

SUMMER MADNESS

Young people aged between 14 and 18 years of age are invited to join our parish youth in the Summer Madness Christian Youth Camp at Glenarm Estate, from Friday 29th June to Tuesday 3rd July. Please come along to our preparation meeting **this Wednesday 1st May, 6.00pm - 7.30pm**. Enquiries to Noleen: 078 7949 8131.

EXAM BUDDIES

All students preparing for exams are invited to take an exam pack from the table in the Church porch and to place their name on the Exam Buddies notice board there. Parishioners are invited to place their name on the Prayer Sponsors board and then pray for the students over the exam period in May and June.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES TICKETS AND REGISTRATION

- Everyone who registers online to attend one or three days of the Pastoral Congress (**22-24 August**), is guaranteed to receive tickets for the **Festival of Families (Croke Park, Saturday 25th August)** and the **Final Mass (Phoenix Park, Sunday 26th August)**.
- Those who only wish to register for the Festival of Families or the Final Mass need to be aware that tickets will be limited subject to venue capacity and availability.
- To register online please go to www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration
- To enquire about accommodation please go to www.worldmeeting.ie/en/Ireland/Accommodation
- Alternatively call the national office – **00353 1690 9409**.
- If you have any other queries contact the Diocesan Office: family@downandconnor.org

SAVE LIVES, SAVE 8TH

Pro-life Rally in Dublin, **Saturday 12th May**. The Referendum is fast approaching so NOW is the time to play our part. A bus is being organised from Belfast. For further details contact Claire on 077 4067 7256 or www.loveboth.ie.

CROSSING BORDERS

Tuesday 15th May at 7.30pm in Stye Brae Centre, Gilnahirk Presbyterian

This evening is an opportunity to talk about borders, about Brexit, about our own border and the various forms of borders we construct between peoples. We presume that everyone attending will have a wide range of opinions and questions about how our wee part of the world is relating to the rest of this island, to Britain, to Europe and even beyond. There is no plan to come to any consensus nor even provide any answers. The discussion will use the biblical Book of Ruth as a starting point to help us discern how our biblical text can speak into the public square.. The conversation will be led by Glenn Jordan (Theologian and Blogger) and we would encourage you to come along and bring any friend or neighbour who is interested in our place in this world.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note items for the Parish Bulletin should be submitted no later than **Wednesday at 12 noon**. Thank you, Geraldine



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

29th April 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Very Rev Tony Fitzsimons PP and Rev Vincent Cushnahan CC
Phone - 02890 654157
Website: www.st-colmcilles.net
Email: stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stcolmcilleschurch
Office open this week: Monday— Friday: 9.30am to 1.30pm

Readings	Sunday: Cycle B Pages 345, 452, 495 Weekdays: 5th Week of Easter; Psalter Week 1
Entrance Antiphon	O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.
Psalm	You Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in Plenty, Alleluia!

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

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am

**Mass Intentions: Saturday 6.30pm: Julia Roddy
Mrs Goherty
Teresa Wilkinson**

Confession: Saturday: 6.00pm

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

DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the soul of those who have died recently.

We remember all those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially: Aurora Delluza, Mrs Goherty, Flo Graham, Vera Kelly, Molly McEvoy, Liam McGivern, Julia Roddy, Martin Rosaupan, Brendan Ronan Sharkie, Teresa Wilkinson and Seamus Wilkinson.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 07456 989458

PARISH OF ST. COLMCILLE'S

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For year ended 31st December 2017 with comparative figures for 2016

	Parish Income			Parish Expenditure	
	2017	2016		2017	2016
	£	£		£	£
Offertory Collection	101,057.91	102,375.74	Salaries	48,903.68	46,059.65
Gift aid	27,939.86	29,421.35	Heat and Light	6,874.02	8,341.76
Other Income	24,932.46	27,096.04	Insurance	9,985.40	9,939.99
Specific Donations	31,337.56	5,352.00	Repairs & Maintenance	66,216.95	33,719.15
Loan from Pre school	22,761.25	23,000.00	Provident Fund/Pastoral Services	18,079.00	17,977.00
Transferred from Solidarity	33,672.00		Other Expenditure	66,848.72	69,930.83
	<u>241,701.04</u>	<u>187,245.13</u>		<u>216,907.77</u>	<u>185,968.38</u>
Income - Expenditure	<u>24,793.27</u>	<u>1,276.75</u>			

MONEY MATTERS

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the collections. The monthly **Stipend Collection** will be taken up **next Sunday 6th May 2018**.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE—MARCH PARISH DRAW

The winners of the **1st Parish Draw 2018** are as follows: £100 – Eithne Daly (67), £75 – Joanne Wolfe (437), £25 – Claire Dowds (36). If you would like a paper copy of your numbers please speak to one of the committee members. It's still not too late to sign up to join the Parish Draw this year, tickets are £1 per month paid for the year up front. You can purchase as little as 1 ticket or as many tickets as you can afford. If you wish to join up please speak to Róisín McMullan on 078 5414 0019, Lucy Traynor on 079 0080 7589, Mary Walsh on 078 1549 3463 or any committee member or contact the Parish Office for further information.

Date for Diary: Annual Parish 'Steak 'n' Slider night is taking place on **Friday 8th June** in the Parochial Hall. Cost £15 per person. More details to follow.

APOSTOLIC WORK

The **next meeting of Apostolic Work** will be held in the **Iona Room this Tuesday 1st May at 8.00pm**. We need new members. 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.

Our next event is the **ANNUAL DISPLAY and SUMMER SALE on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th May**.

SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS AND INFORMATION SESSION

It is a mandatory requirement of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy that Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound attend a Safeguarding Awareness Raising and Information Session every three years. For those Ministers who do not fulfil this requirement, the Diocesan Safeguarding Office will facilitate a session for them on **Friday 11th May at 7.00 pm in the Iona Room**.

The interactive session will be facilitated by personnel from the Diocesan Safeguarding Office and will last ninety minutes. Your attendance will be recorded in the Diocesan Safeguarding Register of volunteers. Refreshments will be served.



LOUGH DERG

"I bind to myself this day the power of God to guide me."
Confession, St Patrick.

Come home to the love of God's family on Lough Derg, Co Donegal, to a sacred space where you can feel the energy of centuries of prayer. Join our

St. Colmcille's annual parish One Day Retreat on Saturday 12th May.

The day at Lough Derg offers a set programme of prayer and reflection and concludes with the celebration of Mass in St Patrick's Basilica. Please note footwear stays on! The cost is £38 per person which includes admission, transport, refreshments on arrival and lunch. The coach will leave the Church car park at **7.15am** and return at approximately **7.00pm**.

You may secure your place by writing your name on the list at the back of the Church. You may also leave a deposit in the Sacristy or Parish Office, if you wish. Final balance payable for all **by next Sunday 6th May**. Enquiries to Rosemary Cowan on 07923 246992 or Joan Rogan on 028 90 282015 or add your name to sheet at the back of the Church.