

**DOWN 1**

Newcastle  
Lower Mourne  
Upper Mourne  
(Kilkeel)

**DOWN 2**

Castlewellan  
Drumaroad &  
Clanvaraghan  
Dundrum &  
Tyrella  
Kilcoo  
Loughinisland

**DOWN 3**

Downpatrick  
Dunsford &  
Ardglass  
Bright  
(Killough)  
Saul & Ballee  
Kilclief  
(Strangford)

**DOWN 4**

Crossgar  
(Kilmore)  
Killyleagh  
Drumbo &  
Carryduff  
Saintfield &  
Carrickmannon

**DOWN 5**

Newtownards  
& Comber  
Kircubbin  
(Ardkeen)  
Ballygalget  
Portaferry

**DOWN 6**

Holywood  
Bangor

**CONNOR 7**

Lisburn Blaris  
Glenavy &  
Killead  
Aghagallen  
& Ballinderry

**CONNOR 8**

Antrim  
Randalstown  
Duneane

**CONNOR 9**

Larne  
Ballyclare  
Carnlough  
Glenarm

**CONNOR 10**

Ballymena  
(Kirkinriola)  
Ahoghill  
Portglenone

**CONNOR 11**

Cushendall  
Cushendun  
Glenravel &  
Braid  
Glenariffe

**CONNOR 12**

Arroy  
Ballycastle  
Ballintoy  
Culfeightrin

**CONNOR 13**

Coleraine  
Portstewart  
Portrush  
Ballymoney

**CONNOR 14**

Loughguile  
Dunloy &  
Cloughmills  
Rasharkin

**BELFAST 15**

Holy Family  
St Gerard's  
Greencastle

**BELFAST 16**

Carrickfergus  
St Mary's on  
the Hill  
St James  
Whitehouse

**BELFAST 17**

Sacred Heart  
Holy Cross  
St Vincent de  
Paul

**BELFAST 18**

St Patrick's  
St Peter's  
St Mary's  
St Malachy's

**BELFAST 19**

St Paul's  
St John's  
Corpus Christi

**BELFAST 20**

St Agnes  
St Michael the  
Archangel  
Hannahstown  
St Oliver  
Plunkett

**BELFAST 21**

Derrigagh  
Christ the  
Redeemer  
Our Lady  
Queen of  
Peace  
St Luke's  
Nativity

**BELFAST 22**

St Colmcille's  
St Matthew's  
St Anthony's

**BELFAST 23**

Holy Rosary  
St Bernadette's

**BELFAST 24**

St Brigid's  
St Anne's

**BELFAST 25**

Holy Trinity  
St Teresa's



**Be part of the conversation ...**

Contact your local Parish Office for details of meetings and events in your local area.



## **Pathways to the Future**

**Prayer, Sharing, Listening, Discerning**

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# *'Voices of Hope'*

Pastoral Letter from Most Rev. Donal McKeown D.D.,

**5<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

St Paul, writing to guide, strengthen and support the growing Christian community in Ephesus, encouraged them all to reflect together on the nature of the Church, its various ministries and gifts, and to creatively consider how every individual could play their essential, unique and important part to grow and build up the Body of Christ.

'Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.'

**(Eph. 4: 15-16)**

These prophetic words of St Paul take on added significance for us, the followers of Jesus within the Diocese of Down and Connor, as we continue our synodal journey of discernment to identify and meet the ever changing sacramental and pastoral needs of parishioners and society in our time.

In the weeks that follow, the *Pathways to the Future* initiative, which seeks to examine the mission, structures and priorities of the Diocese of Down and Connor for the years ahead, will come into new focus with the organisation of a series of parochial information and consultation sessions across the diocese and I would encourage you all to take this opportunity to share your personal hopes and dreams for the local Church.

Confronting this new reality will necessarily involve words to disturb the comfortable as we explore the restructuring of parishes, the development of new ministries and consider new ways to meet the increasing pastoral and sacramental needs. Change will be inevitable.

At the same time, it is also important to speak words that will bring comfort to the disturbed. The Church will continue to support the faith development of all and provide for the needs of parishioners in the abiding Truth that God is with his people.

This is an exciting time to be Church in Down and Connor and in the world. The world faces many challenges - poverty, climatic change and the threat of war. Now, as in Jesus' time, many people are harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd (Mt 9:36).

In the weeks and months ahead, I encourage you all to engage in the Christian dialogue and conversations that will be organised by the ***Pathways to the Future*** as we seek together to listen to one another, to embrace the truth in love and to discern new ways to be ministers of mercy in our day. I also encourage you to pay attention to the Signs of our Times and the concerns of our world so that we can truly be missionary voices of hope to all.

The Church needs to hear your voice. The Church needs each person to speak the truth in love. We need to embrace the challenges and we need voices of hope. Share your dreams and aspirations, your cares and concerns. Let us embark on our diocesan ***Pathways to the Future*** with realism, joy and hope and may God bless us all on our journey together.



Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Down and Connor

