

EDMUND RICE SCHOOLS TRUST (NI) – Cordially invites you to the Annual Foundation Lecture “Challenges and Opportunities for Catholic Tertiary Education in Today’s Society” on Wednesday 29th March 2017 at 7.30pm at St Mary’s University College, Belfast. Speaker, Professor Peter Finn, President, St Mary’s University College. RSVP by 24th March, 02890 333205.

“GRIEF TO GRACE – HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE – EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL” – 6 day retreat programme will be held in Northern Ireland from Sunday 7th May to Friday 12th May 2017. Dr Theresa Burke, M.A. Phd. NCP, LCP, BCCP, DABFC, DAPA will be facilitating with an experienced team from America and the UK. If you would like an application form or more information please call or text Martin on 07814748847 or Collette on 001 267 640 9673 or google Dr Theresa Burke – Grief to Grace. Dr Theresa Burke is the founder of “Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries – Healing the wounds of Abortion”.

SINGING LESSONS – In Hannahstown Community Centre every Friday from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. £4 a class, age 5+. Other tuition is also available. For further information please contact Karen on 02890 309795 or Teresa on 07593572880.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR – on Thursday 30th March 2017 at 7.30pm at Church of the Nativity. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass at 8pm.

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

MOTHER’S DAY – “...whoever honours a mother is like someone amassing a fortune.” Ecclesiasticus, 3:4. This Mother’s Day we pray for mothers around the world who agonise over their children’s futures in the harshest environments. We think of Miriam, who appears on this Lent’s Trócaire Box, as she wonders if she will manage to get her little daughter Maria to safety when the next storm hits northern Honduras and floods their home. **Read Miriam and Maria’s story at www.trocaire.org/lent.**

Parish of Hannahstown - St Joseph’s & St Peter’s
26th March 2017 – 4th Sunday of Lent

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next Sunday we welcome Bishop Walsh to the Parish of Hannahstown for the celebration of Sunday Mass and for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Walsh will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 12 pupils from Ballymacward Primary School – Isla, Rachel, Alex, Sinead, Oran, Ciara, Shannon, Conall, Luke, Pearse, Declan and Leah. It is a day of great rejoicing for us as a Parish as we witness these boys and girls complete their journey into the life of the Church which began on the day of their Baptism. Our prayer is that the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit they receive in the Sacrament of Confirmation will help and support them to be faithful ambassadors for Christ.

We express our thanks to their Teacher and Principal, Mr Brendan Sadlier who has prepared them for this very special day and to all the teachers who have taught them over the years. As a Parish we are deeply indebted to the commitment of our teachers in our Parish School to the educational and spiritual development of our children.

This will be a wonderful day in the lives of these children’s families. I want to thank their parents, godparents and sponsors who have helped and inspired these children in the ways of faith. Next Sunday will be a day for you as parents to rejoice and to thank God for these wonderful gifts that God has entrusted to you – your children.

I wish the Confirmandi – Isla, Rachel, Alex, Sinead, Oran, Ciara, Shannon, Conall, Luke, Pearse, Declan and Leah every blessing on this very special and sacred day in their lives.

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