

***Parish of Hannahstown - St Joseph's & St Peter's
West Belfast Pastoral Community
25th April – Good Shepherd Sunday***

Good Shepherd Sunday is a day to celebrate the vocation of Priesthood. We invite everyone in the Diocese to pray this week for all vocations and at this time to pray especially for vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese. Our week of prayer will close on the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. The prayers for this week of prayer for vocations will be posted on our website: www.hannahstownparish.com. A vocation is a wonderful call from God. It is something to be cherished and followed. A vocation is never to be feared. The first words that Saint Joseph heard in a dream were an invitation not to be afraid, because God remains ever faithful to his promises: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid”. Do not be afraid - these words the Lord also addresses to each one of us. He repeats these words as we seek to follow His will every day. Do not be afraid - these words are a refrain accompanying all those who say “yes” to God with their lives, through their faithfulness each day. This week we pray especially for those discerning a vocation and for families, schools and parish communities who are creating environments of faith and joy, where vocations can flourish and be nurtured. We trust that our prayers will support the men of our Diocese who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. We pray that, with generosity, they can respond to the Lord's call to "Come follow me!"

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BAPTISM – In order to arrange a Baptism please call at the Parish Office with the child's long birth certificate. It must be one of the parents who makes the arrangement for the child's Baptism.

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: Kathleen Buchanan, Mary Curran, Jim Devine, Jack Ellis, Marie Lyttle, Sarah Mulholland 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.

The Masses are streamed on the webcam live from St. Joseph's Church, Hannahstown and St. Peter's Church, The Rock:

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

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

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES – The parish office is opened Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am – 1pm. **Please note that the office will be closed on Wednesdays.**

EVENING PRAYER – Evening prayer continues in St. Peter's Church, The Rock @7pm. During this time of prayer there will be Eucharistic Adoration, the recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed. You are invited to join us for this time of prayer via the webcam.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS – First Saturday Devotions will take place in St. Matthias's Church, Glen Road on Saturday, 1st May.

3pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Act of Consecration.

4pm - Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please come along and bring a friend.

“I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months go to confession and receive Holy Communion, recite the rosary, keep me company for a quarter of an hour, while meditating on the mysteries of the rosary with the intention of making reparation.” Our Blessed Lady to Sr. Lucia

NORTHERN IRELAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE – In order to maintain the vital supply of blood to our hospitals, the NI Blood Transfusion Service needs the support not only of existing donors but also of new donors. Please come along to our next blood donation session(s) which will be held in:- Beechlawn House Hotel, Dunmurry Lane on Monday 26th April 2021 from 1pm to 4pm and 5pm to 7.30pm. For further details ring 02890 321414.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS WITH TRADE BACKGROUNDS – The Property Office at the Diocese of Down and Connor would like to compile and centralise a list of people with trade backgrounds within the local Parishes that they could call upon in the event that any repairs / refurbishments / renovations and new builds are required. If you would like to be included on this list please contact the Parish Office with your name, contact details and your area of expertise. Many Thanks.

A PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT AND SERVICE IN OUR DIOCESE

Heavenly Father,
in Baptism you called us by name
and made us members of your family, the Church.

Help all your people to know their vocation in life,
and to respond by living a life of holiness.

Help our Pastoral Communities to grow as discerning
communities rich in love and dedicated service of your
people. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit
to shape its future. May you inspire the witness of all
the lay faithful, clergy and religious of our Pastoral
Communities.

For your greater glory and for the service of your
people, raise up dedicated and generous men who will
serve as priests in the Parishes, Pastoral
Communities, Universities, Hospitals and Prisons in
our Diocese. Send your Spirit to guide our
seminarians and all who are discerning
their vocation.

Amen.

St Malachy, Pray for us! St MacNissi, Pray for us!
St Joseph, Pray for us!