in our Churches from Ash Wednesday. Please collect these packs from the Churches.

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer, to service by giving alms, and to practice self-control through fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts - not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ.

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**THE PARISH OF HANNAHSTOWN WELCOMES INTO THEIR
FAITH COMMUNITY – KADE ANTHONY O'NEILL**

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: Daryl Brady, Bridie McCorry, Rita McFarlane, Canon Brendan McGee RIP

MONTH'S MIND: Gerard Agnew, Jim Matthews RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Susan Armstrong, Brendan Brown, James Cooley, Rose Douglas, Frances Finnegan, Mary Finnegan, Catherine & John Larkin, Mary Martin McLaughlin, Geraldine McStravick, Eileen O'Hara, Frankie O'Hara, Martin Quigg RIP

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.

LOCKDOWN

All the Masses from St. Joseph's Church, Hannahstown and St. Peter's Church, The Rock, will continued to be streamed on the webcam.

These can be viewed on-line:

St. Joseph's Church - www.churchmedia.tv/camera/st-josephs-church

St. Peter's Church - www.churchmedia.tv/camera/st-peters-church-2

EVENING PRAYER - Every evening at 7pm there will be Eucharistic Adoration in St. Peter's Church, The Rock. During this time of Eucharistic Adoration, the recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed. In line with current government restrictions we ask the faithful to join us for this time of prayer via the webcam.

LECTIO DIVINA PROGRAMME - Looking for something to do this Lent? Something prayerful?

Aishling and Louise from the Living Church team will be facilitating our 5 week Lectio Divina programme written especially for Lent in Lockdown. We have three options for you to join in;

- Monday at 7pm beginning on Monday 15th Feb
- Thursdays at 1:30pm beginning on Thursday 18th Feb
- Thursdays at 7pm beginning on Thursday 18th Feb

To join simply send an e-mail to livingchurch@downandconnor.org we will send you the zoom link.

THE DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE - The virtual Divine Mercy Conference (2021) will take place on 19, 20, and 21 February. It will be broadcast through our website www.divinemercyconference.com free of charge. It will also be available on www.RadioMaria.ie and you may listen in via your TV on Saorview 210 (audio only) and dial up listening service 01-4373277. The theme of this our 30th Conference is: *For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory* (Mt. 6:13).

The speakers over the weekend are: Sr. Briege McKenna, Healing Ministry, Conference Speaker and author.

Fr. Hayden Williams, OFM Cap, Healing Ministry and preacher.

Fr. Colomba Jordan C.F.R, Healing Ministry and Retreat Director.

Fr. Brendan Walsh, SCA, Retreat Director, Healing Ministry and Conference speaker.

Rev. Dr. Eunan McDonnell, SDB, Provincial of the Salesians in Ireland and Spiritual Director to the Conference Committee.

Fr. Eamonn McCarthy, Director of Radio Maria.

Christy May, Legion of Mary member who will share his testimony of conversion.

LIVING YOUTH - are hosting weekly Lenten Challenges for young people aged 11-18 and their families. We will be exploring different themes throughout Lent and will have a host of engaging activities to get involved with. www.livingyouth.co.uk/lent-2021 for more information and to register.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF ABUSE The Annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse will take place on Friday 19 February 2021. The Diocese will mark this day with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Treanor in St Peter's Cathedral @ 10 am on Friday 19 February - <https://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral>.

FROM COVID TO LIGHT

2021 Lenten Talks

Beginning Tuesday 23rd February on Zoom

This year we invite you to TAKE ON a Lenten discipline and join us each Tuesday evening during lent as we gather as a Christian community in prayer and reflection based on different themes each week. The goal of these spiritual disciplines is to strengthen our faith as a faith filled community and to develop a closer relationship with God.

There will also be an opportunity for some prayer and questions during the evening. During this question time we, as a Christian community, can reflect on either the Talk or the Scripture of the previous week.

We begin our Lenten reflections on Tuesday 23rd February at 8pm.

To take part please email: lententalks@downandconnor.org

The Zoom link and password will be emailed to you to access the talks.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – It is a tradition in the Church to pray the Stations of the Cross especially during the season of Lent. It is a prayer that allows us the privilege of accompanying Jesus as he makes his journey to Calvary on Good Friday where He was crucified for our salvation. I encourage you to make time during the season of Lent to pray the Stations of the Cross either in the Church or in the grounds of Lámh Dhearg. This year the Stations of the Cross will be attached to the fencing around the “Highway to Health” walk at Lámh Dhearg so that you can combine your physical health with your spiritual health!! As we embrace this great Lenten practice, let us hear the Lord’s voice whispering in our hearts, “This is the way; walk in it” (Is 30:21). A prayer to begin the Way of the Cross – **Lord Jesus, as we begin our journey with you on the way of the Cross, open our hearts to the loving plan that you have for each one of us. As we walk with you, help us to recognise that you are also walking with each one of us. This present time has been one of trial, challenge, and isolation for many people. Help us to experience the consolation of your ever-present love and to remember that you make all things new. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**