

# Parish of Blaris

Sunday 23rd February 2025  
The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.'*

*Luke 6:36*

## ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

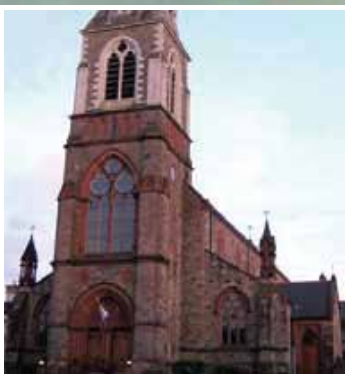
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**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm**

**Sunday: 10.00am & 12 noon**

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon**

**Ps 12:6**

**All:** O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful  
with me.

## GREETING

**Priest:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen

**Priest:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

**Priest:** Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred  
mysteries.

**Priest:** Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**All:** For we have sinned against you.

**Priest:** Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**All:** And grant us your salvation.

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** Amen

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

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Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

## GLORIA

**All:** Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the  
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## THE COLLECT

**Priest:** Let us pray.

*Pause for silent prayer*

**Priest:** Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, always pondering spiritual things,  
we may carry out in both word and deed

that which is pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Congregation Sits*

### FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph,  
accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to  
search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way  
towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the  
camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with  
Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your  
enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground  
with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike  
him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who  
can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without  
guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from  
beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one  
knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep  
from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top  
of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space  
between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear.  
Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord  
repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the  
Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand  
against the Lord's anointed.'

**All:** The word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R v.8

**(R)** The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **(R)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R)**
3. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R)**
4. As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul;  
but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first  
the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one  
with the spirit. The first man, being from earth, is earthly by  
nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man  
was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we  
in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly

man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

**All:** The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation stands*

### ACCLAMATION

**Cf. Acts 16:14**

**All:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** A reading from the holy  
Gospel according to Luke

**6:27-38**

**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

**All:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Congregation sits*

## HOMILY

*Congregation stands*

## THE CREED

**All:** **I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the  
Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,**

*(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')*

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

*Congregation sits*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

*The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body and blood are brought to the altar.*

*The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:*

**Priest:** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**All:** **Blessed be God for ever.**

*The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

**Priest:** By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*The celebrant then raises the chalice above the altar and says:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**All:** **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:*

**Priest:** With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

*Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:*

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All:** **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Priest:** As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

*Congregation stands*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** **It is right and just.**

### PREFACE (II in Ordinary Time)

**Priest:** It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For out of compassion for the waywardness that is ours, he humbled himself and was born of the Virgin; by the passion of the Cross he freed us from unending death, and by rising from the dead he gave us life eternal.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

### ACCLAMATION

**All:** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Congregation kneels*

**Priest:** You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and + Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread,

and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR  
MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

**Priest:** The mystery of faith.

**All:** **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

**Priest:** Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs with Saint Patrick and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and N. our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world. To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

**Priest:** Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

**All:** **Amen.**

*Congregation stands*

## THE COMMUNION RITE

**Priest:** At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

**All:** **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** **For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours now and for ever.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our  
Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who  
receive it.

**All:** **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world, grant us peace.**

*Congregation kneels*

*The celebrant says quietly:*

May the receiving of your Body and Blood,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
not bring me to judgment and condemnation,  
but through your loving mercy  
be for me protection in mind and body  
and a healing remedy.

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes  
away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called  
to the supper of the Lamb.

**All:** **Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

**Priest:** May the Body of Christ  
keep me safe for eternal life.

**Priest:** May the Blood of Christ  
keep me safe for eternal life.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 9:2-3

**All:** **I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**

*Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:*

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord,  
may we possess in purity of heart,  
that what has been given to us in time  
may be our healing for eternity.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Congregation kneels*

**Priest:** Let us pray.  
Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that we may experience the effects of the salvation  
which is pledged to us by these mysteries.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** May God bless you with every heavenly blessing,  
make you always holy and pure in his sight,  
pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his glory,  
and teach you with the words of truth;  
may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation,  
and ever endow you with fraternal charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**All:** **Amen**

*Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the people, says:*

**Priest:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**



We remember our dead:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Joe (Jonjoe) Bradley (Banbridge, formerly Lisburn: Brian O'Neill.

**MONTH'S MIND:** Rose Spence.

**1ST ANNIVERSARY:** Joan Connaghan.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Alison Slater: Katie Jamieson: Joseph & Sean O'Kane: Rosetta Walsh: Arthur O'Reilly: Patrick & Esther McLarnon: Kenny Murdock: Hugh & Kathleen Rooney: Bridie Burns: Ann Dorrian.

### THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled In our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us Into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally. May that grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



### DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE - MARCH 7TH, 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 7th March in Saint Patrick's Church, Donegall 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.

If you cannot attend in person view virtually by webcam - [www.stpatricksbelfast.org](http://www.stpatricksbelfast.org)



### POPE FRANCIS TWEETS:

Let us ask the Lord to make our hearts humble and receptive to hear His Word and the cry of our brothers and sisters. May we recognise His presence in the weaknesses and wounds of our world.

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:** Rota (March/April, inclusive) is available for collection in Sacristy.

A big thank you to all those who so willingly give their time to the internal maintenance and cleaning of our church.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our P.7 children from **ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday morning. Grateful thanks to the teachers and parents who helped prepare the children for the Sacrament.

We pray for the children from **ST. ALOYSIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL** who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 28th February at 10.00am.



**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 10.00AM MASS ON FRIDAY MORNING 28TH FEBRUARY.**

Children from **NON-PARISH SCHOOLS (INCUDING DOWNSHIRE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL)** will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, 4th March at 6.00pm.

### ANNIVERSARY & MONTHS MIND NOTICES

Requests for Anniversaries and Month's Mind notices should be left into the Parish Office or Post Box on or before **12 noon on Monday** if they are to be included in the weekend Bulletin.

**GUITAR SHOWCASE:** Four classical guitarists will play a mix of solos and duets.

**PASTORAL CENTRE 9th MARCH at 4.30 – 6.00pm.** Suggested donation of £10 in aid of SVP.



### SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

We remember in our prayers children from Non-Parish Schools (including Downshire integrated School) who will receive First Reconciliation (Confessions) on Monday 24th February at 6pm.

### OFFERTORY PROMISE CONTRIBUTIONS

Next month we will be distributing our **PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** for the new tax year. If you are not already receiving a box of Offertory Envelopes and would like to, please contact Maria in Parish Office. Many parishioners have availed of a simple **STANDING ORDER** option of donating to the parish. If you would like to set this up instead, please find forms in church porch or call-in to parish office. Please complete and return Form A to Parish Office or place it in the Offertory Collection basket at Sunday Mass. Form B to be submitted to Bank – alternatively, you can arrange a transfer verbally with your bank. We appreciate the continued generosity of all those who regularly contribute towards the upkeep of the parish.

### DOWN & CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage.

5 nights (10-15 July). Hotel £859

5 nights (10-15 July) Accueil Notre Dame (for Pilgrims requiring care) £729

7 nights (9-16 July) Hotel – £972. Youth Team (9-16 July) £760

Prices are per person sharing, additional charges may apply.

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.

### BE KIND

Kindness is a gift you can give to anyone,  
A smile will brighten someone's day,  
Little words of encouragement,  
An extended hand to help them on their way.  
Really listen to those you meet, sympathise,  
Forget yourself, don't count the cost,  
Go when and where you are needed.  
Remember the greatest kindness of all...The Cross.

### FREE CONCERT – ST PATRICK'S PASTORAL CENTRE, SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2025, 3PM

#### NI Suzuki Students with the South Ulster Sinfonai.

The SUS joins forces again with NI Suzuki method to showcase their amazing talent. The programme includes music from Bach to Disney. Conductor: Philip Walton. Leader: Fionnuala Toman. Suzuki Lead: Keri Cassidy Taylor

### ST PATRICK'S PASTORAL CENTRE

#### ABBA SENSATIONS

Saturday 29th March 2025

Doors open 8pm. Show 9pm. B.Y.O

Tickets £15 now available from Centre.

### EXTRACT OF LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM MEDICAL MISSIONARIES OF MARY IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MISSIONARY APPEAL

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MEDICAL MISSIONARIES OF MARY AND MOTHER MARY MARTIN HOSPITAL, BENIN CITY, NIGERIA

The Mary Martin Hospital is situated at Benin City, Nigeria, West Africa. The facility is administered by the Medical Missionaries of Mary Sisters. Evolving needs assessed led to the establishment of the Facility to attend to the unmet health needs in the locality. It was set up as a homebased and mobile outreach clinic working in 5 Local Government Areas, providing preventative, curative & rehabilitative care, elderly care, palliative care, maternal and child health, health education and awareness raising through sensitization. It has a strong collaboration with MOH, local government, community leaders and education boards. The Hospital has a geographical link with Teaching Hospital and University of Benin. As such, 40% of the local population is made up from these 2 institutions (students, academics, medical and paramedical staff). The remaining 60% of people are socioeconomically vulnerable, they lack affordable access to health services; of these 10% are children under 5 yrs, 12% are young people vulnerable to rape and abuse, 22% are women of childbearing age.



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