

FAITH MATTERS

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 31st January 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.



ST BRIGID'S DAY LECTURE

St. Brigid's Day Lecture by Fr. Paul Murray O.P. : "Anxious Hearts and Wounded Lives: The Place of the New Sacred." will be held in St. Brigid's Parish Centre on St Brigid's Day, **Thursday, 1st February at 7.30pm**. Everyone welcome. Fr Paul Murray is an Irish Dominican priest, poet, author and professor. He was born in Newcastle, Co. Down, and is a past pupil of St. Malachy's College, Belfast. His brother, Fr. Michael Murray, is a Priest in Down and Connor. Fr Paul presently lives in Rome and lectures in the Angelicum University. He was a friend and adviser to Mother Teresa of Calcutta.



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 **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.mcguckien@downandconnor.org.



PARISH OF ST COLMCILLE

BALLYHACKAMORE

28th January 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Entrance Antiphon	Save us O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.
Psalm	O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 21-28

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

Reading: Sunday : Cycle B ; p 705, 452, 499

Weekdays: Cycle 2, 4th week in Ordinary Time, Psalter Week 4

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

Weekday Mass: Tuesday — Friday: 9.30am

Mass Intentions: Saturday 6.30pm: Eileen Irvine, Stephen McAuley

Sunday 9.30am: Claire Maeve Knox

Sunday 11.30am: Pat Morris, Noel O'Hare,
Brendan Small

Tuesday 9.30am: Laura McDowell

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 Stephen McAuley.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries are at this time, especially : Charlotte Duffy, Peter Duffy, Marcelino Dumalagan, Angele Ernst, Claire Maeve Knox, Laura McDowell, Pat Morris, Mary Neeson, William Neeson, Noel O'Hare and Brendan Small.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT– Tel: 07456 989458



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 – February 3
#CSW18

Catholic Schools Week begins **this Sunday 28th January to Sunday 4th February**. The theme this year is *Called To Be A Family Of Families*. This event presents a special opportunity for school families to celebrate not only the fact that parents are the primary educators of their children but also the vital role that Catholic schools play in assisting parents.

St Joseph's Primary School will celebrate CSW2018 by participating in Mass on **this Tuesday 30th January at 9.30am**.

On **this Wednesday 31st January there will be a Grandparents Day**, when grandparents are invited into the school, for refreshments and to visit the classrooms.

PARISH COMMUNITY

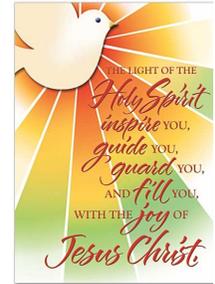
ST. BRIGID'S CROSSES

This Thursday 1st February is the Feast of St. Brigid. St. Brigid's Crosses will be available after all Masses **this weekend**. Donations of £1, would be appreciated. All money goes to Third World Charities.



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

As part of the 25th celebrations, St Joseph's College will be open for past pupils, parents and staff from 2.00pm-4.00pm on **this Sunday, 28th January**. Come along and revisit! Light Refreshments will be served.



SERVICE OF LIGHT

A Confirmation commitment ceremony, the Service of Light, will take place in the Church **this Thursday 1st February at 7.00pm**. Parents and Sponsors are invited to come. 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 **next 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.



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.