

FEAST OF ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT – Fr. Aidan Brankin will celebrate the Vigil Mass for the Feast of St. Oliver Plunkett on Friday 30th June at 7.30pm at the Mass Rock on the Glenside Road. Car parking is available and everyone is welcome.

THE IONA INSTITUTE YOUTH TRAINING EVENT – Invites you to ‘How to Speak Up.’ Make your voice heard on issues that matter! Media training workshops. Ask questions: get answers, learn new skills, meet new people, gain confidence. Youth Training Event – Friday 30th June 2017 from 10am – 3pm. St Brides Hall, 38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast BT9 6FP. Adult Evening Event, Thursday 29th June, 6pm – 8.30pm, St Brides Hall, Belfast. To register for either event call, 07531149891.

SMA SUMMER SCHOOL 2017 – FAITH RESPONDING TO CHANGING TIMES. Friday 7th July – Sunday 9th July at Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre, Newry, Co Down. A programme of Lectures and Workshops delivered by nine expert speakers including: Justin Kilcullen, Dr Fáinche Ryan, Paul Valley & Fr Gerry O’Hanlon.

ST PETER’S FRATERNITY OF SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER: Present a Grand Tea Dance & Cabaret Afternoon in St Teresa’s Parish Centre on Friday 30th June from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. All your favourite Ballroom & Line dances plus a very special guest appearance by Ireland’s No. 1 Joe Dolan Tribute Act, Mr Bernard Tohill. Music by Gerry Coogan. Tickets £5 Light refreshments Included. Proceeds go to the Franciscan Mission Zimbabwe for care of orphans & Provision of Aids Care.

HANNAHSTOWN FESTIVAL 2017 – The Committee of Hannahstown Community Association wish to thank all those who helped in any way to make this year’s Festival a great success. We wish to give a special mention of thanks to all those HCA Volunteers who were involved in the months of planning and preparation leading up to the event and for the delivery of a wide and varied programme of activities over the course of our Festival 2017. We hope everyone had a good time and many happy memories.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS – Will take place on July 1st in St Matthias’ Church, Glen Road at 3pm. Adoration and Confessions. 4pm Mass. All welcome.

Parish of Hannahstown - St Joseph’s & St Peter’s
25th June 2017 – 12th SUNDAY of the YEAR

A REFLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY’S GOSPEL

Today’s Gospel is an affirmation for all those who feel persecuted in any way because of their beliefs or because people are speaking badly about them, or those who feel alienated from their community, their family or even from God. During such times it can be extremely lonely to the point where one can lose their sense of purpose in this world. While we might not want to shout from the rooftops, as Jesus suggests, there is a message here to speak out, to talk it out. Today, spend time on the beautiful words of Jesus in this Gospel – ‘Even the hairs of your head are all counted, so do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows!’ The sparrow, one of the smallest of birds, is cared for and loved by God. This is a reminder that no matter how insignificant we might feel or how challenging the circumstances get, God is with us, each of us. Once again, we are being told how sacred each and every person is and how much we are loved by God. In his eyes, each of us are precious. Today, recall the times or places where you felt God’s supporting presence.

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