

# Parish of Blaris

Sunday 29th June 2025

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

## ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Masses Monday – Friday 10.00am

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

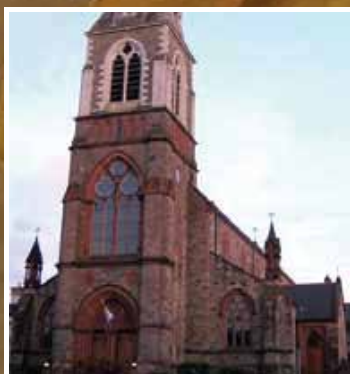
Sunday: 10.00am & 12 noon

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*"Jesus said: 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven'."*

*Matthew 16:18-19*



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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Congregation stands*

**Entrance Hymn or  
Entrance Antiphon**

**All:** These are the ones who, living in the flesh,  
planted the Church with their blood;  
they drank the chalice of the Lord  
and became the friends of God.

## 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:** Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you gave yourself to heal us and bring  
us strength:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All:** **Amen**

## 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:** O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter  
and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day,

grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things  
follow the teaching of those through whom she  
received the beginnings of right religion.  
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 Acts of the Apostles

12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the  
Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he  
saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as  
well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he  
put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each  
to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after  
the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard  
the Church prayed to God for him unremittently.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was  
sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains,  
while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison.  
Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell  
was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke  
him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his  
hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.'  
After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak  
round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no  
idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he  
thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two  
guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate  
leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went  
through it and had walked the whole length of one street  
when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter  
came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord  
really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and  
from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen  
to me.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-9. R v.5

**(R) From all my terrors the Lord set me free.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R)**

2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R)**

3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R)**

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

4:6-8. 17-18



My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation stands*

### ACCLAMATION

**Mt 16:18**

**All: Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.**  
**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

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

**All: And with your spirit.**

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

**16:13-19**

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

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: 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:** May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord, accompany the sacrificial gift that we present to your name for consideration, and may their intercession make us devoted to you in celebration of the sacrifice. 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 (The Twofold Mission of Peter and Paul in the Church)

**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.

For by your providence the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul bring us joy: Peter, foremost in confessing the faith, Paul, its outstanding preacher, Peter, who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel, Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles that you call.

And so, each in a different way gathered together the one family of Christ; and revered together throughout the world, they share one Martyr's crown.

And therefore, with all the Angels and Saints, we praise you, 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, once more giving thanks, he gave it 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:** **My Lord and my God.**

**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 Leo 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 Cf. Mt 16:16. 18

**All:** **Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of  
the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter,  
and upon this rock I will build my Church.**

*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 us, O Lord, who have been renewed by this  
Sacrament, so to live in the Church,  
that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread  
and in the teaching of the Apostles,  
we may be one heart and one soul,  
made steadfast in your love.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.  
**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** May almighty God bless you,  
for he has made you steadfast in Saint Peter's saving  
confession and through it has set you on the solid  
rock of the Church's faith.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** And having instructed you  
by the tireless preaching of Saint Paul,  
may God teach you constantly by his example  
to win brothers and sisters for Christ.

**All:** **Amen**

**Priest:** So that by the keys of St Peter and the words of  
St Paul, and by the support of their intercession,  
God may bring us happily to that homeland  
that Peter attained on a cross  
and Paul by the blade of a sword.

**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 forth, the Mass is ended.  
**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

### SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Today we celebrate the twin founders of the Church in Rome.

St. Peter, originally called Simon, a fisherman who became leader of the apostles and the rock on which the Church is built, died by crucifixion in Rome around the year 64,

St. Paul, Saul the Pharisee who became the 'Apostle of the Gentiles', was martyred by beheading around 67.

Both proclaim with their lives that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Tuesday 1st July** - St Oliver Plunkett, bishop and martyr

**Thursday 3 July** – St Thomas, Apostle



We remember our beloved dead:-

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jim Creaney: Una Lawton

**1ST ANNIVERSARY:** Una Greenan

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sinead Jordan: Eileen McKeown: Martin Hale: Sarah (Sadie) Kerr: Kerry Kirby:

John Blaney: Desmond & Teresa Dodd: May McAfee: Dymphna McKeown: Mary Hull:

Sarah & James Duffy: Kathleen Hickey: Ellen Agnes & Pat Hughes: Eileen McCaughan: Thomas Burns.

The Jubilee Year of Hope is a time for pilgrimage and renewal. Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Jim Deeds will lead the **THREE-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG**. Date: 4th – 6th July 2025. The bus will depart from St Patrick's Church Donegall Street. Cost £100. Places are limited early booking advised. To book contact Claire on 02890690920 or email [pathwaytothefuture@downandconnor.org](mailto:pathwaytothefuture@downandconnor.org)

### NATIONAL CENACLE OF THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS & LAITY

Venue: Knock, for one day. Date: 2nd August 2025. Cost: £75.

