

PARISH COMMUNITY

ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH DRAW

Don't worry if you feel you missed out last year... this year's Parish Draw is being launched – **this Saturday 3rd March & Sunday 4th March.**

Committee members will be at the back of the Church, on Saturday night and on Sunday, after all the Masses. There will be free Tea & Coffee available in the Parochial Hall. Please show your support to the Parish by purchasing a ticket or two! Any queries please contact – Róisín McMullan on 07854 140019, Lucy Traynor on 07900 807589 or Mary Walsh on 07815 493463.



APOSTOLIC WORK MEETING

The March monthly meeting will be held in the Iona room at **8.00pm on Tuesday 6th March.** New members are needed. An invitation is extended to everyone, not only members of Apostolic Work, to take part in our annual retreat at Tobhair Mhuire, Crossgar, on **Sunday 26th March.** Registration is at 9.30am and the day is concluded after Holy Mass at 4.30pm. Morning coffee/tea and lunch are included in the cost of £25. If anyone would like to attend please let Patricia White, or any member of Apostolic Work, know **by next Sunday 11th March.**

APOSTOLIC WORK LENTEN LUNCH

Thanks to all who supported this event on February 18th and to those who contributed to our Church door collection. We appreciate the help of the youth group who put out the furniture for the event. We raised over £1100 for the Missions, thus benefitting the work of Missionaries and the lives of those whom they serve.

THE LARDER FOOD BANK

Our parish St Vincent DePaul Conference are collecting food and cleaning products for the Larder Food Bank during Lent. Particularly welcome are tinned meats, tinned fish, coffee, soap and shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, toilet tissue, and baby products, especially nappies.

Donations can be left in the boxes provided in the Church porch. Thank you for your continuing support.



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

4th March 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Very Rev Tony Fitzsimons PP and Rev Vincent Cushnahan CC
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Office open: Monday—Friday: 10.00am—12.30pm

Readings	Sunday : Cycle B ; pages 149, 452, 493 Weekdays: Cycle B, 3rd week of Lent, Psalter Week 3
Entrance Antiphon	My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.
Psalm	You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.
Gospel Acclamation	Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!!
Communion Antiphon	The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

GOSPEL: John 2: 13-25

The aim of the dramatic gesture in the courtyard of a Temple, is not to oppose the holding of a market in a holy place. Animals were necessary for pilgrims' Temple sacrifices. Money changers were essential to stop pagan images on foreign coins entering the more sacred areas of the Temple complex—by exchanging them for Temple currency. Jesus' act risks being labelled a rejection of things deeply important to pious Jews. In this light, his co-religionists' questions are unsurprising. The Jews remain mystified, but John's readers see later the old worship must give way to the new one begun in Jesus: since he is to become the New Temple, the old worship must now yield to the new.

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

Weekday Mass: Monday to Friday : 7.15am
Tuesday to Friday : 9.30am

Mass Intentions: Saturday 6.30pm: Maureen Bradshaw,
Bridie Donnelly.

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 **Bernie Doyle** whose month's mind occurs at this time.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially : **Maureen Bradshaw, Bridie Donnelly, Florence Fusco, CJ Joseph.**

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT- Tel: 07456 989458

MONEY MATTERS

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY: £1816.74

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES COLLECTION: £319.24

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collections.
The Monthly Stipend Collection will be taken up this weekend.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW YEAR

The new envelopes begin on **Sunday 8th April**. New boxes of envelopes, will be in the foyer of the Church this weekend. If you wish to contribute by Standing Order or by envelopes and do not do so currently, please speak to Philomena after any of the Masses this weekend or email her at finance@st-colmcilles.net



Would you be interested in exploring new ways to pray this Lent?

A programme of prayer will be presented to parishioners in March on **3 Tuesday evenings, repeated on 3 Friday mornings**. The sessions will be based around Lectio Divina and Visio Divina.

Lectio Divina, a Latin term, means 'divine reading' and describes a way of reading the scripture whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us.

Visio Divina shares its roots with Lectio Divina. It invites the viewer into 'divine seeing' when meditating on the image that is presented to the individual. With our culture becoming more and more visually oriented, an intentional way of praying with images is needed more than ever. Visio Divina invites us to a more contemplative place. It invites us to see all there is to see, exploring the entirety of the image. It invites us to see deeply beyond first and second impressions. It allows God, who is never limited or tied to any image, to speak to us through them.

The programme of prayer will take place in the Parochial Hall beginning on **this Tuesday 6th March at 7.30pm** and will be repeated on **Friday morning 9th March at 10.00am**.

Please indicate your interest by signing the sheet at the back of the Church.

TRÓCAIRE

"How much longer will you set on a victim, all together, intent on murder, like a rampart already leaning over, a wall already damaged?" Psalms 62:3
Today we pray for the people of Eastern Ghouta in Syria. Hundreds of innocent civilians have been killed in the bombing of the past two weeks including many children. Trócaire's partners continue to work on the ground in horrendous conditions. We pray for those who can resolve this crisis to find the political will to do so.
Please pick up a Trócaire Box pack in the Church porch. To find out more on Trócaire's work view : www.trocaire.org