

FAITH MATTERS

LENT

Lent begins on **next Wednesday 14th February**. Mass will be at 7.15am, 9.30am and 7.00pm.

Morning Masses during Lent in St Colmcilles, will be at 7.15am and 9.30am.



A JOURNEY IN FAITH



If you — need a deeper understanding of your Catholic faith / are seeking to return to celebrating your faith / would like to explore and enquire into the Catholic faith with a view possibly of Baptism... please come along to the Gartan Room, Parochial Hall **this Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm**, to take the next step with others, where you may find example, encouragement and inspiration to help you along on your journey of exploration. Enquiries to Noeleen 07879 498131

SHALOM WORLD TV

Using your mobile phone, tablet or computer, log on to the parish website page, www.st-colmcilles.net and click on the link in the bottom right hand corner, to Shalom World TV. Shalom World is a new Catholic family television network.

You can access the live feed and hundreds of videos on demand, of Spirit-filled, virtue building content. This is a free resource which will enrich your faith.



DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND

Is God calling you from your family to serve His family? Have you ever asked Jesus what he wants from you? Perhaps He wants you to serve as a priest in His Church. This retreat weekend will create the time and space to help you reflect on what vocation Jesus is calling you to.

The retreat will take place in Drumalis Retreat Centre, from **this Friday 16th – Sunday 18th February**. If you wish to attend this retreat or would like further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien, 23 Hannahstown Hill, Belfast, BT17 0LT (02890614567) Email: k.mcguickien@downandconnor.org.



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

4th February 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Very Rev Tony Fitzsimons PP and Rev Vincent Cushnahan CC
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Entrance Antiphon	O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.
Psalm	Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 29-39

'Jesus took her by the hand'. We sometimes come to Mass poor, sick and troubled, much like the people who crowd around the door of Jesus in today's gospel. In this Mass let us express our needs to Jesus. Let us ask him to take us by the hand and help us as he helped Simon's mother-in-law. Then, with our spirits uplifted, we will go out from Mass with a renewed desire to share God's love with others. It strikes the right approach, to the intimacy offered by the presence of Jesus in the gospel story, and for that matter, in every gospel story; and how we need to respond to that offer of intimacy. After this healing, everyone was looking for Jesus. His response was to go to a lonely place and pray. What was his prayer, we do not know, but we can sense it in the response he gave to his disciples, when he invited them to go with Him to the neighbouring towns to preach to the people, as that was why he came, he said. He felt the hunger in the hearts of the people, not just their desire for cures of their bodily diseases, but for something that touches the heart and enlivens it. Is that my hunger too? Can I allow Jesus' presence and heartfelt teaching to touch my heart too? 'Jesus took her hand!' Intimacy and care is right throughout this gospel story. What is my response?

Reading: Sunday : Cycle B ; p 709, 452, 499

Weekdays: Cycle 2, 5th week in Ordinary Time, Psalter Week 1

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9.30am, 11.30am.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday — Friday: 9.30am

Mass Intentions: Saturday 6.30pm: Danny Barclay
Sunday 11.30am: Bridgeen Trainor

Confession : Saturday 6.00pm

Chapel of Adoration: Monday and Tuesday 2.00pm—9.00pm

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of all those who have died recently, especially Maureen Cochrane. Also a former parishioner, Tony Hirrell, whose funeral will take place in St Colmcille's Holywood, this Wednesday at 10.30am.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially : Danny Barclay, Fr Henry Casey, Michael McHugh, Vincent Meenahan, James Tansey, Bridgeen Trainor.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT— Tel: 07456 989458

MONEY MATTERS

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collections.

The Monthly Stipend will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline is each Wednesday at noon. Please drop a note to the Bulletin Box in the Church porch, or email the office. The parish email address can be found on the front of this bulletin. Many thanks for your help.

PARISH COMMUNITY

CONFIRMATION

The sacrament of Confirmation will be on **Sunday 25th February** at the 11.30am Mass.

APOSTOLIC WORK

The next meeting of Apostolic Work will be held in the Iona Room on **this Tuesday 6th February at 8.00pm**. We need new members. We do not knit and sew so please do not stay away because of old images of Apostolic Workers! Please come along to one of our meetings. Even if you do not want to join us but would like to lend a hand at our fund-raising events please let any member know. We are always glad of the extra hands.

GRANDPARENTS GROUP

A group of Grandparents in the parish have met for mutual support and prayer for their children and grandchildren. The group will resume meeting on **Tuesday 20th February at 10.00am** in the Iona Room, Parochial Hall. Please come... all welcome.

NEW TO PARISH

If you have recently moved into St Colmcille's, you are very welcome to our parish community. Please pick up a **Welcome Pack**, from one of the Welcome Team at the desk in the Church porch, before or after the weekend Masses. It contains a gift for you along with parish information.



Parishioners who have not yet completed a registration card for the parish, or who have moved address within the parish, please also complete a card that you will find in the stand next to the Bulletin Box in the Church porch. Please return to the Bulletin Box, or later to the post box at the Parochial House. In this way we are able to keep you up to date with activities and events in our parish

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2018

Have you got your copy yet? It is available at the back of the Church to buy, price £4. Please put money in the boxes in the wall next to the candelabra.

ST JOSEPH'S PTA

The PTA of St Josephs would like to say a big thank you to all the parishioners who came to the Cake Sale after Mass last Sunday. The sale raised £460 and all proceeds go to the school.