

**TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES** - Gentle prayer and reflection for Lent, led by Breige O'Hare in Clonard Monastery, 11am – 3pm, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Relax, See God in old places. Meet him in new ways. Time for you, time for God. Donation £5. Bring a packed lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. Places limited: to book ring Clonard on 02890 445950 or for more information ring Breige on 07565502662.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY CHARITY DINNER DANCE & CONCERT WITH 'THE PRIESTS'** – St Patrick's Parish is delighted to announce a spectacular Dinner and Dance Event to celebrate St Patrick's Day and raise much-needed funds for the Church's Stone Restoration Fund. The Parish will host a Dinner Dance in Titanic, Belfast on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. The evening will commence at 7pm with a drinks reception. This will be followed by a sumptuous three-course meal at 8pm. Internationally renowned singing trio 'The Priests' will give an after-dinner concert. Guests can then dance the night away to swing sensation 'Dave Martin and the Casino Cats'. Tickets are priced at £60 each. Tickets are available from the Church Sacristy after Masses and the Parish Office, Monday to Thursday 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm or by contacting the parish by phone 02890 324597 or by email: [stpatricks@downandconnor.org](mailto:stpatricks@downandconnor.org)

**CriSP** - Education programme to support people caring for a person with Dementia. Please contact Danny Wilson on: 02890 387787 for more details or to book on to a course. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March – One day concentrated workshop at Agape Centre (South Belfast) Lisburn Road, BT9 7EW from 10am – 4pm. Lunch is not provided but plenty of eateries nearby.

**PARISH DRAW – WINNERS FOR JANUARY 2016**

Prize Place	Prize	Name	No	Promotor
1 <sup>st</sup>	£250	Aoife O'Rourke	127	Johnny McQuillan
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£150	Sheila Owens	206	Irene Phillips
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£100	Bob Connolly	171	Rose Rogan
4 <sup>th</sup>	£100	Mary Barrett & Timothy Finnegan	229	Joe Finnegan
5 <sup>th</sup>	£50	Pat Mc Coy	424	Rose Rogan
6 <sup>th</sup>	£50	Catherine Mc Peake	474	Raymond Jordan
7 <sup>th</sup>	£50	Tina O'Reilly	8	Rose Rogan
8 <sup>th</sup>	£50	Carol Loughry	78	Mary Peyton
9 <sup>th</sup>	£50	Jessica Higham	187	Mary Ferguson
10 <sup>th</sup>	£50	Merita Mulholland	124	Mark Mulholland

Parish of Hannahstown  
 St Joseph's & St Peter's  
 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 (Day of Prayer for Temperance)

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**The Holy Season of Lent begins on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

**(A day of fast and abstinence)**

**Masses on Ash Wednesday are as follows:**

**St Joseph's Church – 9.30am & 7pm.**

**St Peter's Church – 11.30am.**

**Pope Francis in his Lenten message says that “God’s mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbour and to devote ourselves to what the Church’s tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting and instructing them. On such things will we be judged. For this reason, I expressed my hope that “the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy; this will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty, and to enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God’s mercy. Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favourable a time for conversion!”**

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