



## **Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Pope Francis has invited Bishops around the world to establish a special day of prayer in the Church year to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery. This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones. Within Down and Connor to mark this important event mass will be celebrated on

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March in Saint Patrick's Church, Donegal Street, Belfast at 1:00pm** to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church. At this mass the Candle of Atonement will be lit. You are invited to attend this important Diocesan event. If you cannot attend in person, you are more than welcome to join virtually, via webcam at St Patrick's Church Services Webcam. In addition, all parishes are invited to organise their own service or moment of prayer and include a prayer for victims. Prayers of the Faith during Masses over the weekend of **8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March** should reflect this time of prayer for victims and survivors and their journey of human and spiritual recovery.

### **A RADICAL WELCOME:**

Intercultural living & the future of religious life. Saturday, 08 March 2025 from 9.30am - 4.30pm (registration 9.00am), £43 / €50 (inclusive of lunch & tea/coffee breaks).

**Singer-songwriter Dana** will sing **Our Lady of Knock, and her new songs for St Patrick (Light The Fire) and St Brigid** at a special evening at **The Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, on Friday March 14 at 7:30**. Dana will also share stories of her life and faith journey, and perform the songs which brought her around the world including her Eurovision hit, *All Kinds of Everything*. Tickets are £20 and can be obtained from Eventbrite. More information from The Saint Patrick Centre 02844 619000.

### **Sharing Christ Course in Lent Promotion**

Sharing Christ - A seven-week mission that will train parishioners in our Community of Parishes to share Jesus Christ with others and invite them to be part of the Church. The mission will run on six Tuesday nights in Lent (starting 4 March) with a retreat day on Sat 12 April. Venue - Parochial House Downpatrick, Time: 7.15 pm. To register or for further information call Mary on 028 4461 2084. See your parish bulletin and social media platforms for further details.

**Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025:** Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9/10 – 15th/16th July. 5 & 7 Night options available. Please visit [www.downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes) for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) Youth Team (9-16th July): applications now open (see website for details)”

### **Fully Escorted Pilgrimage**

17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 7 Nights flying from Dublin to Bari.

SHRINES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO, LORETO, ASSISI and CASCIA

Including visits to the Tombs of Blessed Carlo Acutis, St Francis, St Clare and St Pio.

Visit the first Eucharistic Miracle of the Catholic Church in Lanciano and the Holy House of Nazareth in Loreto, plus much more.

Comprehensive Travel insurance is EXTRA.

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Single room supplement is £350.00 EXTRA.

Spiritual Director: Fr Ciaran Dallat,

£300.00 deposit secures a seat!

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