

CROSSING BORDERS

8.00pm this Tuesday 15th May in the **Stye Brae Centre at Gilnahirk Presbyterian Church**. This is an opportunity to talk about borders, Brexit, 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, Britain, Europe and even beyond. There is no plan to come to any consensus nor even provide any answers. We will use the 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 anyone who is interested in our place in this world will be welcome.



SACRED HEART NOVENA FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE

A National novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the protection of human life in Ireland starts **this Wednesday 16th May** and runs to **Thursday 24th May**, beginning in the Diocese of Down and Connor and visiting parishes across Ireland. Mass and Holy Hour **this Wednesday 16th May** in **St. Mary's Church, Chapel Lane, Belfast** at **1.00pm** and in **St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick** at **7.30pm** with Rosary and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus prayed daily by St. Padre Pio. All welcome. Further information at www.anteaghlachnaofa.ie If your parish or prayer group wishes to join the novena you can order novena booklets and prayer cards from info@anteaghlachnaofa.ie.



THE PRIESTS—UPCOMING EVENT

St Killian's College: The Friends of Garron Tower are pleased to announce that **'The Priests'** will perform in a Fund Raising concert, in aid of the refurbishment of the College Chapel, at Garron Tower on **Sunday 27th May at 6.30pm**. Tickets are priced at £30 and can be purchased by contacting the College on the following telephone number: 028 2888 5202. Seating is limited to 320 therefore ticket allocation will be on a first come first served basis.



CLONARD SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP Belfast 13th June—21st June 2018

We invite applications to volunteer as Eucharistic Ministers, stewards, car park attendants and church cleaners. Volunteer application forms are available from Clonard reception Tel: 028 9044 5950 or email reception@clonard.com. Applications need to be returned by no later than Friday, **1st June 2018** to allow for processing.



ST MALACHY'S BELFAST PRESENTS Marion Concert

To promote her new album, **"The Prayer"**, in *Saint Malachy's Church, Alfred Street Belfast*, on **Friday, 1st June 2018 @ 7.30pm**. Special guests include Arco String Quartet and Karl McGuckin. Ticket price £12, available online from www.marionjordan.com. Signed copies of the CD available post-concert.

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



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE BALLYHACKAMORE

13th May 2018

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Very Rev Tony Fitzsimons PP and Rev Vincent Cushnahan CC
Phone - 02890 654157
Website: www.st-colmcilles.net
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Office open this week: Monday— Friday: 9.30am to 1.30pm

Readings	Sunday: Cycle B Pages 353, 452, 498 Weekdays: St Matthias, Apostle. 7th Week of Easter. Psalter Week 3
Entrance Antiphon	Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.
Psalm	God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am

Confession: Saturday: 6.00pm

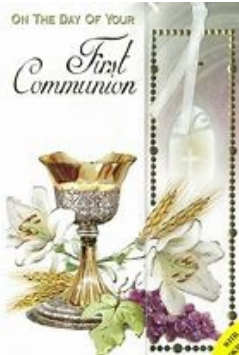
Chapel of Adoration: Monday and Tuesday 2.00pm—9.00pm

DECEASED

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

We remember all those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially:
Una Gallagher, Ted Gallagher, Sam Heath, Brian Cullen and Elsie Campbell.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 07456 989458



THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Sunday 13th May we celebrate with our **first group** of young people of the Parish who are receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the **11.30am Mass**. It is a special occasion and a day of great joy, not only for the boys and girls and their families, but it is also a joyous occasion for the whole of the Parish Community. Please pray for them on this special day.

Please continue to pray for our **second group** of boys and girls who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion **next Sunday 20th May** at **11.30am Mass**.



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

MONEY MATTERS

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

The collection for the **Education for the Diocesan Students to the Priesthood** will be taken up at all masses **next weekend**.

Student Prayer
for Exams



PRAYER FOR EXAMS

There will be prayer held for students doing exams in the **Chapel of Adoration** on **Wednesdays, 6.30pm - 7.30pm, during May and June**.

Please add names to the Exam Buddies board in the porch if you wish a student to be included in the prayers.

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.

DRUMBO AND CARRYDUFF PARISH

Fatima Devotions

Fatima Devotions starting this Sunday 13th May at **6:30pm** and will continue on the **13th of each month until 13th October**. Novena Devotions will include the Novena Prayer, the Rosary, a time for Adoration and Benediction.

SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER GROUP

Our **May** meeting will be held **this Tuesday 15th** in the **Committee Room**.

Reflections will be on the readings of Pentecost Sunday and Luke's Theology of the Holy Spirit.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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.

INVITATION

"WALKING TOGETHER AS FAMILIES TODAY"

Gathering in Preparation for the World Meeting of Families.

St Patrick's College, Maynooth, **19th—20th June 2018**.

Speakers, workshops, conversations, prayer, and much more, on a variety of topics relating to family life.

Registration: €15 (incl. lunch & teas/coffees).

Tickets available on www.eventbrite.ie (under "Walking Together as Families Today"). Further info: contact Aoife at specialevents@spcm.ie

Be part of it!



Living Church
DOWN & CONNOR

LIVING CHURCH DOWN & CONNOR LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE

The **sixth** Living Church Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage will take place this year from **Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July 2018**. The pilgrimage will be the traditional three day format. Those who took part in the pilgrimage over the last few years spoke of the many blessings they received from being on the island of Lough Derg, as countless people have throughout the years. There is quietness and deep spirituality to be found there that is very special. Please consider coming along.

The cost of the pilgrimage is **£65**.

We are now offering two departure points Belfast and Ballycastle.

For details of travel arrangements and to book a place please call the **Living Church Office** on **02890 690920** or email livingchurch@downandconnor.org by **Friday 15th June**.