

Holy Land Pilgrimage:

This unforgettable experience, our pilgrimage journey will follow in the footsteps of Jesus, starting in Bethlehem, then onward to Galilee and ending in Jerusalem. Whilst in Bethlehem for two nights, we will celebrate our opening Mass near the nativity site of our Lord and include visits to Jericho, Ain Karem (the birthplace of John the Baptist) and the dead sea for some relaxation time. We will stay at the Sea of Galilee for three nights, visiting Capernaum, the fishing village which became the centre of our Lord's ministry, alongside other places associated with events in the Gospel including the Mt of Beatitudes, Mt Tabor, Cana & Nazareth. Picture yourself sailing in a boat like the disciples of the Sea of Galilee ("and Jesus said to them, follow me and I will make you become fishers of men", Mark 1:17). During our three nights in Jerusalem, we will retrace Jesus' footsteps from Bethany to Gethsemane, and along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We will celebrate Holy Mass near the empty tomb where Jesus rose from the dead ("He is not here, he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay", Matthew 26:6) I hope many of you will want to join me on this unique spiritual journey through the lands of the Bible. by praying together and reading from the Scriptures in the various places where it happened, you will get a closer look at the life of Jesus Christ and His mission of redemption At the end of this tour, two things will most certainly be changed, you – and your understanding of the Bible! I very much look forward to making this pilgrimage together. Very Rev. Fr. John Murray A full itinerary is available from our Website, Parish Face book, Parish App and from the Parish Office – Our Anam Cara Travel Escort, Damian has worked very hard to secure and 'lock down' a price given the uncertainty in pricing etc because of Brexit. Please note, the increased price is also due to it being an eight night trip. The cost is Half Board and includes gratuities, private coach transfers,, four star hotel, entrance fees for the various excursions etc. Cost £1540 pp sharing. If you registered and interest, we would ask that you contact the parish office with a deposit of £200 to secure your place. A booking form is available from the Parish Office. To Book or if you have any queries, contact Mary 44612084 or email us at downpatrick@downandconnor.org