

**Would you be interested in exploring
a new way to pray this Lent?**

Please come either **this Tuesday 13th March, 7.30pm** or **Friday 16th March 10.00am**



Final session to attend : Tuesday 20th March, 7.30pm, or Friday 23rd March 10.00am. The prayer will be based around scripture and art.

PARISH COMMUNITY

THE LARDER FOOD BANK

Our parish St Vincent DePaul Conference are collecting food and cleaning products for the Larder Food Bank during Lent. Donations can be left in the boxes provided in the Church porch. Thank you for your continuing support.



ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH DRAW

Don't worry if you missed out on buying your ticket last weekend. Committee members will be at the back of the Church after all Masses this weekend, or you can contact – Roisin McMullan on 07854 140019, Lucy Traynor on 07900 807589 or Mary Walsh on 07815 493463 to purchase a line or two.

LOUGH DERG

The annual parish one day retreat at Lough Derg, Co Donegal, will be on **Saturday 12th May**. Further details to follow.



CORRYMEELA LENTEN PILGRIMAGE WALK

Members of the Corrymeela Community have organised a Lent walk in East Belfast on **Thursday 22nd March**. The theme this year is "walking in the shoes of others".

Starting point is the "Big Fish" on Donegall Quay. From there we will cross the river to the Dock cafe for refreshments and a short talk before continuing through the Titanic Quarter to the Sam Thompson Bridge, Victoria Park, and the Connswater Greenway. We'll stop for lunch at St Christopher's Church on Mersey Street before continuing to CS Lewis Square where the walk ends.

The walk is led by St Colmcille's parishioner Brian McLoughlin and all are very welcome. If you're interested please contact Brian on 07738 292160



**PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE
BALLYHACKAMORE
11th March 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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Readings	Sunday : Cycle B ; pages 154, 452, 493 Weekdays: Cycle B, 4th week of Lent, Psalter Week 4
Entrance Antiphon	Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning: exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.
Psalm	O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!
Gospel Acclamation	Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you O Christ!
Communion Antiphon	Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL: John 3: 14-21

The story is in the book of Numbers, 12:4-9. In summary, when the people were bitten by poisonous snakes, Moses was instructed to make a sculpture of the snake, raise it on a stake, and those who looked on it were healed. A deeper and more lasting salvation will come with Jesus' 'lifting up'. This discourse looks ahead to the events of Holy Week. The words following this – 'God so loved the world...' may be the evangelist's own reflection. Similarly to the previous reading, they emphasize God's utter graciousness in dealing with people. Jesus as God's Son did not come into the world for condemnation but those who refuse to accept God's offer of love and forgiveness condemn themselves to the loss of that. This Gospel often uses stark words of opposition, as here between light-dark, trust in God and rejection of God. Not emphasized here, although elsewhere in the Gospel, is that God continues to reach out to sinners. The liturgy gives us for our mid-Lent reflection the idea that our goal is not to show how much we have done, but to recognize God's love and respond to it ever more fully in whatever ways God guides us in.

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: Sunday 9.30am: Kevin Crummy, Patrick Lennon
Sunday 11.30am: Patricia Foy , Sarah Kerr

St Patrick's Feast Day: Vigil Mass on this Friday 16th at 7.00pm;
Saturday 17th at 9.30am

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 **Ray Thompson, Patricia Foy, Sarah Kerr, & Helen MacBroom** who died recently.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially : **Patricia Clydesdale, Kevin Crummy, Teresa Deane, Maria Fusco, Margaret Kerr, Patrick Lennon, Paddy Macauley, Frank McManus, Maureen Murphy, Brian Trickett.**

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 07456 989458

MONEY MATTERS

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY: £1746.41

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collections. The Needy Parishes Collection will be taken up next 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

PARISH OUTREACH

The Outreach packs are now available for members of the Outreach Team, to pick up in the Church porch **this weekend**. An envelope for each home, will be delivered by the Outreach volunteers. It contains an Easter Card from Fr Tony and Fr Vincent, with details of all the Easter liturgies.

Six additional volunteers are needed please for the following areas: Old Mill/Coopers Mill; Wandsworth; Bethany St; Pasadena/Hillview; Gilnahirk Rd/Upper Braniel; Ascot Park/Knock Rd. Please see Noleen in the Church porch if you are able to take an Outreach pack to deliver.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Our first full training session for those wishing to be Minister to the Sick and Housebound runs from **7.00pm to 9.30pm on this Wednesday 14th March** in the Iona room. Tea/coffee and light refreshments will be served. Current Ministers to the Sick and Housebound are warmly invited to attend as a renewal of your commitment and to share your valuable experience with others. We hope you will continue to visit and take Holy Communion to those you now visit and if possible to commit to one or two new people.



Moya Gahan will speak to us at all Masses this weekend and with Peter Gahan will be in the foyer for further information after each Mass. This is your invitation to attend this training meeting. Our aim is to set out the goals of Ministers to the Sick and Housebound and to explain the role of volunteers. If you are undecided, please come along as there is time yet to consider committing to being a Minister to the Sick and Housebound.

TRÓCAIRE PRAYER POINT WEEK 4

Motherhood: All love begins and ends there” - Robert Browning.

This Mothering Sunday we pray for mothers across the developing world who strive to create a better future for their children. Mothers like those in Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Ethiopia where a hunger crisis still grips the land. Mothers there are doing without food so their children can have a little more to eat.

To find out more about Trócaire's Lenten campaign visit www.trocaire.org. Please pick up a Trócaire Box pack in the Church porch.