Bus departure times: St. Patrick's, Lisburn 7.00am.

First stop: Breakfast - Killyhevlin Hotel (1 hour break)

**KNOCK CEREMONIES 12.00 – 5.00PM.**

Return stop: Dinner, Killhevlin Hotel, (1 hour break). Arrival home approx. 11pm.

To book contact Anne, tel. 028 9267 0152 (after 6pm).

### THE IRISH BISHOP' CONFERENCE HAS REQUESTED THAT A COLLECTION BE TAKEN UP IN ALL PARISHES FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES THIS WEEKEND. EXTRACT OF LETTER TO ALL BISHOPS-

'The Council for Migrants, Refugees and Justice and Peace is inviting each diocese to consider taking up an annual collection in support of migrant people, whether they are coming to Ireland or indeed those Irish who have left these shores and are still very much part of our church and communities around the world. Funds raised through this collection will be used to support the work of the Council and other projects that provide pastoral outreach to marginalised and vulnerable communities within Ireland and among Irish people abroad'.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, come on an authentic **ST PATRICK'S WAY** pilgrimage experience in Downpatrick on 5 July or 9 August, led by pilgrim guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly. Visit The Saint Patrick Centre & see the fabulous IMAX film, receive your pilgrim passport on a 6 mile walk with guides to Inch Abbey and Saul Church & St Patrick's grave. Pilgrim Lunch at Saul Barn and bus transfers included £50 pp. (9am-3pm approx). More information contact the Centre 028 4461 9000 or book online [www.saintpatrickcentre.com/experiences/](http://www.saintpatrickcentre.com/experiences/)

### SUMMER SINGING COURSE: 7-11 JULY 2025

5-day singing course for young people who want to improve their singing voice and musical skills. For young people aged 8-18. Venue: St Paul's Parish Centre, Belfast. End of week showcase: St Peter's Cathedral.

Optional extra sessions for singers studying GSCE and A Level Music performance.

£75 for 5-day course. Book by 31st May for discount -£50 for 5-day course. Scholarships available on request.

For more information or to apply, please contact [cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org](mailto:cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org)

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All Eucharistic Ministers are invited to an important meeting in Pastoral Centre on Monday 30th June at 7.00pm.

### SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Parents of children attending non-Catholic schools who wish to have their child prepared for any of the above Sacraments 2026 are asked to contact the Parish Office to register – 028 92 660206.

### BULLETIN NOTICES AND ANNIVERSARIES

Bulletin Notices should be with the Parish Office by 12 noon on Monday to be included in the weekend bulletin.

**Please note all emails to Parish Office should be addressed to – [lisburn@downandconnor.org](mailto:lisburn@downandconnor.org)**



**ALL-IRELAND RALLY FOR LIFE** takes place in Dublin on Saturday 5 July. Make a stand to protect Ireland's unborn babies. Coaches will be travelling from towns across Northern Ireland. To book your seat contact 02890278484/ 07592280522 or email [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

**DEACONS.** Those who are discerning a vocation to the permanent diaconate are encouraged to make contact with the Diocesan Director for the Permanent Diaconate, Rev Brett Lockhart on [b.lockhart@downandconnor.org](mailto:b.lockhart@downandconnor.org)

#### DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

A church door collection will be taken up after all Masses **NEXT WEEKEND** to allow us to subsidise the fares of vulnerable pilgrims and their carers as well as providing materials and defraying administrative support costs. Please be assured that our Diocesan family is remembered in prayer each day of our pilgrimage.

**CATECHESIS IN A SYNODAL CHURCH:** 1 – 3 July, Summer Institute at Tobar Mhuire. Registration £90 per person. Accommodation available on request. More info/ to register email [secretary@tobarmhuire.com](mailto:secretary@tobarmhuire.com) or 028 4483 0242

**NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE 2025 AT KNOCK SHRINE.** Celebrating the world day for grandparents & the elderly. Theme 'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (cf. Sir 14,2) Sunday 27 July Knock Shrine. More information Tel +353(0)94 938 8100 or [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie). Watch online at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch)

#### LORD, HELP ME TO USE YOUR GIFTS

*'To each individual the Spirit is given for some particular purpose'. (1 Cor 12/7)*

Lord, giver of gifts, help me to appreciate the gifts you have given me, and to use them.  
Rather than keep them wrapped up in paper, pushed into some drawer of my hidden self.  
Help me to see that even in everyday life I can use your gifts in many different ways.

When I smile, I can show your gift of joy.

When I listen, I can practice your gift of wisdom.

When I wait, I can use your gift of patience;

When I am irritable, I can use your gift of kindness,  
Lord, help me to use your gifts more and more!

LIVE

**BREAKING NEWS**

**Due to cancellations,  
4 seats are now available for  
the 5-Night Pilgrimage**

Seats will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis

Information and application forms are available at  
[www.downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes)  
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